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In the first century of the Christian era, Tacitus (perhaps the greatest of Roman historians) wrote that the object of history was "to rescue virtuous acts from the oblivion to which the want of records would consign them."

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CHAPTER LII.

THE PART OF BIOGRAPHY IN GENERAL HISTORY—CITIZENS OF SANGAMON COUNTY—PERSONAL SKETCHES ARRANGED IN ENCYCLOPEDIC ORDER.

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The verdict of mankind has awarded to the Muse of History the highest place among the Classic Nine. The extent of her office, however, appears to be, by many minds, but imperfectly understood. The task of the historian is comprehensive and exacting. True history reaches beyond the doings of court or camp, beyond the issue of battles, or the effects of treaties, and records the trials and the triumphs, the failures and the successes of the men who make history. It is but an imperfect conception of the philosophy of events that fails to accord to portraiture and biography its rightful position as a part—and no unimportant part—of historical narrative. Behind and beneath the activities of outward life the motive power lies out of sight, just as the furnace fires that work the piston and keep the ponderous screw revolving are down in the darkness of the hold. So, the impulsive power which shapes the course of communities may be found in the moulding influences which form its citizens.

It is no mere idle curiosity that prompts men to wish to learn the private as well as the public lives of their fellows. Rather is it true that such desire tends to prove universal brotherhood; and the interest in personality and biography is not confined to men of any particular caste or vocation.

The list of those to whose lot it falls to play a conspicuous part in the great drama of life is comparatively short; yet communities are made up of individuals, and the aggregate of achievements—no less than the sum total of human happiness—is made up of the deeds of those men and women whose primary aim, through life, is faithfully to perform the duty that comes nearest to hand. Individual influence upon human affairs will be considered potent or insignificant according to the standpoint from which it is viewed. To him who, standing upon the seashore, notes the ebb and flow of the tides and listens to the sullen roar of the waves, as they break upon the beach in seething foam, seemingly chafing at their limitations, the ocean appears so vast as to need no tributaries. Yet, without the smallest rill that helps to swell the "Father of Waters," the mighty torrent of the Mississippi would be lessened, and the beneficent influence of the Gulf Stream diminished. Countless streams, currents and counter currents—sometimes mingling, sometimes counteracting each other—collectively combine to give motion to the accumulated mass of waters. So is it—and so must it ever be—in the ocean of human action, which is formed by the blending and repulsion of currents of thought, of influence and of life, yet more numerous and more tortuous than those which form the "fountains of the deep." The acts and characters of men, like the several faces that compose a composite picture, are wrought together into a compact or heterogeneous whole. History is condensed biography; "Biography is History teaching by example."

It is both interesting and instructive to rise above the generalization of history and trace, in the personality and careers of the men from whom it sprang, the principles and influences, the impulses and ambitions, the labors, struggles and triumphs that engross their lives.

Here are recorded the careers and achievements of pioneers who, "when the fullness of time had come," came from widely separated sources, some from beyond the sea, impelled by divers motives, little conscious of the import of their acts, and but dimly anticipating the harvest which would spring from the sowing. They built their primitive homes, toiling for a present subsistence while laying the foundations of private fortunes and further advancement.

Most of these have passed away, but not before they beheld a development of business and population surpassing the wildest dreams of fancy or expectation. A few yet remain whose years have passed the alloted three score and ten, and who love to recount, among the cherished memories of their lives, their reminiscences of early days.

Among these early, hardy settlers, and those who followed them, may be found the names of many who imparted the first impulse to the county's and the city's growth and homelike-

ness; the many who, through their identification with commercial and agricultural pursuits and varied interests, aided in their material progress; or skilled mechanics who first laid the foundations of beautiful homes and productive industries, and of the members of the learned professions—clergymen, physicians, educators and lawyers—whose influence upon the intellectual life and development of a community it is impossible to overestimate.

Municipal institutions arise; Commerce spreads her sails and prepares the way for the magic of Science that drives the locomotive engine over the iron-rails. Trade is organized, reaching forth to the shores of the Great Lakes and stretching its arms across the prairies to gather in and distribute the products of the soil. Church spires rise to express, in architectural form, the faith and aspirations of the people, while schools, public and private, elevate the standards of education and of artistic taste.

Here are some of the men through whose labors, faith and thought, these magnificent results have been achieved. To them and to their co-laborers, the Sangamon County of today stands an enduring monument, attesting their faith, their energy, their courage, and their self-sacrifice.

[The following items of personal and family history having been arranged in encyclopedic (or alphabetical) order as to names of the individual subjects, no special index to this part of the work will be found necessary.]

AARUP, Peter, a successful dairyman and gardener living near Springfield, was born in Vejle, Denmark, January 15, 1864, son of Wilhelm and Annie (Olson) Aarup, both natives of Denmark, the former born September 16, 1830, and the latter March 15, 1826. The father was for many years Superintendent of the system of waterworks in the city of Vejle, and has now retired on a full-pay pension. He came to the United States at the time of the World's Fair in 1893, and visited his son again in 1906. Both Wilhelm Aarup and his wife were children of Danish parents, who spent their entire lives in their native country.

Until he reached the age of sixteen years Peter Aarup attended school in his native city, then for two years attended the Horticultural College in Copenhagen, after which he secured positions where he could use his knowledge of landscape gardening, and laid out several handsome parks in his native country. He sailed for America June 20, 1883, arriving in New York July 4. He worked about nine months in Springfield, Mass., then came west, and after spending a month in Chicago came to Springfield, which he reached in April, 1884. He has since spent his time in expert gardening and now has a fine florist and greenhouse business. He has lived in Springfield continuously since first locating there, except for two years spent in gardening in Greencove Springs, Fla.

January 10, 1889, Mr. Aarup was married, in Springfield, Ill., to Miss Erikka Klausen, born in Denmark, December 20, 1863, daughter of Edward and Maria (Zesophus) Klausen, both natives of Denmark. Mr. Klausen died in Russia and his wife in Denmark. Children as follows blessed the union of Mr. Aarup and his wife: Annie, born December 20, 1890; Olga, March 8, 1891; Edwin, July 19, 1892; May, May 13, 1897; George, April 15, 1899; Helen, February 17, 1901; John, March 4, 1903. All were born in Sangamon County and all reside at home. Mr. Aarup has reason to be proud of his children, all of whom are a credit to their parents.

In political principles Mr. Aarup is a Republican, but in local affairs prefers to consider the man rather than the party. As to his religious views he endeavors to follow the Golden Rule as far as he can, and he is always ready to treat his fellows with consideration and fairness. He is most highly esteemed in the community where he lives, and enjoys universal respect and confidence. He is a man of intelligence and excellent business ability and has won success by untiring industry and careful attention to every detail. He owns six acres in Section 10 of Woodside Township and there owns a beautiful home. His land is easily worth $2,000 per acre, as it is on the edge of the metropolis, and is in a most pleasant locality and desirable location. Mr. Aarup has served as School Director and is now a School Trustee. Fraternally he is a member of Camp No. 333, Modern Woodmen of America, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ACKERMAN, Philip, Jr. (deceased).—With the passing away of a prominent man comes the realization of his many good traits of character, and an appreciation of what he accomplished in his brief span of life. To the dead is given an appreciation seldom accorded the living, and this comes as balm to the wounded hearts of those left behind, who sorrow over their loss and weep for the sound of the voice that is forever stilled. The family of Philip Ackerman, Jr., was called upon to sustain a sorrow of this kind, when he was taken from this life, September 6, 1896, while in the very prime of useful manhood. He was born in this city November 16, 1859, being a son of Philip and Elizabeth Ackerman, Philip Ackerman, Sr., came to Springfield at an early day and built up a large business, becoming one of the wealthy men of this part of the State.

Philip Ackerman, Jr., grew up in Springfield and from boyhood was esteemed for his excellent, industrious habits. He became an expert bookkeeper and was noted for his faithful and painstaking work. Musical in his tastes, Mr. Ackerman became secretary of the musical club here and was also Secretary and Treasurer of the Capital City Cycling Club. Fraternally he be-

longed to Tyrian Lodge No. 333, A. F. & A. M., of Springfield. His religious connections with the Lutheran Church were of the most pleasant and he was regarded as one of its most useful members. In political faith he was a Democrat.

On September 14, 1888, Mr. Ackerman was united in marriage at Springfield, Ill., with Alice C. Fagan, daughter of James and Bridget Fagan. Mr. Fagan was born in Ireland but his wife was a native of Galena, Ill. Both are now deceased, the father dying on September 10, 1896, at the age of eighty-six years, and the mother at the age of fifty years. Mr. Fagan was a farmer, carpenter, merchant and stockman, and a very wealthy man at the time of his death. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman: James Waldo Philip, born August 29, 1889; and Helen Marie, born May 25, 1895, died on July 25, 1895. James Waldo Philip lives at home with his mother and is a bookkeeper. Mrs. Ackerman presides over her pleasant home at No. 913 South Fourth Street, where she dispenses a charming hospitality.

While he never aspired to public office, Mr. Ackerman exerted a strong influence during his too short life. He was recognized as one of the most honorable of men and his strict integrity and devotion to the interests of others committed to his charge made him popular with all with whom he was associated.

ADAMS, Edward, settled in New Haven, Conn., in 1640; moved to Milford 1646; and to Fairfield 1650. By his will, dated 1671, on record in Fairfield, he gave his estate to his wife Margaret and his children, viz: Samuel, Abraham, Mary, Nathan, Nathaniel, and John Adams. Edward Adams was buried in the Mills Plains churchyard and his gravestone is still in existence.

Nathan son of Edward and Margaret Adams, was living in 1714, and deeded land to Nathan, Jr., who settled at Greensfarms, now a part of Westport, and in 1712, married Rebecca Clappan, daughter of Peter Clappan, a large land-holder in Norwalk and Fairfield. Nathan, Jr., died early in life leaving two sons, Nathan and Nathaniel Adams. Nathan Adams married Mary Burr of Fairfield. Nathan and Mary Adams had twelve children viz: Peter; Nathan; Joshua; Molly, who married Barnabas Marvin; Sarah, who married Obadiah Wright; Betsy, who married Burr Keeler; Anna, who married John Hurlbutt; and Jabez, Aaron, Stephen, and Daniel, (latter dying without issue) and Benjamin, who joined the English Army in the Revolutionary War and was never heard from afterward. Aaron, son of Nathan and Mary Adams, married Rhoda Hanford, daughter of Rhineas Hanford, on March 4, 1784, and had seven children, viz: Jabez, born Jan. 28th, 1785, Sally, born September 28th 1787, married Dan Taylor, Aaron born April 9th 1789, Zalmon Isaac, born June 11th, 1792, Polly, born April 19th, 1794, married Burr Bennet, and Betsy, married Rhineas Hanford. Aaron (III), for his second wife married Hannah Morehouse and had five children, viz: Nelson, married Eliza Mallory, Amanda, married Clark Gruman, Malvina, married Coley Bartram, John B. married Jane Burr, and Esther, married Samuel Gorum. Jabez, son of Aaron (I), married Anna Bennet, and had five children, viz: Catherine, married Frederick Morehouse, Wm. H., married Elizabeth Bradley, Eliza A., married Andrew Nash, George S., married Polly Coley, Mary, unmarried, and Aaron, Jr., married Sally Hecock.

Isaac, son of Aaron and Rhoda Adams, married in 1813, Sally Nash, daughter of Dennis and Sarah Nash, of Westport, Connecticut. Isaac and Sally Adams had seven children, viz: Charles Isaac, Henry Burr, Francis, John Quincy, Edson and Julia Nash. Edson married Hannah J. Jayne, in 1854. Died in 1888.

ADAMS, James. (Vol. I, pp. 10-11.)

ADAMS, John Porter.—Although pioneer days are now a thing of the past, memories of them are present with those who passed through their hardships and participated in the early struggles which have resulted in present developments. Looking back upon those days, however, though there are some who believe that the lessons they taught, and the molding of character that resulted from self-denial, more than made up for what was lacking in other ways. An excellent representative of those now engaged in tilling the soil which the efforts of pioneers redeemed from the wilderness, is John Porter Adams, of Section 15, Loami Township. He was born in Clark County, Ky., October 30, 1858, being a son of Robert and Sarah (Black) Adams, both natives of the same locality, and the families on both sides were numbered among the pioneers of that great State.

Robert Adams had five children by his first marriage: John P.; James R., a farmer of Wilson County, Kan., Martha, wife of A. Anderson, a farmer of Oklahoma, eight children; and two who died in infancy. After the death of his first wife, he married again, his second wife being Lucinda Aldridge, who reared her step-children as her own. By the second marriage there were eight children, five of whom are surviving: Ellen, wife of William McPheeters, of Dodge City, Kan.; Anna, wife of George Shertz of Kansas; Minnie, wife of William White, of Kansas; Ettie, wife of Homer Bristo, and Claud. Robert Adams moved to Hendricks County, Ind., about 1882; thence to Neosho County, Kan., locating on a farm, where he died in 1890, leaving an excellent property. In politics he was a Democrat. An earnest member of the Christian Church, he aided in its support, and advocated good educational advantages. His widow survives him, residing in Kansas.

John Porter Adams was educated in the several localities in which the family resided, remaining at home until he attained his majority, when he commenced working by the

month for others. In 1887 he left Kansas and, coming to Loami Township, Sangamon County, found employment, continuing to work by the month for five years, when he married, and in 1893 rented a small farm. In 1894 he moved to Curran Township, renting 160 acres, and was so successful that in 1901 he moved to Chatham Township and rented 280 acres. In 1904 he sold his personal property and came to Section 15, Loami Township, where he bought seventy-five acres, paying $100 per acre. Since then he has so improved the property that it could not be bought today for double the price. Early in his operations Mr. Adams recognized the fact that nothing pays like a good grade of stock, and carries nothing but that kind, raising cattle, horses, hogs and sheep. His farming is carried on scientifically and he knows how to secure abundant crops and large returns on all his investments.

On December 24, 1891, Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Elizabeth Carson, daughter of W. P. Carson, one of the pioneers of this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are the parents of children as follows: Claud, born in Curran Township August 10, 1894, and William, born in the same township September 15, 1896. They have been carefully reared, well educated and are sons of whom any parents might well be proud. Mr. Adams has always given his support to every measure he deemed would work out for the betterment of his community and is now serving as Clerk of the School District, being identified himself with the Republican party. Both Mr. and Mrs. Adams are active members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and take their religion into their home and daily life. During all of their married life Mrs. Adams has been her husband's cordial sympathizer and assistant, and he appreciates how much of his success is due to her influence while her children rise up and call her blessed. Never forgetting the lessons inculcated in his father's home, Mr. Adams has endeavored, with the hearty cooperation of his wife, to surround his sons with the same elevating influence. This high standard of living has influenced others outside the home circle and it would not be possible to estimate properly the good these two have accomplished in their own quiet way. Mr. Adams is an excellent farmer, a loyal citizen and a home-loving man, whose pride in his fine farm and still finer family is fully justified.

ALEXANDER, Milton K. (Vol. I, pp. 13-14.)

ALLEN, Alfred M., a retired farmer, living at Pawnee, owns a comfortable home in that village, and also 160 acres of excellent farming land in Christian and Montgomery Counties, Ill. He was born in a log house, near Jerseyville, Ill., November 14, 1853, son of Augustus L. and Betsey L. (Davis) Allen, the mother born in Vermont, February 3, 1824, died at New Douglas, Ill., August 15, 1875; and the father, born in Vermont, April 22, 1818, died in Montgomery County, Ill., September 29, 1858. Augustus L. Allen was a farmer. His widow married (second) John C. Long, who died in Missouri. Augustus L. Allen was a son of Alfred B. and Violet C. Allen, who had children as follows: Adeline C., born February 23, 18—, died July 25, 1872, having married Cyrus Chamberlain; Alonzo W., born December 1, 1815, married Margaret Connely, May 27, 1857, died April 21, 1882; Alfonso, born March 15, 1820, married Lucretia Holdridge, died August 27, 1898; Aurelia M., born April 2, 18—, married September 13, 1848, to William J. Davis, died July 16, 1899; Adeli H., born October 4, 1824, lived at New Haven, Conn., died unmarried, in 1907; Arthur A., born May 28, 1828 married, August 17, 1871, died June 9, 1891; Alvin M., born March 1, 1830, died May 11, 1832; Amelia J., born August 15, 1832, married Nelson Prindle, died March 25, 1892.

Alfred M. Allen was the only child of his parents, and was educated in New Douglas, Ill. He lived with his mother until her marriage to Mr. Long, then lived in Montgomery County until he came to Sangamon County, where he worked at farming two years, and in 1874, returned to New Douglas, where he spent a year in a mercantile business. In 1876, he worked at farming by the month, and in the same year attended the Centennial at Philadelphia. In the spring of 1877, he began farming on his own account, which he continued with excellent success until 1900, when he brought his family to Pawnee in order that his children might have better educational advantages than they had heretofore enjoyed. He continued to carry on farming, however, until 1908, and has since been retired. He is very fond of all outdoor sports and has always been very energetic in his work. He has spent rather an uneventful, hardworking life, but is one of the sterling, useful citizens of his community having the respect of all who know him. Always been fond of reading, he now subscribes to ten daily and monthly periodicals. He is an earnest Christian, and a friend to all. His old family bible is fifty-six years old, and he owns several fine volumes of good works. He has always kept an account of his business deals and makes a note of everything he thinks will be of use to him, not purchasing so much as a postage stamp, unless he makes a note of it, and in like manner keeps account of his receipts, so that at the end of a year, or a month, he is able to review his various transactions. He is a Democrat in principle, but, in local matters, votes for the man rather than the party. He has served as School Trustee. Though not a member of any religious organization, he is a regular attendant of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Allen was married, January 1, 1879, in Taylorville, Ill., to Ella McCoy, born in Sangamon County, December 17 1857, her father a native of Virginia, and her mother of Illinois The father, Martin Macbride McCoy, a farmer, died near Divernon, Ill., and the mother, Elinor Mc-

Coy, near Palmer. He was of Scotch descent, but his ancestors were early settlers in Virginia. Mrs. McCoy was a daughter of a Mr. Laswell, an early settler of Springfield, where he conducted a flour mill. Mrs. Allen was one of the following children: Joseph, Thomas, Max, Andrew, Charles, Catherine, Fannie and Ella.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen: Rolla M., born April 14, 1880, died February 14, 1895, in Montgomery County; Orlan, born February 2, 1890, in Montgomery County, died there August 17, 1899; Mearl, born in Montgomery County, June 11, 1885, is unmarried and runs an interurban car between St. Louis and Springfield; Zola, born January 23, 1881, married W. Manning, lives on the old home farm of her father, issue.—Willard and Ernest, born on the farm; Lelan, born October 9, 1892, lives with his father in Pawnee; Vernon, born July 15, 1898, lives with his father. Mrs. Allen is now in a hospital at Jacksonville, Ill., and Mr. Allen has taken a mother's place, so far as he could, to his youngest son, since he was six months old. Mr. Allen has a fine family of children, all of whom are a credit to him.

ALLEN, John.—Fortunately Sangamon County still has some of its noble veterans of the Civil War and its people are never weary of according a full measure of appreciation to those who defended the Union in its darkest hour. One of these old soldiers who is also a representative farmer of his locality, is John Allen, of Spaulding, Clear Lake Township. He was born in the county, April 11, 1844, a son of William and Martha (Cherry) Allen, the former born in Clark County, Ky., and the latter in Clear Lake Township.

William Allen emigrated to Sangamon County as early as 1840, locating in Clear Lake Township. While operating a farm there, he furnished ties for the construction of track for what was then the Great Western Railroad, but now the Wabash; he also furnished lumber for the present Court House, and a number of residences which were being put up in Springfield and locality. He was a busy man, but found time to enlist for three months' service in Company A, Missouri Rifles, at the expiration of which time he was mustered out at St. Louis. His death took place March 4, 1873, in Missouri, where he had moved. His wife had passed away in 1854, in Adair County, Mo. John Allen is proud of the fact that not only was his father, a defender of his country, but that his grandfather, Benjamin Cherry, served in the Black Hawk War, his name appearing on the list of soldiers enlisting from Sangamon County.

John Allen did not enjoy the educational advantages of the country boy of today, but went to school in a primitive log building in Clear Lake Township, at the same time assisting his father, with whom he remained until his enlistment, May 11, 1861, at St. Louis. Discharged, August 14, 1861, from Company A, First Missouri Volunteer Infantry, in which he had enlisted for three months, he remained at home until July 25, 1862, when again he offered his services, in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, from which he was mustered out May 30, 1865. During his service, he participated in many engagements including the siege of Vicksburg and the battle of Guntown, Miss., where he had the misfortune to be taken prisoner. From there he was sent to the infamous Andersonville, and for eleven terrible months underwent hardships which no mere words can describe.

Broken in health and spirits after his dreadful sufferings, he returned to Sangamon County, and from 1865 to 1871 was engaged in farming. Following this he went to Jasper County, Mo., where he continued farming for three years, then returned to Clear Lake Township. After trading stock for a time, and traveling about in the prosecution of his business, he opened a meat market in Riverton, and for twenty years was one of the leading retailers in his line in the county. In 1898 he went to the southern part of Missouri, engaging in sheep raising, but five years later came back to Sangamon County and, locating in Spaulding, once more engaged in a meat business. Drawn to New Mexico, he took up a claim there in 1908, but is now farming in Clear Lake Township, where he owns ten acres of land, valued at $200 per acre.

The marriage of Mr. Allen occurred in Clear Lake Township, to Alice Mann, on April 2, 1867. She was born in Sangamon County and died there in 1904. Her parents came to the county from Kentucky, locating on a farm in Clear Lake Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen; William, of Riverton; Edwin, of Springfield; Ernest, deceased; Robert, of Clear Lake, residing with his father, as does Chester; John, of New Mexico; Frank, of San Francisco, is in the regular army; Carrie, wife of Frank Clippenger, of Riverton, where he is a carpenter; Josephine, wife of Richard Rogers, of Riverton; Jessie, wife of Bert Taylor, of New Mexico; Mae, wife of Joseph Thompson, of Springfield; and Emma, also of Springfield.

Mr. Allen is a stanch supporter of Republican principles, having learned them from his warm personal friend, Abraham Lincoln, with whom he was very intimate. The two often went swimming together and Mr. Allen felt the loss of the great man as though he had been a blood relative.

ALLISON, Isaac F. (deceased), a farmer all his life, was born in Virginia in 1803, but was reared in Kentucky, where he married Deborah Callarman, in 1827. They moved to Sangamon County, where he farmed for thirty years, and then went to Crawford County, where Mr. Allison took up land, but after two years, on December 23, 1869, he died in Kansas, where he had removed. The family remained in Kansas six years, but were driven out by the grasshoppers and returned to Sangamon

County. Mrs. Allison died May 15, 1860, firm in the faith of the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Allison was a Republican. Their children were: John W. died in the Mexican War, being in Colonel Baker's regiment; Joseph married Hannah Kneudson and died in Sangamon County; John W. (II) died in Kansas; Susan died at the age of nine years; Elizabeth E.; James died in Sangamon County, having married Julia Dunham; Ruth M. died in Sangamon County; Elizabeth, of Springfield.

Miss Elizabeth Ellen Allison, born on the Athenswood Road on her father's farm, four miles north of Springfield, February 14, 1837, attended Liberty School and received an excellent education. She taught school for five years in Kansas. She is a member of Laurel Methodist Church, and when able is among its efficient workers.

AMBROSE, George J., a well-known citizen of Springfield, Ill., who has filled various public offices in Sangamon County, is a native of the city, born February 22, 1874, and is a son of John Ambrose and Bridget (Hickey) Ambrose, the parents both natives of Limerick, Ireland, the father born June 7, 1848, and the mother February 2, 1847. John Ambrose came to America in 1865 and located in Springfield. In his native country he had followed the trade of coal miner, but after coming to Springfield he engaged in grocery business, in 1881 locating at the corner of Nineteenth and Washington Streets, and continuing in that business until 1899, when he retired from active life. His death occurred February 14, 1908. He was prominent in many circles, was a member of the Court of Honor, the Western Catholic Union and the Catholic Church, and in politics was a Democrat. When a young man he had been drafted for service in the English Navy. His widow now lives in Springfield. They were parents of five sons and one daughter: George J., the oldest; Thomas F., also of Springfield; James died in 1895; Catherine E. married Henry E. Hanselman; John was killed March 8, 1893, on the tracks of the Wabash railroad, while on his way to school, being then eight years of age; Stephen died July 5, 1899.

Mr. Ambrose received his academic training in St. Mary's School at Springfield and later took a course at Springfield Business College. Upon leaving school he worked two years in his father's grocery store, then worked four years in the mines, and December 5, 1898, was appointed Deputy Clerk of the county, continuing in office until August 30, 1907, when he took the position of Clerk, serving in the office until January 10, 1911. In his public service he has shown himself practical and efficient, and in the primaries held February 28, 1911, was a candidate for the office of Commissioner.

Mr. Ambrose was married November 1, 1898, to Catherine Moore, a native of Springfield, born August 6, 1876, daughter of James B. and Frances (Walker) Moore, the father born at Westchester County, N. Y., May 14, 1852, and the mother in Springfield, April 2, 1858, and died there May 4, 1908. Mrs Ambrose was one of ten children, seven of whom are now living: Catherine (Mrs. Ambrose); William A., of Springfield; Mary L., deceased; James E., of Chicago; Daniel, of Springfield; Nellie died in infancy; Laura died in infancy; Stephen T.; Michael Joseph, of Springfield; Alexander, of Chicago. To Mr. Ambrose and wife eight children have been born: George, born May 26, 1899, died October 14, 1906; Stephen F., born July 26, 1900; Mary C., June 8, 1902; John, April 27, 1904; Francis, September 23, 1906; Elizabeth, October 1, 1908; Helen, February 2, 1909; Rose, March 15, 1911. Mr. Ambrose is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor, and belongs to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, of Springfield. In politics he is a Democrat and has always taken an active interest in public affairs. He has spent most of his life in the city, where his character is well known, and he has many firm friends.

AMRHEIN, Christoph.—When one line of business has been conducted by the same family generation after generation, the father passing his interests down to his sons, along with his knowledge, gained through many years of practical experience, and they in turn passing it along to their sons, the excellence of the product of that business is assured. Christian Amrhein, who conducts one of Springfield's leading baking establishments, comes of a long line of bakers of Germany, which country has the acknowledged reputation of furnishing the leading bakers of any country in the world. Mr. Amrhein was born in Germany, December 29, 1864, and is a son of Lorenz and Mary (Kizetener) Amrhein, both of whom died in the Fatherland.

Mr. Amrhein's grandfather was a well-known baker in Germany, where the family had conducted the same business for more than 400 years, and the branch of the family in that line in the old country is now represented by Mr. Amrhein's brother Carl, to whom he paid a visit in 1908. Christoph Amrhein learned the baking trade of his father and came to Springfield direct from the place of his birth, arriving in this city October 13, 1881. Being enterprising and energetic, he soon established a place of his own and for twenty-nine years has been rated among the leading men in his line in the city. He is a Catholic in his religious views, the family being prominent in German Catholic circles in the city, and is connected with the Western Catholic Union, St. Vincent's Society and the State Federation of Catholic Germans, of which latter he is the President. He is a Democrat in politics but is liberal and votes rather for the man than the party.

On May 7, 1885, Mr. Amrhein was married to Josepha Gefaell. The family came to Springfield from Germany in 1846, but after six

years went back to Germany, returning to Springfield in 1862, and again going back to the Fatherland in 1868. The father's death occurred in 1904, but the mother still survives. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Amrhein, namely: Mary, born December 4, 1886, residing at home; Nicholas, teller in the First National Bank of Springfield; Kate, at home; Carl, who is working with his father; and Louisa. All of the children received good educations in the parochial school of SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church.

ANDERSON, George W., a retired engineer living at Springfield, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and a well-known and highly respected citizen of the city. He was born near Salem, Marion County, Ill., November 7, 1835, son of Crittenden and Elizabeth (Breeze) Anderson, the father born in Scotland and the mother in Hanover, Germany. Crittenden Anderson was a cabinet-maker and followed this trade most of his life. He came to America as a young man and settled at Bowling Green, Ky., where he lived many years, then moved to Salem, Ill., where his remaining years were spent. His wife also died at Salem.

The paternal grandfather of Crittenden Anderson came to America from Scotland before the Revolution, served as a soldier in the Continental Army, and at the close of the struggle returned to Scotland for his family. He lived to be one hundred ten years of age and the father of Crittenden Anderson lived to the age of eighty-five years.

George W. Anderson received a meager education in a little log school-house near his birthplace, which he attended about three months altogether, and as both his parents died when he was small he had his own way to make early in life. He went to Vermont as a boy and found employment in a large mill there, where he learned to be a stationary engineer, and was working at that occupation when but fifteen years old. After remaining in Vermont about four years Mr. Anderson moved to Chicago, Ill., where he became employed as engineer on a construction train for the Illinois Central Railroad Company. He remained with this company until the war, when he enlisted for one hundred days in Company C, Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. At the expiration of his term of service he re-enlisted in the same company, which was later consolidated with Company C, Eleventh Missouri regiment. He served three years and three months and was mustered out at Jefferson City, Mo. He participated in many important battles, among them: Chickamauga, Corinth, Fort Donelson, Jackson (Miss.), Atlanta, and many others. He served under General Lew Wallace and Colonel Ransom. He won a good record and is an influential member of Wallace Post G. A. R., of Centralia, Ill.

Mr. Anderson moved to Centralia at the close of the war and re-entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company as engineer, working in this capacity until 1879, when he located in Springfield. He did no work for about a year after coming to the city, but later took a position with the Barker Mine Car & Foundry Company, as engineer, and worked for them fifteen years, after which he run a dummy engine for the old Springfield Street Car Company. For the past few years Mr. Anderson has retired from more active life, but is now employed as janitor for the Kumler Methodist Church. He is an active and useful member of this church and one of its most valued workers. Fraternally he belongs to Egyptian Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M., of Centralia, and Metropolitan Lodge No. 108, I. O. O. F., of Centralia. He has made many friends in Springfield and has been able to accumulate some property. He resides at 435 North Fourth Street.

Mr. Anderson was married (first) in Marion County, Ill., in May, 1857, to Miss Mary Hughey, a native of Dublin, Ireland, who accompanied her parents to America and with them located at Boston, Mass., where she became a teacher in the higher grades of the public schools. She was a woman of high education and rare culture and very successful as an educator. Three sons and three daughters were born of this union, of whom but two survive: Otto, an electrician of Springfield, and Margaret, wife of James Lowe, a brick mason and contractor of St. Louis. The mother of these children died in Centralia, in 1875, and Mr. Anderson married (second), in Centralia, Miss Emma J. Keane, a native of Indiana, who died in 1895. Mr. Anderson married (third), in Springfield, Margaret Fowkes, a connection of the Ridley family, early settlers in Sangamon County, Ill., where she was born, August 11, 1845, near the village of Sherman. Her grandfather served in the War of 1812 and her father was a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting at Winterset, Iowa, in Company F., Fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The latter was wounded and discharged before the end of the war. Mrs. Anderson also had an uncle who served in the war. Her father was one of the old settlers of Sangamon County and a prominent citizen. Five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren have been born to Mr. Anderson.

ANDERSON, L. S.—It would be difficult to state just how much has been accomplished by photography in the last four or five decades, to say how much nearer it has brought the peoples of the world together, to give its real educational value or to say what an important position those who are engaged in this profession hold. In the family circle, however, the photographer is an important personage, and he is generally held in real affection by those who have first been carried to him in arms to be photographed in their baby clothes, later proudly stand before him in their bridal garments, and still later take to him, as they themselves had been taken, their offspring, to

put down in print the record of the today that will never come again. L. S. Anderson, one of the best-known photographers of Springfield, who still occupies the same stand that he first took when locating in the city, was born April 30, 1847, in New York State, a son of Rev. Lewis and Susan (Pratt) Anderson.

Rev. Lewis Anderson was a minister of the Methodist Church, who came to Illinois in 1852, and for the last years of his life resided in Rockford, where he was pastor of the Methodist Church, and where his death occurred at the advanced age of eighty years.

L. S. Anderson secured his education in the schools of Rockford, where he resided until twenty years of age and then went to Chicago where he learned the trade of photographer, working in that city for two years. In 1871 he came to Springfield and began work for Charles Payne, but soon engaged in business on his own account, and with the exception of two years he has occupied his present location on the north side of the Square. He has been very successful since coming to Springfield, now has one of the largest photographic studios in Central Illinois, and commands patronage for miles around. He is a member of Navarre Lodge No. 142, Knights of Phythias, of which he is Past Chancellor, and he has also served in the Grand Lodge. His politics are those of the Republican party and his religious faith that of the Methodist Church.

On September 13, 1875, Mr. Anderson was married in Springfield, Ill., to Miss Sadie E. Bartram, who was born in Springfield February 6, 1858. Mrs. Anderson's father was a soldier during the Civil War, being First Lieutenant of his company, and his death occurred shortly after the close of hostilities. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, namely: George C, aged thirty-five years, in the employ of the Springfield Utility Company, married Hattie Arkles, of Chicago, and they have one son Norbert; Mrs. Hermione McConnell, aged twenty-three years; Harold L. Anderson, aged twenty-one years, second operator at the Anderson Studio, married Mabel M. Clouser, of Spalding, Ill.; Susie Mae Anderson aged eighteen years. The family is well and favorably known in Springfield social circles.

ANDERSON, Tavner.—The Anderson family is one of the best known in Sangamon County, its representatives ranking among the leading men of the central part of the State. One of the progressive farmers of Cartwright Township, who belongs to this family, is Tavner Anderson, residing on Section 1. He was born on Section 11 of this township, January 7, 1862, a son of Thomas F. and Martha L. (Childs) Anderson, fine old pioneers, whose names are associated with all that is best in the county's development. The father has passed away, but the mother survives, to be an object of veneration to her offspring. A more complete sketch of the Anderson family is given elsewhere in this work.

Tavner Anderson grew up on the homestead, and after completing his district school course, attended school in Springfield. Returning home, he resumed farming living with his parents until his marriage, November 28, 1888, to Anna I. Watts, daughter of Albert B. Watts, of Farmingdale, a sketch of whom appears in this volume. After marriage, the young couple bought land, living upon it one year, when in 1889, Mr. Anderson bought a portion of his present farm. In 1900, he erected his present residence, and on January 1, 1901, he entertained the neighbors with a housewarming. This beautiful home is thoroughly modern, with hot water and acetylene lights. In his farm work, Mr. Anderson shows the same progressive spirit he displayed in planning his house, and the results justify his methods. He specializes on short horn cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson became parents of the following children: Charles, born August 20, 1889, at home; Albert Franklin, born December 8, 1891, attended the agricultural department of the University of Illinois at Champaign, and is now at home; Earl Tavner, born April 29, 1895, was accidentally killed August 29, 1909, by falling from a horse, and was buried at Farmington Cemetery; Lester Watts, born November 15, 1897; Martha Amelia, born April 17, 1900; Walter Dustin, born July 15, 1904; Lucretia, born September 7, 1906; Elizabeth Jane, born November 28, 1908; Ethel, born July 29, 1910. Mrs. Anderson agrees with her husband regarding the importance of a good education, and plans to give the children every possible advantage.

Mr. Anderson now owns 820 acres, the greater part of which is under a high state of cultivation. During the years he has lived in the community, Mr. Anderson has been privileged to witness many changes, all of which justify his grandfather's confidence in the future of Sangamon County. Not only has Mr. Anderson made his mark in the agricultural world, but he has found time to bear his part as a member of the Christian Church, of which his wife is also a member, and to be a good citizen. No measure of any importance which has as its aim the improvement of the township or county, ever comes up without Mr. Anderson investigating it thoroughly. A good judge of stock, his advice is often asked, and he gives it gladly, for he believes in scientific farming and is trying to bring his children to his way of thinking. As he, himself, grew to manhood, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, so does Mr. Anderson hope to have his sons follow him, and that they may carry on the good work, he has so ably inaugurated, is his dearest wish.

ANDERSON, Thomas F. (deceased), was numbered among the honored pioneers of Sangamon County and contributed his full share towards its development and material advancement. He was born in Cartwright Township September 11, 1829, a son of Moses K. Anderson, born in Butler County, Ky., November 11,

1803. Moses K. Anderson lost his parents when he was twelve years old and was taken by relatives to that part of Davidson County which is now Cheatham County, Tenn. Here he married Cassarilla Stroud, born November 12, 1812, in Dickson County, Tenn., the ceremony taking place September 13, 1827. Two years later they landed in Sangamon County, locating in what is now Cartwright Township, where they entered a large amount of land, becoming heavy land owners. Mr. Anderson was a man who foresaw a great future for Sangamon County, and did all he could to bring it about. In politics he was an aggressive Democrat, holding many local offices, and was prominent in the militia organizations, having been drill master in early days. Soon after coming here he was elected Captain of a company and in a short time was promoted to rank of Colonel, and then Brigadier-General. Finally he was appointed Adjutant-General by Gov. Carlin, continuing to hold that office by successive reappointments until 1856. During this period he was called upon to exercise his prerogatives during the Mormon troubles at Nauvoo and during the Mexican War. Later in life he moved to Springfield and for six years was a Member of the City Council, and for twenty years was Justice of the Peace. A record of his hardships and sufferings, especially during the winter of the great snow, in 1830, would fill a book. In all of them he bore himself as a brave man should and came out of them all strengthened for his life work. The children born to himself and wife were: Thomas F., Millie Ann, Sarah J., Mary E., Malinda E., Cynthia A., George W., Merlin A., Willard Wickliffe, William Wilks. Mrs. Anderson died December 31, 1850. After her death General Anderson married Mrs. Marian F. Hall, whose maiden name was Stroude. He was a lifelong member of the Christian Church and gave freely of his means to its support.

Thomas F. Anderson was reared among typically pioneer surroundings, early learning how to work. Like many young men of his period, he married upon reaching his majority, the ceremony taking place December 25, 1851, when he was united with Martha Le Childs, born in Sangamon County, December 8, 1833, daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Lyman) Childs, natives of Vermont, who came to Illinois, settling in what was then old Sangamon County, sixteen farmers coming together. All of them prospered and lived to see their children grow up around them. There they died. Mr. and Mrs. Childs took a prominent part in the religious and educational development of the county, as is elsewhere related.

Immediately following his marriage, Thomas F. Anderson began farming on the property now the home of Mrs. Anderson, and there he died September 24, 1898. Six children were born to them: Laura, who died in infancy; Charles, born April 26, 1855, married Katie Fogarty, of Farmingdale, issue, one daughter, Laura, born February 2, 1879, lives with her grandmother, her father having died August 22, 1879, and her mother October 29, 1900; Edward, proprietor of the Merchants Transfer Company, of Springfield, formerly Principal of the Trapp School, of that city, born June 14, 1857, married Lillian McCullough, issue—Mary, Edith and Harold; Henry B., born December 29, 1859, now has charge of the homestead, married Lena Armbruster, July 1, 1903, issue, James A. H., born November 27, 1906, and in the following month the young mother died; Tavner, born January 7, 1862; and Hattie, born November 10, 1875.

The second son, Edward Anderson, sent his two daughters to high school and gave them the musical training their talents entitled them to receive. Mary has been for several years pianist for Evangelist Torey. Edith married Charles E. Butler, one of the Rev. Billy Sunday's singers. Mrs. Butler has also often charmed the vast congregations with her beautiful voice. They have one child, Lillian, the great-grandchild of dear Grandmother Anderson. Mr. Anderson was a strong Democrat and was active in his party, holding many of the township offices. He was an excellent judge of stock and bred some that ranked with the best the county ever produced. A consistent member of the Christian Church, he was active in its work and that of the Sunday School.

Looking back over sixty years, Mrs. Anderson can scarcely realize all of the changes that have taken place in her community. Not only has she seen marvelous changes effected, but she has been called upon to mourn not only members of her own family and her devoted husband, but the neighbors with whom she was always on such friendly terms. But one of them survives, the rest having gone on as pioneers into the Heavenly Kingdom. Mrs. Anderson, lovingly called "Grandma" by half the township, is one of those noble women who bore upon their shoulders so many of the hardships of settling the new country. No complaints ever left her lips, as she labored by her husband's side, ever smoothing his way and that of her children. Prosperity came to them, but if it had not she would not have repined, but would have bound up the wounds gained in the battle of life, and sent her dear ones forth to labor anew. Church and home have ever known her tender ministrations and effective work, and no fair estimate can be made of the good she has accomplished, for so little of the aggregate has ever been allowed to become public. Her children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild all tenderly cherish this grand old pioneer wife and mother.

ANDREW, John.—While an Englishman never forgets the land of his birth, he readily adapts himself to the different conditions of a new land, and becomes one of its most desirable citizens, for the people of Great Britain are born colonizers. Sangamon County has been fortunate in that it has secured so many resi-

dents of English nationality, among whom one notable example is John Andrew, now living retired in Springfield. Mr. Andrew was born in Lancastershire, England, August 30, 1843, being a son of James and Sarah (Scholes) Andrew, natives of Oldham, England. The father was a weaver, rounding out a useful life in his native land, as did his wife. John Andrew had one brother, who also came to America. When last heard from this brother, William, was living at Bradford, Pa.

John Andrew came to America in 1868, after having received a good common school education and learned the trade of a machinist. He sailed from Liverpool in August, landing in New York September 8, and went from that city to Philadelphia, but after a short time went to Fall River, Mass. This not suiting him, he went to Lowell, Mass., and later returned to Philadelphia, where he worked at his trade. His next change was made when he moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., where he spent a year, then he went to St. Louis. This continued his home until 1874, when he came to Springfield, securing a position with the rolling mills, remaining with this concern until it closed. He was then in the employ of the city government as engineer at the pumping station for six years, and still later became first engineer at the old shoe factory, but since 1904 he has lived retired, feeling that he has earned his rest. In politics he is a Republican but has never desired public office.

The marriage of Mr. Andrew took place in Dewitt County, Ill., November 1, 1876, when he was united with Bridget Reynolds, born in Ireland, a daughter of James Reynolds, who brought his family to America in 1868, settling in Dewitt County, where he farmed until his death. Mr. Reynolds and wife had four sons and three daughters, those living being: John, of Clinton, Ill., a machinist; William, a park policeman of Chicago; Mrs. Celia Cunningham, of Springfield, and Mrs. Andrew. Fifteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew, seven of whom survive: Elizabeth, wife of Ralph Suymon, of the Franklin Art Company, of Springfield; Katherine, wife of John Muller, a carpenter in the employ of the C. A. Power Planing Mill of Springfield; Sarah, wife of William Kramer, a baker; Celia, James, John and Frank, all at home. Mr. Andrew owns his pleasant home, a store, and several other pieces of property in Springfield, having accumulated them by hard work and persistent saving. Being a keen shrewd man, he has been able to invest his money to advantage and now is enjoying the result of his foresight.

ANSELL, Oscar, proprietor of the Oscar Ansell Machine Shop, on South Third Street, Springfield, is a practical machinist and an enterprising business man. He established his present enterprise at the location it still occupies, in 1889, and has been steadily increasing his output since. He was born in Elmira, N. Y., November 27, 1863, and came to Springfield with his parents in boyhood, receiving his education in the schools of the latter city. His father, William Ansell, was born in Peru, N. Y., March 21, 1832, and when four years of age accompanied his parents to Riga, Monroe County, N. Y., where he grew to manhood. He did not attend school after he was ten years old, but began at that age to work on a picker in a woolen mill. He worked successively at carding, spinning, weaving and finishing. He was married, at Elmira, May 18, 1856, to Miss Elizabeth Oliver, who was born in England, January 4, 1838, and came to the United States with her mother, brothers and sisters, when she was five years old. She is a daughter of John and Mary (Davis) Oliver. John Oliver located at Auburn, N. Y., and for a few years carried on farming in the vicinity, then moved to Elmira. He was a woolen worker by trade and before his death located in Springfield, Ill. His wife also died in Springfield.

William Ansell located in Springfield in 1866, and for twenty-four years was employed at Thayer's woolen mill. Later he worked eleven years in the city electric light plant. He purchased his present home in Springfield in 1868. William Ansell enlisted, at Elmira, N. Y., as private in Company B, One Hundred Sixty-first Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged at the end of the war. His wife is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and in politics he is a Republican. He belongs to the Masonic Order. He and his wife had children as folows: Oliver died at the age of six years; Cora A., Mrs. Chisholm; Oscar, Mary Elizabeth; Fred died at the age of twenty-three years; Jane Scott; Alice D. married W. S. Wooley, of Auburn, Ill.

Stephen G., father of William Ansell, was born at Portsmouth, England, and was a carpenter by trade. He came to the United States about 1820 and settled in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., where he married Jane York, a native of Yorkshire, England. Later he moved to Monroe County, N. Y., where his death occurred. His children were: Thomas, of Elkhart, Ind., married Jane Story, of Lagrange County, Ind.; George C. deceased; Annie married John Ransom, of Rochester, N. Y.; Mary Ann married John Hoffman of York, Pa.; Stephen, of Pennsylvania; Edmund deceased; William. John York, father of Mrs. Stephen G. Ansell, came to the United States from Yorkshire, England, and died in Monroe County, N. Y.

Oscar Ansell left school at the age of thirteen years and went to work in a rolling-mill machine-shop, which was about three miles from his home. As there was then no street car he walked both ways. After completing his apprenticeship he worked as journeyman machinist until embarking in his present enterprise. He has been obliged to increase his capacity because of increased business, and now employs fourteen men.

Mr. Ansell was married, in 1885, to Miss Annie Schwarburg, of Springfield, and they have two children, Edna Marie and Raymond H. Mr.

Ansell owns a handsome residence at 109 Allen Street, Springfield. He is a self-made man and is active in the councils of the Republican party. He served six years as a member of the City Council. He and his family are members of the Second Presbyterian Church and he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

APGAR, LeRoy.—The varied interests of Springfield are of such magnitude that almost every branch of commercial activity is represented. Where so much building is being constantly done there is, of course, an ever-growing demand for hardware, and supplying it is engaging the attention of one of the live business men, LeRoy Apgar, who, through practical experience, knows just what is needed. He was born in Springfield, Ill., March 25, 1885, a son of Aaron Apgar. The father was born in Ohio and for fifty-four years made Springfield his home. He became well known as a skillful carpenter, working on some of the largest buildings in the city. In 1846 he made the trip across the country to California in a wagon, and returning, settled down in Springfield, where he died fourteen years ago. The mother died when LeRoy was but three weeks old.

The motherless lad grew up in Springfield, where he went to school, and his records show that he was a bright pupil of good, industrious habits. After working for some time in a brick yard he learned the carpenter trade, at which he worked for six years, and, although he was successful, he then decided to embark in a hardware business, having recognized the possibilities of such an enterprise. His faith has been justified, for he has been very successful and now controls an excellent trade in all kinds of hardware and kindred goods.

On February 6, 1907, Mr. Apgar was united in marriage, in the city of Springfield, with Lillian Clayton, who was born in 1882, no issue. Mr. Apgar belongs to the Retail Clerks' Union, and takes an interest in the organization. He is a Methodist and a Republican. Industrious, progressive, and public-spirited, Mr. Apgar is a valued citizen and one who can always be depended upon to do his full duty whatever the circumstances.

ARMSTRONG, William Henry.—Illinois would still be a prairie State in reality if it were not for the fact that, years ago, there came into it a brave, hardy people who were filled with a determination to conquer the wilderness and make for themselves comfortable homes on the government land. Every county in the State has its list of names of pioneers who settled there, brought up their children to assist in the work of developing the region, and left their mark upon the agricultural, industrial, educational, political and religious life of the community where they located. The Armstrong family is one which has many representatives in different parts of Illinois, and one of them now residing in Mechanicsburg Township, Sangamon County, is William Henry Armstrong. He was born at Atlanta, Ill., May 3, 1876, son of Leonard J. and Mary (Judy) Armstrong, and a grandson of John Armstrong, of Kentucky, and Jacob and Martha (Musick) Judy. Both the Armstrong and Judy families came to Illinois in pioneer days, making the trip in the usual fashion of the times, with a covered wagon, and all were farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Judy retired and located in Atlanta, where they died.

Leonard J. Armstrong and Mary Judy were married in Atlanta, December 24, 1872, following which event they rented land nearby and operated it for two years. They then moved to Piatt County, Ill., where they bought a farm, living upon it until their demise, the mother passing away April 28, 1897. They had children as follows: William Henry; Frank L., born January 24, 1878, of Kindersley, Canada; Junietta, born February 17, 1880; Mrs. T. J. Campbell, of Deland, Ill.; Albert M., born April 10, 1882, of Sangamon County; Nellie May, born April 10, 1885, Mrs. R. O. Copeland, of Arcola, Ill.; Roy L., born March 5, 1887, of Sangamon County; Bertha B., born October 3, 1888, of Deland; John J., born May 7, 1891, lives with his brother William H.; and Earl E., born October 16, 1892, died February 10, 1893.

William Henry Armstrong was educated in the public schools of Deland, remaining at home until he was twenty-six years old. At that time he bought 160 acres of land in Piatt County, hiring a man and his wife to keep house for him. Later he sold this farm, buying 360 acres in the same county. In the fall of 1904, he sold this property, buying 489 acres in Mechanicsburg Township, which he has since devoted to general farming and the raising of Shorthorn cattle, Duroc-Jersey hogs and Plymouth Rock chickens. In 1910, he bought 160 acres near Waggoner, Montgomery County, Ill., which is being operated for him by his brother Roy.

Mr. Armstrong was married March 15, 1905, to Elizabeth D. Holton, born April 3, 1875, in Lincoln, Ill., daughter of Rev. T. T. and Ellen Holton, the former a minister of the Christian Church. Mrs. Armstrong died September 3, 1906. On February 3, 1909, Mr. Armstrong married Mary Agnes Fullenwider, born October 12, 1885, at Mechanicsburg, daughter of Homer and Jennie (Ragland) Fullenwider, natives of Mechanicsburg, Ill., and Fisherville, Ky. Mrs. Armstrong was educated in Mechanicsburg schools, attending the high school there, and is a lady of charming personality, who shows a gracious hospitality to her guests. Mr. Armstrong is a member of the Christian Church, while his wife is a member of the Methodist denomination. In politics he is a Republican and is now serving his district as School Director. He is a live, progressive young man and is making a decided success of his life work, ably assisted by his wife. Understanding every detail of farming, he is inculcating new methods and is a recognized authority on agricultural matters. Socially he and his wife are important factors in the township

and have many friends in Sangamon and adjoining counties, where they are well and favorably known.

ARNOLD, George W., dealer in Pilot acetylene generators, Pleasant Plains, is as well and favorably known as any business man in his part of Sangamon County. He is a native of Miami County, Ohio, born October 6, 1865, a son of John and Hannah Arnold. The latter was born in Virginia and early in life was taken by her parents to Miami County, where she grew to womanhood and where she met and was wooed and won by Mr. Arnold. They were married about 1848. Their son John lives at Loveland, Colo.; their daughter Mary, widow of Charles Eklaw, lives at Paxton, Ill.; their son George W., is the immediate subject of this sketch. The family came to Illinois in 1868 and settled on a farm in Cartwright Township, Sangamon County. Mr. Arnold died in the following year and Mrs. Arnold survived until 1894. They were reared in the faith of the Dunkards, but she became a member of the German Baptist Church. For some years after her husband's untimely death, Mrs. Arnold remained on the farm, but eventually moved to Pleasant Plains where she passed away.

When his father died George W. Arnold was only about four years old. He was brought up on the farm and educated in the public schools. In 1885 he came with his mother to Pleasant Plains, where, at the age of twenty-one years, he embarked in general merchandise trade. He was thus engaged in 1886-91, then sold out his business to become a carpenter and builder. After a time he became a member of the building firm of Harnett and Arnold, his partner being J. P. Harnett. They erected the Sangamon College building, the store building of John Lehman, and many other sightly public structures, and some of the finest village and farm residences in that part of the county are monuments to their skill and enterprise. In 1902 Mr. Arnold disposed of his partnership in this business to Mr. Harnett and engaged in his present venture as dealer in Pilot acetylene generators. He has installed lighting plants in many of the leading public buildings and private residences in his part of the State. The automatic acetylene generators that he handles have made their way in competition with gas and electric systems of illumination. It is probable that Mr. Arnold has found an advantage in his intimate practical knowledge of building. His skill in placing the lights adds much to their efficiency.

March 10, 1886, Mr. Arnold married Miss Ardia Hamilton, daughter of R. F. and Tabytha (Purvins) Hamilton, pioneers in Sangamon county who have gone to their reward. Mrs. Arnold was born in Cartwright Township. She has borne her husband seven children, two of whom died in infancy. Their son Hoyt A., born August 1, 1888, was educated in the public school at Pleasant Plains and entered the employ of a concern controlling a chain of five- and ten-cent stores and made himself so proficient and so useful that he was given charge of an establishment at Iowa City, Iowa. Lee H. Arnold, born April 5, 1890, finished his course in the Pleasant Plains school. In 1906, he entered the United States Navy and was stationed on the flagship Connecticut and made the tour of the world with the Atlantic squadron, visiting many important foreign ports. When the squadron, consisting of sixteen vessels, sailed for Seattle in 1908, Mr. Arnold went to San Francisco to witness its departure. On the completion of the voyage in 1910, Lee, having served four years, was honorably discharged and has found a satisfactory business connection with a five- and ten-cent store at St. Paul, owned by a company that has about 400 such enterprises in different cities of the United States. Rollie Arnold, born September 16, 1896, is in school; Phyllis, born February 27, 1902, and George H., born June 7, 1904, are the "babies" of the family.

Mr. Arnold has been satisfactorily successful in life and knows no dearer duty than properly educating his children and settling them in useful occupations. His home is one of the most modern in the vicinity, with up-to-date heating and illuminating apparatus, and all else to correspond. In politics he is a Democrat and as such has been elected to several important local offices. He has ably filled the office of Town Clerk and in the spring of 1909 was chosen Tax Assessor for the second term. He and his wife are active and helpful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Pleasant Plains.

ARNOLD, John H.—Those who gave up their lives on the battlefields of the Civil War, did not suffer after all as have those who lived to carry in their bodies during forty-five years or more, the reminders of what it cost to save the Union. It is easy enough for one who has never faced the death-belching guns of war to rise to heights of oratory over the high call of patriotism; true heroism lies in living when each day is a long-drawn-out agony because of a response to that same spirit of loyalty to flag and country. The man who enjoys the distinction of being Springfield's oldest living veteran of the Civil War is John H. Arnold, who was fearfully wounded at the Siege of Atlanta, after years of faithful service. Mr. Arnold was born in Clay County, Ky., and comes of good, honorable, brave, Kentucky stock. The date of his birth was January 1, 1833, so that he is now (1912) seventy-nine years old. His parents, Anderson and Nancy (Pierce) Arnold, were also born in Clay County, Ky., where the father died, but the mother moved to Springfield when John H. was six months old, and lived there until she passed away in 1898. The Arnold family is a fighting one, for Grandfather Arnold and his son, Anderson Arnold, both served in the Black Hawk War, distinguishing themselves as brave and loyal men.

John H. Arnold was educated in Springfield, but early learned to work on a farm, and was engaged in that peaceful occupation when he felt constrained by his love of his country, to enlist, in 1862, in Company E, Eighty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving under General Sherman. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Big Spring, Buzzard's Roost, Lookout Mountain, Gordon's Mill, Peach Tree Creek, Stone River, North Chickamauga, and others of less importance. At the Siege of Atlanta he was the color bearer and thus was the target for the enemy. When he fell, still clinging to the flag, which he bathed with his blood, he was riddled by nine bullets. He has never fully recovered from this, although he has earnestly endeavored to round out his life industriously and uncomplainingly. He is an honored member of Stephenson Post, G. A. R., and also belongs to the Volunteers of America. In politics he is a Republican, steadfastly upholding the principles he fought to have established, and for which Abraham Lincoln was martyred.

The marriages of Mr. Arnold occurred in Springfield, the first one being celebrated in 1866. There was no issue. On May 28, 1903, Mr. Arnold married Mildred Amie (Taylor) Large, born in Winchester, Scott County, Ill., October 29, 1870. Her father served through the Civil War, and spent his mature years in Springfield. One child has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Richard Harvey Ellsworth Arnold, born August 16, 1907. The family residence at the corner of Phillips and Ohio Streets, is owned by Mr. Arnold, and is surrounded by a large lawn which covers a double frontage. During his life Mr. Arnold has had many experiences and at all times has obeyed the call of duty, regardless of what it might cost him.

Mrs. Mildred A. Arnold was born in Winchester, Scott County, Ill., October 29, 1870. She is a daughter of Alexander and Mary Frances (Cothern) Taylor, her father born in Kentucky, in 1841, and her mother in Virginia, in 1842. The former died in 1893 and the latter in 1907. Mrs. Arnold's maternal grandfather, William Burnwell Cothern, emigrated from Virginia to Illinois by wagon, settling in Illiopolis, where he farmed. Both the Cotherns and Taylors were old Southern families and extensive slave owners.

Mrs. Arnold belongs to a family of six children born to her parents: Alexander; William; Belle, wife of George Guthrie; Leonora, wife of James Stofer; Mary Ann, wife of James Woods, living near Springfield; and Mrs. Arnold.

In May, 1890, Mrs. Arnold was married in the English Lutheran Church, to James Large, later a member of the Illinois General Assembly. One child, John M., was born April 2, 1891. In 1903 she became the wife of John H. Arnold, as before noted. She is interested in current events and keeps herself posted with regard to them. She is devoted to her home and husband, but is also active in social matters, and possesses a pleasant, genial manner, attaches people to her, and has many friends wherever she may happen to be.

ASH, George W.—The pioneers who came to Sangamon County never imagined that land here would some day be held at the fancy prices now prevailing, and yet they themselves laid the foundations for this wonderful advancement, and to them should be given full meed of praise. One of the men who is fortunate enough to be the owner of some of this high-priced farm-land is George W. Ash, of Section 12, Williams Township. He was born in Ashville, Miss., March 13, 1848, a son of Ira and Amanda V. Ash, both of Mississippi, the father being born June 22, 1815. These parents married, July 28, 1838, in Louisiana. From there they came to Illinois in 1850, locating north of Springfield, in Sangamon County, on a farm of 160 acres, which the father bought and farmed until his death in 1853, his wife dying in the same year. They had two sons and two daughters, all of whom are deceased except George W. Ash and his sister, Mrs. Harvey F. Bruce, who resides on a farm north of Springfield.

George W. Ash was educated in the schools of Springfield, at the same time working on the homestead, thus learning how to farm profitably. Adopting farming as his occupation, Mr. Ash looked about him for a good location, and selecting Williams Township, moved there forty years ago. Ten years later he moved on his present farm of sixty acres, which is now worth $250 per acre.

On December 23, 1875, Mr. Ash was married in Williams Township by Rev. Worlds, of the Presbyterian Church, at Springfield, to Miss Laura Smith, born in the township, Aug. 8, 1856, daughter of Philip and Rebecca (Hendricks) Smith, he of South Carolina. Her mother was born in Kentucky, where the father moved, later coming to Sangamon County, where they became pioneers of Barclay. Later they removed to a farm north of Barcley, where the father lived until a few years prior to his death, which occurred in Williamsville, his last home, and there the mother also passed away. There were seven sons and five daughters in the Smith family, of whom three survive: Mrs. Ash; Henry, a resident of Kansas, married to Harriet Kenneman, five children; and John, a resident of the homestead in Williams Township, married Amanda Brown (second wife), three children; his first marriage having been to Marthat Williams, two children. Mr. and Mrs. Ash became the parents of three sons and five daughters; Rebecca, wife of George Marsh, of Springfield; five children—Bessie, Willard, Harold, Alberta and Helen Mary; Oscar married Adla Hanson, who died January 9, 1908, after bearing him two children, the surviving one being Lora, and he married (second) Lillian Henselin, of Minnesota, where they reside; one child, Philip E.; Lula married James Ferry and they live in Indiana and have four children—Eva, Hazel, Lloyd and Mary; Daisy

married James Burge and they have one child, Earl; Leo married Ruth Hawker, of Ewing, Mo., and they reside in Springfield and have no issue; and Mary, living at home, as do Fay and Edith.

For a number of years Mr. Ash has been a Methodist and has given the church his hearty support, both in money and work. He believes in the good influence of churches and has brought up his children in the faith he supports. A hard-working man, he farms scientifically, rotating his crops, using improved machinery, and raising a good grade of cattle, having proven by experiments that nothing but the best pays on a farm. His children are a credit to him and his most excellent wife, and they greatly enjoy a family reunion, when the married ones return with their families to enjoy once more the hospitality of the homestead. There is no more beautiful sight than a man and his wife surrounded by their children and grandchildren, all of whom are making the most of their opportunities and developing fine characters. It is such people as the Ash family who form the great backbone of any nation, for they always prove to be reliable, substantial, and willing to advance, although conservative enough to consider first and see if proposed improvements are for the best interests of the majority.

ATHERTON, Dr. Albert, retired physician and banker, has done much to impress his personality on the community in which he has long lived and labored, always with a sense of his responsibility to the public. He was born in Morgan County, Ill., October 23, 1828, a son of Jonathan Atherton. The father was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1803, a son of the Rev. Theophilus Atherton, also of New York nativity. The family of Atherton is of English descent and is related to that of the Harpers represented by the proprietors of the great publishing house of Harper & Brothers and their successors. The Atherton family was established in New York before the beginning of the last century. Rev. Atherton settled in Pickaway County, Ohio, about 1820. Not only was he a pioneer there in the work of the Presbyterian Church, but was also an educator and farmer. Jonathan Atherton was reared on the farm and educated under his father's able supervision. He married Ann Johnson, a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., and a daughter of Richard Johnson, who became a pioneer settler in Pickaway County. In 1826, about two years after his marriage, he moved with his wife to Illinois and they located among early settlers in Morgan County, where he developed a good farm, on which he reared a family of children and died about 1862. His widow lived some years after his death and passed away at the residence of the immediate subject of this sketch. She had three children who reached maturity, the survivors being Dr. Albert Atherton and a daughter, Mrs. Alice B. Howard, of South Dakota.

Dr. Atherton grew to manhood in Morgan County, and attended public school until he was prepared to enter Illinois College at Jacksonville. As an aid to his medical studies and as a useful experience, he taught school several terms. He studied for his profession at Arcadia, Morgan County, and took lectures in St. Louis, Mo., in the winter of 1851-52. He graduated with the Class of 1853 and began practice at Cartwright, Sangamon County. In time his ride was widely extended. He was an active and successful member of his profession in the county until about 1870, when he began gradually to put aside professional cares. During the Civil War period he was a stanch defender of the Union. He has been an ardent Republican since the organization of the party in 1856, but has never been an aspirant for public office. Soon after coming to Sangamon County he bought land near Pleasant Plains, where he developed a farm which he still owns. It contains 160 acres and is under successful cultivation. He established a drug store and grocery at Pleasant Plains, which he conducted profitably for some years. He was one of the organizers, about 1880, of the bank of Tracy, Bukman and Company, later the bank of Atherton, Richardson and Company, which has long been known as one of Sangamon County's solid financial institutions. In 1906 it was reorganized, with increased stock, as the Pleasant Plains State Bank, with Dr. Atherton as President and A. Q. Irwin as Cashier.

Dr. Atherton married, in August, 1856, Miss Sarah Ann Hayes, a native of Lancaster County, Pa., daughter of August Hayes who, after she had been reared and educated in her native town, became an early settler in Illinois, to which State he brought his family. The writer is able to include the following items of interest concerning the children of Dr. Atherton. Elma C. married Robert Lane, the present Mayor of Pleasant Plains; Albert is a leading merchant at Jacksonvile, Ill.; Mary Alice is Mrs. George Harnett, of Springfield, Ill.; August lives on a part of the old family homestead; Edward J. is Assistant Cashier of the Pleasant Plains State Bank and is represented by an independent sketch in this work; William, prominent in public and political matters, is Supervisor of Cartwright Township and is operating the Atherton homestead; Mabel is the youngest of the survivors; two have died—Franklin, aged four years, and LeRoy in infancy. Dr. and Mrs. Atherton are prominently helpful in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ATHERTON, Edward Jonathan.—The banking institutions of the country, controlling the financial affairs of the people, have to associate with themselves men whose names carry weight. Their officials must be of unblemished character and high standing, or the business suffers. The Pleasant Plains State Bank is fortunate in having among its officials a young man of the con-

nections and ability of Edward Jonathan Atherton, who comes of one of the most honored of Sangamon County families.

Mr. Atherton was born March 24, 1869, at Pleasant Plains, and has grown up among the people whose interests he now represents. He is a son of Dr. Albert Atherton, and his wife Sarah Ann (Hayes) Atherton, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Atherton graduated from Whipple Academy, Jacksonville, Ill., Class of 1890, the first class to receive diplomas from the institution. He then taught school for eight years, later attending the Indiana University, at Bloomington, and at the close of his junior year entered the senior class of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, graduating with the Class of 1901, with the degree of A. B. Immediately thereafter he entered the Pleasant Plains State Bank, where he is now Assistant Cashier. He ably discharges the duties of his important position.

The marriage of Mr. Atherton took place on June 30, 1902, at Sycamore, Ill., when he was united with Sadie Chenoweth Athons. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have two children—Tracy Leon and Dwight Wilbur. Mr. Atherton is a Republican in politics and a Methodist in religion. He is one of the most reliable and conservative young men of Pleasant Plains, and he and his charming wife have gathered about them a congenial circle of friends.

ATKINS, Palmer.—The power of the press has always been recognized and the men who have assisted in establishing and maintaining that mighty influence have borne more than their part in molding public opinion. It is almost impossible to carry through any project without the support of the newspapers of a community, and many a man of measure has been defeated because of a lack of harmony between the promoters and the press. One of the veteran newspaper men of Springfield is Palmer Atkins, whose services are gratefully remembered by the many to whom he was, for a number of years, the mouthpiece of popular demand. He is now living retired at No. 1416 South Seventh Street. For nearly fourteen years he was connected with the "Illinois State Register." As is true of so many Americans, Mr. Atkins traces his ancestry back to one of three brothers on his fathers side who came to this country from England in 1750. They came of sea-faring stock of a family of whalers or merchantmen. These brothers located at Middletown, Conn., and two of them who engaged in the whaling trade, were lost at sea. The third, Seth, the great-great-grandfather of Palmer Atkins, died at Middletown. His grandson, Seth, went to Lewis County, N. Y., being an early settler of the place, and engaged in farming. His son, also Seth, and father of Palmer Atkins, was born in Middletown, Conn., in 1819, but was reared in Lewis County, N. Y. He became well-known as a manufacturer of stoves, making a specialty of manufacturing stove fronts. In 1856 he came west with his family from New York City, which had been his home for some years, and located in Chicago. Later he moved to Monmouth, Warren County, Ill., where he had charge of the Pattee Plow Works. His death occurred there in 1892. In political affiliations he was a Democrat. Palmer Atkins was his only child, born of his marriage in New York State to Jane Palmer, daughter of John Palmer, Superintendent of the Erie Canal. Mrs. Atkins died in Chicago, in 1857.

The Palmer family were originally from Nottinghamshire, England, and Walter Palmer, who was born in England in 1598, came to Stonington, Conn., in 1653. He married Rebekah Short. Mr. Atkins' great-grandfather, John Palmer, was a member of the Continental Army from Connecticut. His son, also named John Palmer, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was in the war of 1812, while his uncle, George Palmer, also a son of John Palmer Jr., served in the Mexican War, being fatally wounded at the battle of Chepultepec, near the city of Mexico. This, with the military career of the subject of this sketch, makes four successive generations who established a war record from the Revolution to the Civil War period.

Palmer Atkins was born on the site of old Fort Stanwix (N. Y.), of Revolutionary fame, August 28, 1842, and lived in New York State until he was fourteen years of age, when he was brought by his parents to Chicago. After studying in the public schools of both New York and Illinois, he attended the seminary at Mt. Morris, Ill. When only seventeen he began learning the printer's trade in the office of the "Dixon Telegraph," remaining there until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted as a private, joining the first company organized in Dixon, May 24, 1861. This was Company A, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Although a mere lad, he endured hardships bravely. The company was mustered into the United States service May 24, 1861, by Capt. John Pope, afterwards Commander of the Army of the Potomac, for three years' service or during the war. Their first engagement was at Wilson Creek, Mo., when Gen. Lyon was killed. Later Mr. Atkins participated in the battle of Pea Ridge, in which the regiment lost 187 out of 460 men, and in the unsuccessful campaign against Vicksburg, was with Gen. Curtis in Arkansas, and later took part in the battles of Jackson, Champion Hills, the siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold Gap and Madison Station. From the latter the regiment was ordered home to be mustered out. During the greater part of this time Mr. Atkins acted as staff printer and special messenger at Gen. Grant's headquarters, taking many of the cipher dispatches. On April 19, 1864, while at Huntsville, Mr. Atkins was detailed to take charge of all the mail of the Fifteenth Army Corps, commanded by Gen. John A. Logan, which heavy responsibility was faithfully discharged by him.

He was finally discharged June 18, 1864, and returning home, resumed his printing business. He has always been foremost in advocating all public measures he has believed would result in the betterment of his community, and is rightly considered one of the representative men of Springfield. He is a member of Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., also of Springfield Lodge No. 465, I. O. O. F., of which he is Past Grand Master, and he and his wife are members of the Second Presbyterian Church.

ATKINSON, George W., who has been a resident of Sangamon County for more than sixty years, and now lives retired from an active life in the village of Riverton, is a native of Piqua, Ohio, born January 7, 1837. He is a son of William and Rachel (Nevius) Atkinson, both natives of New Jersey and the father a blacksmith by trade. William Atkinson followed his trade several years in his native State, then removed, by wagon, to Ohio, where he lived until 1849, the date of his coming to Illinois. Besides working at his trade he bought and sold cattle and horses, driving them to market. The family made the trip from Ohio to Illinois by wagon, consuming several weeks on the journey, and on the way the son, George W., then a young man, counted fifty-four deer. They remained in Springfield a few months, having arrived there November 15, 1849, occupying a house near where the Chicago & Alton Railroad depot now stands. They spent four years on a farm on Fork Prairie, and in 1855 moved to the old Prather farm near Sherman, where they spent two years, then the father purchased 320 acres of land in Shelby County, where he lived about eight years and then returned to Fork Prairie and spent two years there, after which he removed to Missouri. He lived in the latter State but a short time, then returned to Fork Prairie and spent the remainder of his life with his son George, his wife having died in Missouri.

John Atkinson, father of William, served in the War of 1812, as also did Jacob Nevius, father of Mrs. Atkinson. To William Atkinson and his wife nine sons and three daughters were born, of whom seven survive: John, aged ninety years, living in Iowa; Mrs. Catherine Brooks, of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Hannah Magell, deceased; Jacob, a retired farmer and stock buyer, living in Iowa; Elbert, having a blacksmith and wagon shop at Anamosa, Iowa; Zenith L., a blacksmith living in Iowa; Thomas B., who conducts a blacksmith shop in the West, and George W.

After the death of his father George W. Atkinson continued farming until 1900, when he retired from active life and purchased a comfortable home in Riverton, which has since been his home. He was a resourceful and intelligent farmer and became very successful, being now possessed of considerable property.

Mr. Atkinson was married, in Rochester Township, in 1860, to Cordelia Ann Bashaw, a native of the township, born in 1845, daughter of James Bashaw and his wife, of Kentucky, who were early settlers of Sangamon County, where they spent the remainder of their lives on a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Bashaw were parents of four sons and two daughters. Mrs. Atkinson died in 1877, having borne her husband five children, four of whom are living: Harriet married Trylene H. Trotter, proprietor of a blacksmith shop at Riverton; Lecta, married George W. Cockrell, and they live on a farm near Rochester; Nicholas B., a resident of Pekin; Walter, living in Riverton. Mr. Atkinson has five living grandchildren. He is a Republican in politics and is a member of the Baptist Church. He is well regarded as a public-spirited and useful citizen, and highly esteemed in his community. He always had a warm friendship for Abraham Lincoln, and in his younger days frequently ran foot races with that illustrious man and also had his company in many games of marbles. Mr. Atkinson takes an active interest in the public welfare and is willing to lend his active support to any worthy cause for the public good.

AUXIER, Daniel Jefferson (deceased), for several years a resident of Springfield, was born near Mason City, Mason County, Ill., in 1844. His father, John Auxier, was a Kentuckian, moved to Illinois at an early day, and became owner of a large tract of land in Mason County, including the present site of Mason City. He was an extensive dealer in land and stock, and became a stockholder in the first railroad built in that section of the State. He was a thorough and able business man and successful in his enterprises. He died suddenly at his home near Mason City. He married Eveline Lane, of a good Southern family, who went to live with her son William, at Bismarck, and died there. Children as follows were born to this union: Daniel J.; William; Benjamin, went to Missouri to live; Mary, Mrs. Alvin Dowell, of Saint Marys, Kan.

Daniel J. Auxier was about ten or twelve years of age when his father died and he lived with his widowed mother until going West, after his marriage. He received an ordinary education and his father was preparing to send his children to college when his own death occurred. Daniel J. continued to carry on the home farm for many years. He was married, in Springfield, October 3, 1870, to Miss Caroline Lucinda Patterson, of Springfield, daughter of Isaac D. and Sarah (Hall) Patterson, the former of whom is deceased. Mr. Auxier lived on the home farm four years after his marriage, then moved to Cass County, Iowa, where he bought a farm of 160 acres. At the end of four years he sold his Iowa farm and located in Springfield, becoming foreman in a rolling mill, and later worked fifteen years in a lumber yard, where he was employed until his death. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a strictly temperate, good man. He was honest and upright in all his dealings and had a large number of friends. In politics

he was a Democrat. Mrs. Auxier is a member of the Christian Church.

Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Auxier: Ella Vern, was married October 10, 1900, to Sylvester Dillard, and they have one child, William J.; Sadie Evelyn married William White, of Springfield. Mr. Dillard was born at the old Dillard homestead, four and one-half miles northwest of Springfield, in January, 1874.

AVOLT, Christopher.—Riverton is the home of some of the most substantial men of Sangamon County, who having retired from various lines of industrial activity, seek a congenial home where they can enjoy urban advantages without the restrictions which attend residence in larger centers of civilization. One of these men is Christopher Avolt, of Riverton, formerly one of the most prosperous of carpenters. He was born August 26, 1839, in La Salle, Ill., a son of John and Catherine Avolt, natives of Germany, who transmitted to their son many of their sterling German characteristics. John Avolt came to America in young manhood, locating in La Salle, Ill., where he lived until his death. While he and his wife were the parents of three sons and one daughter, Christopher Avolt is the only survivor.

Mr. Avolt grew up in La Salle, attending the primitive school of his day and working on his father's farm. Later he learned the carpenter trade, working at it in La Salle for many years. When the war broke out he enlisted from La Salle in Company H, Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving three years, and being discharged at Vicksburg, Miss. He participated in many engagements, including those of Fort Donelson, Vicksburg, Shiloh, Corinth and many others, and being wounded in the first named. He served as Corporal of his company, and was a gallant and brave soldier. At the close of his military experience, he returned to La Salle, remaining there until 1872, when he came to Springfield. Being a skilled workman, he there found ready employment, and worked at his trade until he settled in Riverton, which has continued to be his home. Mr. Avolt belongs to Stephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R. In political convictions he is a Republican, being proud to belong to the party Abraham Lincoln helped found.

The marriage of Mr. Avolt occurred in La Salle, Ill., in 1868, when he was united with Anna Hughes, born in Wales. Her parents came to America, first settling in La Salle, where they lived for several years, later going to Riverton, where both died. Mrs. Avolt died in Riverton, in 1886, leaving a sorrowing husband and six children to mourn her loss. These children are: Maggie, wife of Ferd Volkmar, of St. Louis; Elizabeth wife of L. G. Duncan, a carpenter and builder of Riverton, with whom Mr. Avolt makes his home; John, of Pawnee, Ill.; Thomas, of Riverton, and David, of Girard, Ill., as well as one who is deceased. There are two grandchildren in the family. Mr. Avolt owns property in Riverton, and is in receipt of a pension from the government in grateful appreciation of his services. He has worked hard all his life and has done his full duty, both as a soldier and as a private citizen.

AYERS, Eugene Morgan.—This is the age of the young man. Many of Springfield's most successful business men are still under forty, yet have attained material prosperity. Of these the majority have worked their way up from comparative poverty to affluence, and among them one deserving of more than passing mention is Eugene Morgan Ayers, born in Perry, Pike County, Ill., December 2, 1875, a son of Lewis and Katherine Eleanor (Morgan) Ayers, natives of Pennsylvania and Upper Alton, Ill. The father is a painter by calling and is now residing in Chicago, but the mother died in 1899. Eugene M. was their only child. Lewis Ayers is a Republican and a member of the Christian Church, in which he takes an active part.

Eugene M. Ayers has fought his way up. Leaving school at New Salem, Ill., when only thirteen years old, he came to Springfield to work in the Wabash shops. After eight months in the planing department he was errand boy at Weems laundry for two years, then found employment on the Wabash railroad as peanut boy. A year of this gave him the experience he felt he needed before embarking in his present business, which he has successfully prosecuted ever since.

Mr. Ayers was married on August 26, 1894, to Adeline Leeder, born in Springfield, daughter of William F. and Flora (Ripstein) Leeder, natives of Germany, who had six children, of whom Mrs. Ayers was the fifth in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Ayers are the parents of four children: Katherine, Russell, Dorothy and Arthur, bright young people.

The Democratic party has in Mr. Ayers a stanch supporter, although as yet he has not represented it in any official position. Fraternally he has connected himself with the original Order of Owls. His religious home is in the Christian Church, towards which he liberally contributes. He is a live, energetic young man, and one deserving of all praise for his industry and earnest endeavor to better his condition and not to allow adverse circumstances to discourage him.

BABCOCK, Andrew J. (Vol. I, p. 30.)

BABENEL, Peter (deceased).—The older generation of Springfield well remembers Peter Babenel, the veteran piano builder, whose almost perfect work and genial manner endeared him to many. He was born in France, January 22, 1819, and his life was a varied one. A son of Eugene and Elizabeth Babenal, also natives of France, Peter Babenel was carefully reared, and taught the piano-making trade. Believing that there was more opportunity for him in

America, the young Frenchman emigrated and found plenty of work of the kind he understood and was able to do so thoroughly. For fifty years he made Springfield his home, and gained the confidence and respect of all who came into contact with him. He was a member of the last regiment to leave Springfield for the Civil War, and was a brave and faithful soldier. The death of this good man occurred July 22, 1872, and he was laid to rest in Oak Ridge Cemetery. When his wife passed away on September 11, 1902, she was placed by his side.

Peter Babenel married Mahala Hoffer, born in Jacksonville, Ill., September 4, 1826. She was there educated and prior to her marriage was a dressmaker. They had children as follows: Emma, born December 31, 1854, is married and resides in Springfield; Walter, born February 12, 1856; Mrs. Carrie Saylor, born January 26, 1857, is a widow and resides at No. 618 Walnut Street, Springfield; Lilly, born in October, 1862, resides at Decatur, Ill.; George, born March 4, 1865, is married and resides in St. Louis; and Maud, born in 1869.

Peter Babenel was a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 4, and was also an Odd Fellow. He early connected himself with the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged, and gave it his hearty support. In political convictions he was a strong Democrat, but never held office nor desired to do so. He was a man who never restrained himself with regard to making friends. Few doors in Springfield opened so easily and hospitably as his. There was ever a place at his board for friend or stranger, and none ever applied to him for help, who did not receive it. His memory survives because of his high personal attributes.

BACHMANN, Carl (deceased), who for many years carried on farming in Island Grove Township, Sangamon County, Ill., was a public-spirited and useful citizen and highly respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Mr. Bachmann was born in Ludolphshausen, Hanover, Germany, August 2, 1823, and in his native land learned the trade of weaver, which he followed until coming to America. After the death of his father he brought his mother and two sisters to America, making the trip in 1848. They remained a short time in Philadelphia, then removed to St. Louis, where he obtained work on the levee, carrying sacks of salt. His neck was often raw from the burdens he carried for loading ships, but he would not leave his work, as he had his family depending upon him for their support. His sister Minnie became the wife of Charles White and they removed to Kansas, where both died.

In 1851, with his mother and remaining sister, Mr. Bachmann removed to Island Grove Township, where he worked by the month many years, and in 1855, deciding to marry, rented a farm in the township. His marriage occurred in June of that year to Miss Agnes Strone, a native of Germany, who came to America alone. Mr. Bachmann and his prospective bride walked to Springfield, obtained a license, were married, and spent the first night of their married life in a log hotel, where the only room that could be given them contained a single small bed, on which the bride slept, while her husband composed himself on a pile of sacks in a corner on the floor. It was a rude building, the stars being plainly visible through the roof. In the morning they started on their honeymoon trip back to Island Grove Township, where they began housekeeping in a small one-room log cabin. He and his brother together had rented 320 acres of land and became very successful farmers. They afterwards divided the land, each taking 160 acres, having by that time purchased the tract. Mr. Bachmann was an industrious and thrifty man and prospered accordingly. He became one of the honored citizens of his community and remained on his farm until 1895, when failing health led him to retire from active life. He rented property in New Berlin, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away May 21, 1897, at the age of seventy-three years, having been born in August, 1823. He had made many friends by his genuine goodness and honest, upright life, and his funeral was largely attended. He was a faithful member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and an active worker in its interests.

Seven children were born to Mr. Bachmann and his wife: Louis died when about thirty-five years of age; Bertha, wife of Henry Utinzere, of Highland, Ill.; Henry, operating a farm in Cartwright Township; Minnie, wife of William Blumenstein; Mary married Charles Long; Lizzie, wife of R. Blumenstine at Lebanon, Ill.; and Charles Bachmann, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Long were parents of five children, namely: Carl, of Quincy, Ill.; William, a druggist of St. Louis; Agnes M.; Adolph, of Des Moines, Ia.; Louise M., with her mother. Mr Long died December 14, 1898, and after his death his widow continued in the hotel business, which he had followed during his life, purchasing a good building for this enterprise, and continued it with profit until her marriage to Dr. Lewis D. Wiley, a leading physician and surgeon of New Berlin, a sketch of whom also appears in this work. By this union there was one child, Cecil. Mrs. Wiley is an estimable and capable woman and is descended from a long line of well-to-do German ancestors. Many of her family became leading citizens of Sangamon County. She is a useful and active member of the Baptist Church of New Berlin, of which she is serving as Church Clerk. Like her brothers and sisters, she was reared in the Lutheran faith, but later in life united with the Baptist Church. Both her father and Mr. Long's father were largely instrumental in building and maintaining the first Lutheran Church at New Berlin.

The youngest son, Charles, still resides on the old home farm in Cartwright Township.

BAHR, Henry J.—A half-century is indeed a long period to spend in one line of business in one city, and still to be in active service at the end of this length of time denotes an enterprising, energetic spirit, as well as an appreciation of the congeniality of one's profession. Most men, having built up a successful and remunerative business, are content to retire from active pursuits on reaching the age of three score years, but this is not the case with Henry J. Bahr, proprietor of the tonsorial parlors at No. 1327 East Washington street, Springfield, who, while he has not been in business here for quite fifty years, is rapidly approaching that distinction. Mr. Bahr is a native of Germany, having been born near Frankfort-on-the-Oder, December 29, 1845, and is a son of Christian and Wilhelmina (Graber) Bahr, the former born December 17, 1816, and the latter in February, 1810. The family came to the United States in 1853, landing at New York City after a thirty-two days' voyage on the sailing vessel Hermon, soon removed to Haverstraw and later to Long Island, where Mr. Bahr carried on gardening. Christian Bahr died at Greenport, L. I., September 7, 1897, at the age of eighty-one years, his wife having passed away many years before, in 1862, when fifty-two years of age. They were parents of five children, as follows: Dora, born March 9, 1844; Henry J.; John, born March 4, 1848; William C., born March 29, 1850; and Minnie, born June 19, 1853.

Henry J. Bahr was but eight years of age when he was brought to the United States by his parents. Being the eldest son, he had few chances for securing an education, as the family was in rather humble circumstances and the youth's earnings were needed to help in the support of the family and the proper rearing of his younger brothers and sisters. Consequently, at an early age, he was sent out to work on the farm in the vicinity of his home, and in addition to this he labored at whatever he could find to do, including cutting and hauling wood, and other expressage, and in making toy torpedoes.

In 1857 Mr. Bahr decided to learn a regular trade and in that year started under the tutelage of Bernard Bush to learn the occupation of barber, which he has since followed. He continued on Long Island until the year 1866, when he came to Springfield to assist in opening the barber shop in the Leland Hotel, and in this position he remained for twelve years, becoming intimately acquainted with the guests of that hostelry. Deciding to go into business on his own account, in 1878 he opened parlors at No. 519 East Monroe Street, but later for ten years was engaged at the St. Nicholas barber shop in Springfield. Again opening a business establishment of his own at Monroe Street, Mr. Bahr successfully continued there until 1899, at which time he purchased the building at No. 1327 East Washington Street, opened tonsorial parlors and has conducted a well-paying business to the present time. Mr. Bahr's is an up-to-date establishment, including the latest and most highly improved fixtures and paraphernalia to be found in any barber shop in Springfield, and among his patrons are to be found some of the Capital City's most distinguished guests. His long experience in this line of business has made Mr. Bahr well-known throughout the city, and he has countless friends and acquaintances.

On September 7, 1876, Mr. Bahr was united in marriage with Miss Anna M. Dexheimer, of Dearborn County, Ind., and to them there were born three children: Raymond V., manager of the Pure Ice & Cold Storage Company, of Springfield, who married Annie Brocklesby; Harry E., married Emma Margaret Meyer and is employed at the Illinois Watch Factory; and Elmer L., also employed at the watch factory.

In his political beliefs Mr. Bahr is a Democrat and for the past three years he has served as Judge of Elections of the First Precinct of the First Ward of Springfield.

BAILHACHE, Arthur Lee. (Vol. I, pp. 31-32.)

BAILHACHE, Preston Heath. (Vol. I, p. 31.)

BAILHACHE, (Maj.) William Henry. (Vol. I, p. 31.)

BAKER, Edward.—In the list of Sangamon County pioneers occur many names that are familiar to the present residents. These hardy forerunners of a later civilization did not shrink from the hardships incident to frontier life, but fought bravely to conquer the wilderness and found substantial homes for those who came after them. The Baker family was prominent in early days, as it is now, and one of its best known representatives is Edward Baker, of Clear Lake Township, a successful farmer of the county. Mr. Baker was born in that township, November 28, 1853, a son of Alvin and Hester (Hornbaker) Baker, and grandson of the grand old pioneer, Jacob Baker. The latter was one of the very early settlers of the county, who during the Black Hawk War defended his home from the attacks of the hostile Indians, serving as a valiant soldier. He came from Kentucky, where he had become experienced in Indian warfare and in overcoming pioneer difficulties, so that the Illinois wilderness had no terrors for him. The good man lived to see many changes and died respected by a large circle of friends.

Alvin Baker located in Clear Lake Township when the land was in a wild state. He was a native of Illinois and was always loyal to it. His wife was a native of Pennsylvania and survives her husband who died many years ago, on his farm. She has attained the age of seventy-four years and is in good health. She and her husband had three children, all sons, and one, Alonzo, is also a farmer of Clear Lake Township.

Edward Baker was educated in his native township, attending the country schools, and at the same time worked to assist his father. Until his marriage he was a farmer, but then

embarked in a milk business that engaged his attention for five years. In 1902 he established himself in a grocery business in Springfield, where he had operated his milk and dairy enterprise, and remained in it until 1908, when he located on his present farm. His property comprises ninety-four acres of as rich farming land as can be found in all of Sangamon County, and he is raising a general crop, with a good grade of stock. Owing to his early training, he is a practical farmer, who understands thoroughly every detail of his work and is thus enabled to make it pay a good return on his investment.

The marriage of Mr. Baker took place in the township in which he now resides, May 28, 1876, to Delcena Bell Snodgrass, born in the township, where her mother still resides. The Snodgrass family also early located in the county. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker: Nora, wife of Frank Wallace, of Springfield; Bertha, Mrs. Bashaw, resides with her father; Claude resides at home, and two who are deceased. The one grandchild, Velma Bashaw, resides with her mother at the home of Mr. Baker and is her grandfather's pet. The political affiliations of Mr. Baker are with the Republican party, and while he has been earnest in his support of its principles and candidates, he has not permitted the use of his name on the ticket, preferring to exert his influence as a private citizen.

The secret of Mr. Baker's success in life has been that he has never shirked the duty that lay nearest his hand, but performed it as well as lay in his power. As his carefully accumulated savings permitted, he has made wise investments, that have turned out successfully, and is now in comfortable circumstances. His children have been carefully reared, given every advantage that lay within his power, and fitted to cope with the realities of life. Quiet and unassuming, he has made many friends, while he has never failed to gain the confidence and respect of all with whom he has been associated.

BAKER, Edward Dickinson. (Vol. I. p. 33.)

BAKER, Edward L. (Vol. I, p. 32.)

BAKER, George C., one of Sangamon County's representative men and a leading agriculturist of his county, is carrying on operations on a 705-acre tract of land which is located on Section 17, Township 13, Range 4 West, Pawnee, Township, and is known as the Old Pawnee Indian Camp Grounds. Mr. Baker was born on the farm on which he now lives and where he has spent all his life, February 4, 1860, a son of Michael and Fannie (Hinkle) Baker. Mr. Baker's grandfather on the paternal side was a native of Bavaria, Germany, whence he came to the United States, and died in Sangamon County, Ill. His grandfather on the maternal side was one of Sangamon County's earliest settlers, a native of Virginia and a soldier during the Black Hawk War. Michael Baker was born in Germany and was six years old when he accompanied his parents to the United States. They first settled in St. Louis, Mo., but a few years later removed to Springfield, Ill., locating on what was known as the old Leland farm. Shortly afterwards, however, they came to the present home of George C. Baker, and there Michael Baker was engaged in farming until 1890, at which time he retired and went to Springfield, and he and his wife now reside at the corner of Fourth and Allen Streets in that city. Mr. Baker was married in February, 1859, to Fannie Hinkle, and to them there were born two children: George C. and John W., the latter of whom died when one year old, in 1862.

George C. Baker started his education in the public schools of Pawnee, Ill., and during the years 1880 and 1881 attended business college at Jacksonville, Ill. He has lived at home all his life and worked for his father until his marriage, at which time he took charge of the farm, his father retiring. His land is in an excellent state of cultivation, yielding large crops, and Mr. Baker operates it scientifically, having studied much along these lines, as he is a firm believer in new methods. This farm was once the camping grounds of the Pawnee Indian tribe, and even now arrow heads and other interesting relics are often found during the plowing season.

Mr. Baker is a member of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Loyal Americans. With his family he attends the Methodist Church. In political matters he has always voted for the man rather than the party, but, other things being equal, favors the Prohibitionists. He has always been ready and willing to give of his means or time to help forward any movement which he believes will be of assistance in building up or advancing his community in any way, and has been willing to serve his township in the office of School Director.

On August 24, 1881, Mr. Baker was married, at Divernon, Ill., by the Rev. Knowles, to Alice Dodds who was born at Divernon, February 14, 1860, a daughter of Ewing F. and Paulina K. (Fletcher) Dodds. Mr. Dodds was born in Sangamon County, Ill., and after a long life spent in agricultural pursuits, died in October, 1880. His widow, who was born in 1837, is now residing with Mr. Baker. Mrs. Baker's grandparents were natives of Kentucky and it is a matter of record that her grandmother rode horseback from Kentucky to Illinois when a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baker there have been born four children, of whom three died in infancy. The surviving child is Chester D., who was born on the home farm August 6, 1887, and who, since completing his educational training, has been working for his father. He is unmarried. The Baker and Dodds families are old and prominent in Sangamon County, and members of both are held in the highest esteem throughout that section.

BAKER, Martin E., Jr.—The Baker family has every reason to be proud of its record among the pioneers of Sangamon County, for since 1828 it has been represented there, and ever since that date its representatives have labored to advance the material and intellectual development of this part of the State. One of the members of the family who is numbered among the substantial farmers and stockmen of Illiopolis Township, is Martin E. Baker, Jr., born in the township December 25, 1860. He is a son of Martin E. Baker, Sr., born January 27, 1820, near Carlisle, Ky. In 1828 he was brought by his parents to Sangamon County and in 1831 location was made in Rochester Township. Still later Christian County became the family home, but upon his marriage, in 1852, Mr. Baker returned to Sangamon County, to take up his residence in Illiopolis Township, where he lived until his death, April 22, 1911. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Catherine Williams, was born in 1826 near Hagerstown, Md., and died February 16, 1880. Eight children were born of this marriage: James, Horace, Martin, Charles, Cornelia, Margaret, Nancy and Florence. Mr. Baker was a farmer all his life and sometimes was very successful. One of the last law cases of Abraham Lincoln was defending Mr. Baker in a contest for possession of some land. When Mr. Baker asked Mr. Lincoln what he thought the outcome would be, the great man gave one of his characteristic replies: "Mr. Baker, God Almighty can't tell what those twelve men will do."

Martin E. Baker Jr. was educated in the common schools of his township, and continued farming all his life, preferring that occupation to any other. He bought his present farm about 1907, and expects to make it one of the model properties of this locality. His modern house contains thirteen rooms, and is surrounded by a large lawn, with a rock and iron fence. The farm is called Maple Hill Stock Farm, and he prides himself on the quality of his stock. His land is very productive, in 1910 his corn crop averaging 125 bushels to the acre, while some of the land produced 130 bushels per acre. He has thirteen acres in fine apple trees. This farm is in what is known as the geographical center of the State, where Gov. Duncan drove the stake for a town site, intending building the capital there, and came within two votes of getting it there.

On March 22, 1905, Mr. Baker was married in Illiopolis, to Ida Bell Roberts, born November 16, 1868, in Illiopolis Township, daughter of William P. and Mary E. (Boyd) Roberts, the former born in Schuyler County, Ill., January 26, 1830, and the latter being a daughter of Milton Boyd. Mrs. Baker is the youngest of nine children born to her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Baker became parents of three children, two of whom died in infancy, the one living being Catherine Elizabeth, born October 22, 1908.

Mr. Baker has been School Director and Road Commissioner and served acceptably in both capacities. He and his wife belong to the Christian Church. For eight years he has been a Knight of Pythias and for twelve years a modern Woodman. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Baker served for three years as President of the Illiopolis Bank, is now its Vice-president and one of the Directors, and owns stock in two grain elevators. He is one of the live, progressive men of his township and one who is very ambitious to carry out the many plans he has made for a long and useful future.

Mr. Baker's grandfather was the first white child born in Nicholas County, Ky. His great-grandfather was a companion of Daniel Boone, and they fought Indians together. He was in the War of 1812.

BAKER, Peter, a substantial and respected citizen of Springfield, was born in Baskingridge, N. J., September 23, 1844, a son of George and Sophia (Kunz) Baker, the former born at New Byern, Germany, January 2, 1824, and the latter in Alsace, Germany, April 12, 1817. The father was a blacksmith by trade and came to the United States in 1839, living ten years in New Jersey. In 1849 George Baker moved West and located in Springfield, making the trip to that city from Peoria overland. He worked two years in J. C. Lamb's foundry, two years for Mr. Henkel, and then lived for two years on a farm near the city, after which he bought a farm in the McKinney Settlement and lived there several years. He then moved to Riverton, where he lived fourteen years, spent a year in Springfield and then moved with his son Jacob to a farm west of the city, where he died.

The education of Peter Baker was received in Springfield subscription schools and he worked on his father's farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he learned the trade o carpenter, which he has since followed. He was employed many years by the Illinois Watch Company and was later employed by Des Noyer Shoe Company. When first locating in Springfield the family lived on West Reynolds Street five years, then lived on a farm on the Jacksonville Road two years, and then moved to the McKinney Settlement, after which Peter Baker moved to Springfield and has since made that city his home. In his youth he used to go swimming in Spring Creek near Hickox Mill, with Abraham Lincoln, and has played marbles with the latter's son, Robert Lincoln.

Mr. Baker married, at Springfield, February 1, 1866, Miss Christina Danner, who was born May 19, 1844, daughter of Andrew and Martha Danner, the former born in 1808 and the latter in 1827. Mr. Danner and his wife came from Germany, and lived for a time in Pittsburg, Pa., where Mr. Danner worked at his trade of blacksmith. Later they moved to Illinois and he worked at his trade at Mt. Pulaski.

Children were born to Mr. Baker and his wife as follows: John F., born October 4, 1868;

Anna M., wife of Henry Ladager, a farmer living near Divernon, Ill.; Lena P., wife of James Vandervoort, living at 520 West Carpenter Street, Springfield; Peter A., a carpenter, living on West Reynolds Street; Mary C., wife of Ralph Locher, living on West Carpenter Street; Elizabeth, living at home. Fourteen grandchildren were born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker, and all live in Sangamon County.

In politics Mr. Baker is a Democrat and he is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Fraternally he belongs to Camp No. 872, M. W. A., of Cantrall, Ill., and to Carpenters' Union No. 16. He is a skilled workman and has been successful at his chosen trade. He is a man of industrious and sober habits and has been able to accumulate some real estate, owning a beautiful residence at 321 West Carpenter Street, which has been the family home for the past forty-one years. He has many warm personal friends and is considered a useful, representative citizen.

BAKER, Richard, a veteran of the Civil war and for the past five years custodian in charge of the Chautauqua Society grounds at Mechanicsburg, Ill., is a native of Lincoln County, Ky., born April 9, 1833, a son of Henry and Sallie (Martin) Baker, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Georgia. The former was a farmer by occupation and in an early day moved from Tennessee to Kentucky. There he carried on farming many years, then removed to Vermilion County, Ill., where he again took up farming, and later located in Sangamon County. He died on a farm near Auburn. His father, John Baker, was a soldier of the War of 1812. Seven sons and three daughters were born to Henry Baker and wife, of whom four sons and one daughter now survive: namely: Richard; Thomas, a retired farmer residing at Buffalo, Ill.; John, living in the West; Perry, living near Jacksonville, and Mrs. Susan Marion, living on a farm near Jacksonville.

Richard Baker was a small child when the family came to Illinois and he received most of his education in Sangamon County. He worked for his father until he enlisted, from Mechanicsburg, in Company A, Seventy-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Smith, later serving under Captain Cross, now of Mechanicsburg. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., June 12, 1865, having served nearly three years and taken part in twenty-three battles. At the battle of Chickamauga where several thousand men were slain in seven hours, Mr. Baker was wounded. He bore himself with credit to himself and company, and at the close of his service returned to Mechanicsburg and engaged in farming, which occupation he has since followed successfully, in connection with his duties at the Chautauqua grounds.

Mr. Baker was married, at Arcola, Ill., January 28, 1856, to Lucina Sanders, a native of Vigo County, Ind., her parents being early settlers of Coles County, Ill., and farmers by occupation. Mr. Baker and his wife had two children, both of whom died in infancy, and Mrs. Baker died in 1857. In October, 1866, Mr. Baker married (second) Mrs. Jane Sargent, Rulliford, who was born in London, England, and to this union three children were born, all of whom are deceased, and the mother of these children died in 1870. In November, 1893, Mr. Baker married (third) Mary Bullock, born near Greencastle, Ind., whose parents are deceased, and no children were born of this union.

Mr. Baker is a substantial and much respected citizen of Mechanicsburg, where he owns some property. He is a member of the Christian Church and in politics is a Republican. He belongs to the G. A. R. Post at Buffalo. He is well known in his part of the county and has many friends. He well remembers the days when Lincoln lived in Springfield and often saw him before his election to the Presidency.

BAKER, William G., a successful business man of Springfield, Ill., successor to the firm of Power & Baker, belongs to a family that has been well known in the city since an early day. His grandfather, Hiram Baker, was a native of New York State and was an early settler of Springfield, where he became a successful contractor and builder. He furnished Government supplies during the war and died at Jacksonville, Ill., where he had lived but a short time. William G. Baker was born in Springfield, December 27, 1878, son of William D. and Rachel (Howard) Baker, the former also a native of Springfield, born in 1857.

William D. Baker worked many years at the Illinois watch factory, where he became foreman, and in later life worked twelve years as postal clerk on the Illinois Central road. He was killed in a railway accident in 1896, and his widow still resides in Springfield. Their children were: William G.; Fred, of Springfield; Ethel, Mrs. Arthur Koenigstein, of Fort Smith, Ark.; John and Roy, of Springfield.

William G. Baker received his education in the public schools of Springfield and at the age of seventeen years took up the plumbing trade, serving as apprentice five years. He worked three years as journeyman and in 1901 formed a partnership with J. T. Power, buying his partner's interest five years later. He has secured many large jobs in his line and has won a reputation for expert work and high-class goods. He is a self-made man, having embarked in the enterprise with a small capital and built up his business by degrees, through good service and business enterprise. He is considered a man of reliability and honesty and his prospects for future business prosperity are very good.

Mr. Baker was married in Springfield May 21, 1902, to Miss Nellie Whittaker, daughter of Simon and Sarah (Pendergast) Whittaker, of Springfield, and they have three children: Ethel, born in 1903, died September 30, 1910; Fred, born 1905; and William, in 1907.

BALDWIN, Wesley, a retired farmer residing at Mechanicsburg, Ill., was born in Greene County, Ind., November 17, 1832, and is a son of Elija and Rachel (Bland) Baldwin, the former born in Kentucky and the latter in Indiana. Elija Baldwin was a farmer by occupation and as a young man moved to Indiana, locating in Clark County, where he remained several years, then removed to Greene County, where he lived until 1855, then came to Illinois and settled on a farm in Christian County, where he remained until his death. His wife also died in Christian County. They were parents of four sons and three daughters, of whom Wesley is the only survivor. The latter received his education in Indiana and Illinois country schools and as a young man assisted his father in the work of carrying on the farm.

Until 1868 Wesley Baldwin carried on a farm in Christian County, then removed to Sangamon County and continued farming until 1898, when he retired from active life and came to his present home. He owns a good piece of property in Mechanicsburg and is one of that town's most respected citizens. He was successful as a farmer and is a useful, public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Baldwin was married (first) in Fulton County, in 1866, to Lucinda Baldwin, who was not a relative, although bearing the same surname. She was a native of Missouri and died in 1875, having borne her husband three sons, who survive, and one daughter, who is deceased. The former are: Fred R., a resident of Louisville, Ill.; Edward, of South Dakota; Alonzo, also of South Dakota. Mr. Baldwin married (second) January 2, 1878, at St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Sarah A. (Kelly) Holmes, born in Missouri, January 15, 1830, daughter of William Kelly and his wife, the former born in Ireland and the latter in Germany. Mr. Kelly came to America as a young man and first located in Sangamon County, but a short time later removed to Missouri and spent two years there, after which he returned to Mechanicsburg Township, where he spent the remainder of his life on a farm. The mother died in Kansas, where she had gone for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were parents of seven sons and eleven daughters, of whom eight daughters now survive. Mr. Kelly enlisted from Springfield for service in the Civil War, in Company A, Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, served three years, then was taken sick, was brought home and soon afterward died. Two of his sons served in the same company and both were killed in service. Mr. Kelly was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, with whom he worked and split rails. Mrs. Baldwin was also personally acquainted with the Lincoln family and visited the home many times. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin became parents of two children and of these only one survives, Dovey, wife of Samuel Farmer, a blacksmith of Mechanicsburg. Mrs. Baldwin's first husband was James H. Holmes, by whom she had nine children, of whom six are now living: Elizabeth, Tilda, William, Sarah, John, Joseph (now residing in California); Elizabeth married Reuben Benedict, custodian of the cemetery at Mechanicsburg; Tilda is wife of Samuel T. Metcalf, a farmer of Mechanicsburg Township; William is a farmer near Blue Mound, Ill.; Sarah is the wife of Clement Murphy, also a farmer of Mechanicsburg Township; John is also a farmer of the same township. There are eleven grandchildren in the family and two great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin are members of the Christian Church, and in politics he is a Republican.

BALE, William Jacob.—The younger generation of farmers is setting an example in agricultural work to those of an older day. One of the progressive young men engaged in farming is William Jacob Bale, of Section 26, New Berlin Township, born near Allendale, Green County, Ky., the oldest post-office in the State, August 16, 1874, a son of John Elliot and Susan (Close) Bale, both natives of Green County, although of New Jersey Dutch Revolutionary stock. The paternal great-grandfather came from northern New Jersey to Green County, Ky., where he conducted a grist-mill and saw-mill on Brush Creek, the structure standing for one hundred years, when, in the summer of 1910, a new mill was built on its site, by Barney Marcum. This ancestor was one of the pioneers of Kentucky and a most excellent man, whose efforts to rid the country of Indians made him well known. His son and grandson were also prosperous, becoming well known in Green County. John E. Bale was brought up in this county, where he still resides, and in which his eight children were born, seven of whom survive: William J.; Peter R., on the old home; Katie, wife of Charles Woodward, a farmer of Shelby County, Ill.; Alice Mary, wife of Frank Scott, a farmer of Green County, Ky.; Dennie E., wife of Will Scott, a farmer of Green County, Ky.; John Lewis, on the home farm; Ernest Lee died at the age of six years; Carrie Ann, wife of Frank Howell, also on the old farm. All of these children have been carefully educated, and brought up to habits of thrift and industry, and all are members of the Baptist Church, although the family originally were connected with the Presbyterian denomination. Mr. Bale is a Democrat in his political faith.

William Jacob Bale attended district school and worked on the farm, and, being the eldest, much was required of him. He remained at home until his marriage, on August 23, 1893, to Maranda Jane Marcum, daughter of Greenbery Marcum and his wife, Rebecca (Trent) Marcum, the former also a native of Green County, Ky., while the mother was born in Breckenridge County, but is now deceased. The children by this marriage were: Nannie B., wife of James Bell, a farmer of Green County, Ky.; Mrs. Bale; John M. died in infancy. Mrs. Bale was born March 13, 1877, in Green County. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bale rented

land in Green County but, although successful, he felt that there was more opportunity in Illinois, so in November, 1897, they left their old home to move to Pike County, Ill., where he went to work on a farm by the month. In the fall of 1902 he came to Sangamon County, engaging for five years with William Kerr, but in 1907 he rented 160 acres on Section 26, New Berlin Township, where he has been producing bountiful crops. He takes pride in keeping up the property, and has so improved it that it is now one of the best-kept farms in the township. Mr. Bale is raising the best breed of Duroc-Jersey registered hogs, averaging from forty to fifty head annually. He also has five fine horses and is a modern farmer and stock-raiser in every respect.

Mr. and Mrs. Bale are the parents of seven children: Arthur Green, born July 31, 1894; Rebecca S., born August 17, 1896; George William, born August 24, 1898; Blanch Ann, born July 9, 1901; Charles G., born April 29, 1903; John E., born March 22, 1905; and May, born April 22, 1908. Mr. Bale is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, No. 531, New Berlin. While not a member of any church, both he and his wife attend the Baptist Church. Politically he is a Democrat and interested in the progress of his party. He and his wife have many friends here whom they are happy to entertain with true Southern hospitality.

BALL, Theodore Kellogg.—There are few men who, having made a success in one of the learned professions, turn to business fields and there achieve equal prominence, yet this is what Theodore Kellogg Ball has done. He is one of the representative contracting carpenters of Springfield, but at one time was a successful attorney. He was born near Perry, in Pike County, Ill., July 10, 1848, a son of Gideon O. and Delia A. (Kellogg) Ball. The father was born in Fredonia, N. Y., while the mother was born near Perry. By occupation the father was a carpenter and he came to Pike County, Ill., in 1847, continuing to make it his home until his death. For over five years he was a soldier in the regular army, participating in the Florida battles and other engagements against the Indians. Of the three children born to himself and wife Theodore K. is the eldest, the others being, Emma and Lydia A. Emma became the wife of John J. T. Ball and lives at Fredonia, N. Y., he being a conductor on the traction system, while Lydia A. was married and died July 25, 1906.

Theodore Kellogg Ball was educated in a country school near Perry, but left it at the age of eleven years to work on a farm owned by his step-father, his mother having married Uriah Elledge after the death of Mr. Ball. Here he remained until he was nineteen years old. At that time he went to Griggsville, Ill., to engage in a transfer business, continuing in it from 1867 to 1872, this being the first enterprise of its kind in the town. In the latter year he became traveling salesman for the Singer Manufacturing Company, remaining with this concern until the spring of 1876, when he entered the Sheriff's office at Pittsfield, the county seat of Pike County. After four years of faithful service he became salesman for a firm in Pittsfield, with Pike and surrounding counties as his territory, handling agricultural implements for two years. In 1883 he was made Chief of Police at Griggsville and held that office until 1888. During his incumbency of it he studied law and in 1888 was elected City Attorney, with offices at Griggsville. After two years in that office he began taking an active part in politics, receiving an appointment through Secretary of State Hendricks during the Altgeld administration, and was at the capital from 1893 to 1897, since which time he has been a contracting carpenter.

Mr. Ball was married on September 17, 1867, to Anna Cadwell, born in Griggsville, March 1, 1853, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Carroll) Cadwell. The latter was a direct descendant of Charles Carroll, whose name appears as one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Cadwell had four children: Elizabeth, who died when sixteen years old; John; William C., of Washington, and Mrs. Ball. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ball, ten of whom survive: Albert; Harriet E. wife of J. R. Phillips; Mary D., of St. Louis, a clerk in the Traction System; Thomas E., deceased; Florence M., Daisy, Noble, Maude, Theodore E.; I. J., deceased; John W., and J. Frank. Mr. Ball is a Democrat. He belongs to the Christian Church. He is a member of the Carpenters' local union, in which he holds office. The pleasant family home on West Carpenter Street was built by him.

BANCROFT, George Robert, a lifelong resident of Springfield, Ill., was born in that city, April 25, 1843. Mr. Bancroft has lived retired many years, and though unable to take an active part in affairs on account of his invalidism, he is still keenly interested in what is taking place in the community and in the outside world, and through the medium of the newspapers keeps in touch with current events and issues. He is well known in Springfield and has many warm friends who greatly enjoy his companionship. He is best known as a veteran of the Civil War, in which he made a record of which he is justly proud. Mr. Bancroft is a son of Jonathan Coburn and Frances S. (Stone) Bancroft, natives respectively, of St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and Vermont. His great-grandfather, Colonel Philip Stone, commanded Vermont Militia in the Revolutionary War and the Stone family were prominent in early Vermont history. The Bancroft family were early settlers in New York and George R. Bancroft is a third cousin of George Bancroft, the historian.

Jonathan C. Bancroft at one time conducted a brick-making plant at Springfield, Ill. He had emigrated to Michigan and in 1827 to Illinois,

where the remainder of his life was spent. His wife came to Springfield from Vermont in 1831, and there spent the remainder of her life. They were parents of three children.

George R. Bancroft spent his childhood just outside of Springfield and received his education in the public schools. After leaving school he engaged in newspaper work and afterwards in various other occupations. December 16, 1863, Mr. Bancroft enlisted at Springfield, in Company G, Tenth Illinois Cavalry, serving until July 7, 1865. During part of his service he was under the command of General Steele Reynolds in Sheridan's cavalry. Among the interesting experiences he relates is that of the time when his regiment was engaged with bushwhackers near Bayou Des Arc, in Arkansas, July 8, 1864, when, out of the two hundred fifteen men who took part in the skirmish on the Union side, but one hundred and fifteen escaped, and Mr. Bancroft was the only unmounted man who got away safely. He made a good record as a soldier and did his full duty in defence of the cause for which he had enlisted his services. He had many narrow escapes and slept many nights in the woods alone. He was highly esteemed by his comrades, who recognized his bravery and true worth.

At one time, in 1864, Mr. Bancroft was sent out with a scouting party, consisting of 350 men, under Captain Bates, and they were sent to Hickory Plains, Ark., to capture a party of bushwhackers, but the latter made their way into woods so dense that they made their escape. Upon returning to camp they fed their horses and prepared to spend the night, and as it was raining Mr. Bancroft took shelter in a corn crib, where he soon fell asleep. His companions left the vicinity and forgot to arouse him, so that when he awoke he found himself in the midst of a gang of bushwhackers, who supposed it was some trick of the Yankees. He started away from them and when he had proceeded about 300 yards he was followed, but coming to a sharp turn in the road took to the timber and walked about two miles in the woods, when he was safe from further pursuit. He was then about thirty-five miles from Little Rock, and after spending all night and the next day in the woods came out at Grand Prairie, where he found another gang of bushwhackers, but the grass was high enough so he was not discovered. He took a wrong road while trying to reach Little Rock and the trip was thus made longer for him. At sundown, having traveled nearly all day, he came to the railroad and, proceeding to walk along the tracks, was arrested by a Union picket as a spy. He was subjected to some two hours of questioning by the Colonel of the regiment (an Ohio one), in spite of his blue uniform, and finally was cleared of suspicion, given supper and a bed, and eventually returned to his own company, where he had been reported by his former comrades as captured by bushwhackers.

At one time Mr. Bancroft and three comrades were given a pass to hunt for hogs, but warned not to go more than two miles from camp. When they were some distance away Mr. Bancroft asked the others not to proceed farther away from the camp, but as they refused to keep within the prescribed limits, he remained with them and they were about nine miles away when they shot three hogs in a field. They were there surprised by a gang of about thirty-five bushwhackers, who fired upon them, but they all made their escape, though Mr. Bancroft became separated from the others in the confusion and haste of their departure from the scene. Two holes had been shot through his clothes and a hole cut in his saddle, but he was uninjured. His companions, who returned safely to their company, on account of their passes, reported Mr. Bancroft as killed in the encounter, and when he reached the Union lines he was again arrested by the picket on duty, but soon rejoined his command.

July 7, 1864, the day before the incident previously mentioned as taking place near Bayou Des Arc, after darkness had settled down on the camp, several men being on picket duty, one on vidette duty and six on post, Mr. Bancroft warned the corporal of suspicious noises near them and asked that the five men who lay asleep on the ground should be awakened. However, though Mr. Bancroft believed it was the enemy, the corporal insisted it was nothing more than cattle or hogs, and refused to give the alarm. Just then fifty Confederate soldiers made a charge in the darkness and captured the corporal and all the men except the man on vidette and Mr. Bancroft, the two latter mingling with the enemy and making their escape through reason of the darkness. They then fired their carbines and help soon arrived, but not before the enemy had taken the prisoners away. They had also taken Mr. Bancroft's horse and he was afterwards given a mule to ride.

Soon after his enlistment and before he had learned much of military life, Mr. Bancroft drew a new rifle and ammunition, and being advised by an old soldier to practice by firing at a tree, put up a target of paper and proceeded to try his skill. This was strictly against the rules and three hundred yards away was a picket post of infantry, and after several shots had been fired among them they lay down on the ground to be out of danger. They captured Mr. Bancroft and he was put in jail at Little Rock by the Provost Marshal. However, the veteran who had got him into the trouble explained matters, and Mr. Bancroft was released.

At the time of the secession of the Southern States Mr. Bancroft was working at the office of the State Journal in Springfield, carrying dispatches from the telegraph office to the office of the paper, and while performing this duty carried the news of the secession of the various States as they came in. He took many dispatches to Governor Yates at the Revere House, and often delivered them as late as twelve

o'clock at night. Mr. Bancroft also worked six weeks, in 1861, in the bullet department of the old armory on North Fifth Street, Springfield. Upon returning to Springfield at the close of the war, he was unable to engage in any manual labor, being badly crippled in his lower limbs as a result of scurvy, and since then has been a semi-invalid. In 1862 he was employed by the Government as driver of an ammunition wagon, under General Herron.

Mr. Bancroft is liberal in his religious views and espouses the cause of the Prohibition party, having voted that ticket for twenty years.

BANSBACH, Joseph, whose successful career as a grocer demonstrates what can be accomplished by a man if he be industrious and possess a thorough knowledge of business methods. Mr. Bansbach was born in Baden, Germany, March 18, 1860, a son of Wilhelm and Frances (Golahn) Bansbach, natives of Germany, the former born February 29, 1836, and the latter in Baden. The father was a farmer, who spent his life in his native land, and died there in August, 1885, his widow surviving until January, 1889. They were devout members of the Roman Catholic Church and had the following children: Joseph; Theresa, wife of Kilian Krinn; Peter, of Germany; Mary, wife of Louis Hemberger, of Springfield; Helen, wife of August Rechner, living at the corner of Twelfth and Reynolds Streets, Springfield.

Joseph Bansbach was educated in the schools of Germany and worked for his father until he came to the United States in 1885, when he was twenty-five years old. He first worked as a teamster for the Reisch Brewing Company, of Springfield, but in January, 1892, established his present store and has continued to handle a general line of groceries, controlling a large trade.

On July 15, 1885, Mr. Bansbach was married, in Springfield, to Anna Repp, born in Germany, June 10, 1862, daughter of Anton and Mary (Eck) Repp natives of Germany, who had six children. Mr. and Mrs. Bansbach have had five children: Mary, Valentine, Rose, Otto and Pauline. Mr. Bansbach belongs to the Western Catholic Union, St. Vincent's, and Loyal Americans, and carries United States accident insurance. His religious affiliations are with the Catholic Church. He owns his business property, as well as his home, and is in comfortable circumstances. Possessing traits of character, characteristic of the German, Mr. Bansbach has gone steadily forward, always industriously and thriftily making his money earn a good interest. He is genial and kind-hearted and makes friends, not only among his customers, but wherever he is known, and is one of the substantial men of Springfield.

BARBRE, William E., commercial salesman, formerly a resident of Sangamon County, but now of North Dakota, is one of the men who helped to develop the agricultural regions of this locality. He was born in the county January 5, 1859, being a son of James L. and Lucinda (Dixon) Barbre, natives of Indiana, where he was born March 4, 1834, and she September 6, 1833. The father came to Sangamon County at a very early day, entering land and farming. He married there, continuing his farming until his retirement, when he went to Taylorville, where he now resides, aged seventy-seven years. His wife is also living. There were nine children in the family, of whom four survive: William E.; Mrs. Minnie Marshall, of Colorado; Mrs. Hattie Wade, of Springfield, and Mrs. Georgia Search, also of Springfield.

Mr. Barbre was educated in the schools of the county and assisted his father on the farm, until he attained his majority, when he began farming for himself. He continued this line of work until 1900, when he engaged with the Racine Sattley Company, as traveling salesman, with headquarters in North Dakota. He belongs to the United Brethren Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

On September 3, 1879, Mr. Barbre was married in Mechanicsburg, to Flora A. Jacobs, born March 6, 1860, in this county, being a daughter of Adam and Lucinda (Garren) Jacobs, natives of Sangamon and Jefferson Counties, Ill. Mr. Jacobs was a farmer, dying in 1869, but his widow survived him until 1904. There were two sons and one daughter in the family, and but two survive. Mrs. Barbre died April 3, 1896, having been a devoted wife and mother. She had borne her husband seven daughters and one son, three of whom died in infancy, those living being: Mrs. Pearl Grubb, wife of Gordon Grubb, of Mechanicsburg; Jesse, of Delaware, Okla.; Grace, wife of Charles Bell, of Lanesville; Flora, a resident of Mechanicsburg, and Fern, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Garren. There are five living grandchildren in the family.

BARKLEY, James Henry.—The military record of Springfield equals that of any in the country, and the city and State have furnished as many noted soldiers in our last two wars, as can be boasted of in any territory of like size. One of the best known figures in military circles in the State, whose reputation is not, however, confined to Illinois alone, is Gen. James Henry Barkley, veteran of both the Civil and Spanish-American wars, and now Deputy United States Marshal. General Barkley was born February 17, 1844, on a farm near Lexington, Ky., a son of Robert Lee and Harriet (Boyd) Barkley, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively.

The Barkley family originally came from Ireland, and has been an unusually long-lived one, the General's great-great-grandfather reaching the age of one hundred and two years; his grandfather ninety-six years, and his father eighty-six years. Robert Lee Barkley owned plantations in Gibson County, Tennessee, raising cotton and tobacco, but later moved to Jackson, Miss., where he was engaged in railroad con-

tracting, subsequently becoming a railroad official. In 1857 he came to Springfield, and engaged in farming until his retirement, his death occurring in that city. Mr. Barkley was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican, but never desired public office.

James Henry Barkley received his early education in the schools of Jackson, Miss., and later attended the institution at Pleasant Hill, where Supt. John L. Wilson was his instructor. He left this school at the age of eighteen years, to enlist in Company G, one Hundred Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served on General Bucklin's staff, being in charge of his mounted orderlies. After being mustered out of the service in 1865, he returned to Springfield and engaged in the house-furnishing business with John McCreery, whose son now conducts the St. Nicholas Hotel. Later, this partnership was dissolved, and Gen. Barkley engaged in the same business with Isaac Nutt, whom he subsequently bought out, the firm name becoming J. H. Barkley & Company. Some years later, he took as partner his son-in-law, Mr. P. M. Lax, a sketch of whose life will be found in another part of this volume. This connection continued until 1898, when Pres. McKinley appointed Mr. Barkley Brigadier-General during the Spanish-American War. He reported to General Fitzhugh Lee, and remained until after Dewey's memorable victory, when he returned to Springfield and became connected with the Culver Construction Company as Superintendent, and while serving in this capacity tore down, and rebuilt the Lincoln monument. He was later, appointed Crier of the United States Court by Judge J. O. Humphrey, and subsequently became United States Deputy Marshal, in which position he is now serving. In 1868, General Barkley was one of the organizers of the Governor's Guard, being made Lieutenant, later First Lieutenant, then Captain of Battery B, and finally Colonel of the Fifth Regiment, which rank he held until he was appointed Brigadier-General by Gov. Fifer. He was senior officer, and mobilized the troops, naming the camp "Camp Tanner." He commanded a brigade and division, under Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, and after his service was completed, he resigned his commission.

Gen. Barkley is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias. He passed through the chairs of Capital Lodge No. 14, was elected Grand Outer Guard at Peoria, went through the chairs of the Grand Lodge, and was elected Grand Chancellor at Quincy, serving one term. At Rock Island, he put the movement for a Pythian Home on its feet, and a year later, was elected Supreme Representative without being a candidate. At Milwaukee, he was elected Brigadier-General of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, and has been reelected every four years since. He is now Senior General of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias of the World. In his political belief, Gen. Barkley is a Republican.

On Christmas Day, 1865, Gen. Barkley was united in marriage with Emily Helen DeCamp, a daughter of John and Malinda (Orr) DeCamp, natives of Virginia and Illinois, respectively, both of whom are deceased. To General and Mrs. Barkley, there have been born three children: Cora Belle, the widow of Prosser M. Lax; James Howard, who died aged four months; and Kennia W., who married Jessie Green and resides in Chicago, being connected with Marshall Field & Company.

BARNES, Carey E.—There is no profession that carries with it more dignity, or calls for more reliability from its members than that of the law. From it, come the men who are called to guide the Ship of State; through it, the basis on which the country stands, is set, and its members are everywhere called upon to protect the weak, as well as dispense justice to the strong. Carey E. Barnes, of Springfield, is a type in the profession that has furnished some of our strongest men; the type that was born and bred on the farm, later becoming a country school teacher, and after a long and hard struggle, during which the strictest economy and frugality had to be practiced, finally was admitted to the Bar and subsequently achieved success.

Carey E. Barnes was born at Litchfield, Ill., January 21, 1865, a son of Walter J. and Nancy (Willian) Barnes. Walter J. Barnes was a native of New York State, but as a young man, decided that he could find more opportunities in the West. He subsequently came to Illinois, where he was married to Nancy Willian, and they settled in Litchfield. For a number of years Mr. Barnes was engaged as a car dresser, in the shops of the Big Four Railroad Company, but later he purchased a farm and lived there until his death, in 1905, his property being located near Edinburg, Ill.

The boyhood of Carey E. Barnes was spent much as that of any other farmer's son, but he was a boy with ambition far above that of the average youth, and he embraced every opportunity that presented itself, to gain a good education. After a term of years in the district schools of his locality, he spent three years in the Northern Indiana Normal School, at Valparaiso, Ind., and in order to earn enough to get a law education, he taught in the country schools four years. He then took up the study of his profession with the law firm of Conkling & Crout, and was admitted to practice at the Bar in 1892, at which time he formed a partnership with John S. Schnepp, the present Mayor of Springfield, who wrote the "Municipal History of Springfield," appearing in the historical section of this work. The firm operated under the name of Schnepp & Barnes. In 1899, Mr. Barnes was elected to the office of City Attorney, and shortly thereafter formed a new connection, his partner being Hon. James A. Connolly, under the firm name, Connolly & Barnes. Mr. Connolly is the contributor of the history of

the "Bench and Bar of Sangamon County," which appears in this work. Mr. Barnes served as Clerk of the House of Representatives, of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, at Springfield. In every connection, he has shown himself to be a man of the strictest integrity, and his record as a citizen and public official is one of which any man need not be ashamed.

In 1894, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage with Jennie E. Simpson, of Springfield, Ill., daughter of Mark Simpson, of Decatur Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, there have been born, two children, Elsie and Jennie. Fraternally, Mr. Barnes is connected with the B. P. O. E., the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Court of Honor, in all of which organizations, he is extremely popular.

BARNES, John, who has been a resident of Springfield for more than a quarter of a century, has been connected with mining operations most of his active life. He is a native of Harrington, Cumberland County, England, born January 5, 1850, a son of William and Annie (Shepley) Barnes, natives of the same place, the father born in 1815 and the mother in 1820. The father was an ocean sailor and he and his wife died in England, he in 1890 and she in 1869. For several generations the Barnes family had followed the sea, the grandfather of John Barnes, also named John, and the great-grandfather, who bore the same Christian name, being sailors, and the last-mentioned later becoming a fisherman and living to the advanced age of one hundred years.

Six children were born to William and Annie Barnes, of whom John was the oldest, the other five being: Martha, wife of Richard Hall, of England; Isabel, wife of William Beel, a wealthy farmer of Wyoming; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Horton, a wealthy farmer living near Des Moines, Iowa; Polly, wife of Robert Muldue, a farmer living in England; Henderson, of Athens, Ill.

John Barnes received his education in his native country and when a young man began to work on the water. In 1881 he came to America in search of an opportunity to better his condition, spent a short time in Brazil, Ind., then made a visit to his home and returned to the United States during the year 1884. He then settled in Springfield, where he has since resided. He became interested in mining and worked in the vicinity of Springfield in various capacities in connection with various mines, proving his ability for this kind of work. He won a reputation for stability and fidelity to his employers, and until recently was employed as mine superintendent by the Riverton Coal Company. He has formed many friendships and is genuinely esteemed by his associates. August 7, 1903, he embarked for England, where he visited relatives for a time, and returned much benefited by his trip.

On February 13, 1870, Mr. Barnes was married in the Church of England, at Sholton, England, by Rev. Frederick Warwick, to Annie Gray, a native of that place, born March 13, 1852, daughter of Thomas and Bessie (Shepler) Gray, both natives of Sholton, the father born in 1812 and the mother in 1814, and the latter died in England, December 13, 1868. Mrs. Barnes induced her father, Thomas Gray, to come to the United States in 1888, and he settled at Athens, Menard County, Ill., where he remained until his death in 1901. He and his wife were parents of four children: Jane, married (first) Robert Shipp, and after his death married as her second husband, John Brooks; George, of England; John came to America with his father and his death ocurred at Athens, Ill., May 4, 1905; Mrs. Barnes.

Five daughters and ten sons were born to Mr. Barnes and wife of whom four daughters and three sons now survive: Thomas, born February 26, 1874, is a well-to-do farmer of Middletown, Ill.; Joseph, born May 3, 1876, also a farmer at that place; Henderson, born February 4, 1883, a miner, who lives at home; Lizzie, wife of Albert Herrick, of Springfield; Susannah A., born April 2, 1889, a clerk for Waterman-Waterbury Company, lives at home; Isabel, born November 16, 1892, and Mary, born December 1, 1897, at home. There are seven grandchildren in the family. Mr. Barnes is a member of the Episcopal Church, and although taking an active interest in local affairs, has not held office and is independent in political views, lending his support to the man he considers best fitted to respect the confidence of the public. His daughter Susannah is a Sunday School teacher in the Episcopal Church.

BARNES, Robert A.—Springfield gave many of her native sons to the service of the country. The Capital City was too loyal and too enthusiastic, being the home of Lincoln and the capital of the State of Grant and Logan, for there to be any lack of soldiers to round out the full measure of enlistments. One of the men born here, who demonstrated his patriotism in this way, was Robert A. Barnes, now a retired agriculturist residing at No. 306 East Cedar Street, born January 16, 1845. He is a son of George C. and Mary Jane (Meyers) Barnes, and grandson of Gilbert Barnes, of German birth, who located in Dauphin County, Pa., and whose death occurred in Springfield, about 1849. George C. Barnes was born in Dauphin County about 1817, early in life learned the carpenter trade, and when he came to Springfield in 1840, he found ready employment, being thus engaged until 1852, when he moved to the Preston Breckenridge settlement, and from there to a farm (1855) in the southeastern part of Sangamon County, which he improved. He paid seven dollars per acre, for 120 acres. It is now worth $175 per acre. In 1860 he sold this farm at a profit, but at nothing like the figure it commands today. His wife died in 1849, and in 1851, he married Susan Hutton, of Macoupin

County. After selling his first farm, he bought eighty acres in Sand Prairie, selling it in 1866. He then moved to Ottawa, Kan., purchasing 200 acres in that vicinity, and died there in 1897. Of the three children born of the first marriage Robert A. is the only survivor. The following children, now living, were born of the second marriage: Jane, John, Edwin, Charles, Hosea, Anna, Lizzie and Arthur.

Until he was seventeen years of age, Robert A. Barnes attended the country and city schools. The first city school he attended, was in a frame house which stood near what is now the corner of Eleventh and Adams Streets. In May, 1863, he enlisted for six months as a teamster. In February, 1864, he reenlisted as a private for three years or during the war, in Company C, One Hundred Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Howe. The regiment was attached to the Seventeenth Army Corps, under General Sherman, but later transferred to the Sixteenth Army Corps, under A. J. Smith. Mr. Barnes participated in the battles of Canton, Clinton, Jackson Crossroads, Champion Hill, Mobile, and others less important. At the close of the war, Mr. Barnes returned to Springfield and began farming on his place of thirty acres in Christian County. This he sold, moving to a forty-acre farm in Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County. Until 1903, he was engaged in farming, but in that year, sold his property, moving to Springfield, which has since been his place of residence.

On March 15, 1868, occurred his marriage with Susan J. Cary, daughter of Samuel H. and Anna (Fogle) Cary, deceased. Mr. Cary was an old and highly respected farmer of Sangamon County. He married Anna Fogle, of Noble County, O., where Mrs. Barnes was born March 3, 1851. When she was six years old, her parents moved to Sangamon County, and there she attended school until she was sixteen years old She was brought up in the Methodist Church, of which she is a member, while her husband belongs to the Christian Church. The children born to them are as follows: Annie, Mrs. H. H. Snodgrass, of Springfield; Fred, of Peoria, married Linnie Ferguson; Lillie, Mrs. Harmon Haggard, of Springfield; George, of Springfield, married Pearl Adams; Emma, Mrs. Luther Jacobs, of Springfield; Mary, Mrs. John Ginther, of Edinburg, Ill.; Myrtle, Mrs. Oscar Drennan of Springfield; Maud, Mrs. Wesley Truax, of Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have twenty-one grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all living. Mr. Barnes belongs to Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., of Springfield, and to the Odd Fellows, No. 268, Rochester Lodge. In politics, he is a Republican. He is a man who has always done what he believed was his full duty, and has every reason to be proud of the record, he has made for himself in the city and county that gave him birth.

BARNES, William James.—Years of faithful endeavor entitle a man of means to retirement during the latter part of his life, and a number of the more responsible men of Springfield belong to this class. One of those especially worthy of mention in a record of this kind is William James Barnes, a retired electrician, whose residence is at No. 310 West Edwards Street. He was born March 1, 1842, at Kingston, Canada, being a son of John and Catherine Shaw Barnes, and grandson of John Barnes, the latter being a native of England. The grandfather had three children: John, Matthew, and one other, and his death occurred in Carlisle, England. During his younger days he had been a soldier.

John Barnes, father of William James Barnes, was born in Carlisle, Northumberland County, England, in 1812, but came to Canada in his youth. At first he devoted himself to the manufacture of soap, later making candles. His death occurred in Detroit, Mich., but his wife died in London, Canada. Their children were: Ann, who married James Fair and died in St. Paul, Minn., and William James.

William James Barnes was educated in London, Canada, where his youth was spent, and he learned the carpenter trade, but hearing of the need of soldiers, came to Chicago, where he enlisted in 1864, for service in the Commissary Department. Following his honorable discharge at the close of the war, he went to Cedar Rapids, where on September 5, 1865, he married Jane Davis, a native of Kentucky. The following children were born of this marriage: Ethel May, a teacher in the Steward school; Lydia Ann, of Bloomington; Mary, widow of Sidney B. Tayler, of Springfield, one son, Sidney B.; William J. Jr., of Springfield, married Clarissa Tobin, one child, William Tobin; and Martha Jane, of San Francisco.

In 1871 Mr. Barnes moved to Dixon, Ill., where he lived for ten years, then came to Springfield to receive the appointment of janitor at the State Library. After twelve years of faithful service in this position in 1893 he was made electrician in the municipal electric light plant, continuing there for five years, when he entered the employ of the Utility Company, remaining with this concern until his retirement. Mr. Barnes was reared in the faith of the Methodist Church. His political convictions make him a Republican. Earnest, faithful, steadfast, he has always labored to do what he believed to be his full duty, and those with whom he has been brought into contact have trusted and admired him.

BARNETT, Alexander Miller (deceased), carried on farming in Sangamon County many years, settling here in 1829. In 1837, when the county was re-organized, his farm was then located in Menard County, by reason of the new division. He was born near Mobile, Ala., September 22, 1801, a son of James and Jane (Morrison) Barnett, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Scotland. James Barnett came to Mobile when he was ten years of age, but it is

not known by his descendants in Sangamon County, where the family originated. James Barnett was a teamster, and carried freight across the Allegheny Mountains.

Alexander M. Barnett received his education in the country schools near Mobile, and from the time he was eleven until he was seventeen years of age, superintended negroes in their work on a tobacco plantation, then he and his mother moved to Adair County, Ky., where he engaged in farming. He remained there until 1829, when he emigrated to Sangamon County, Ill. He was married in Adair County to Miss Panthea B. Rayburn, who was a native of that county, born July 26, 1804, daughter of Robert and Mildred (Brown) Rayburn, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania. Mr. Barnett and his wife were married September 29, 1825, and had children as follows: Virginia B., widow of John Lasswell, resides at 527 South State Street, Springfield; Miss Mary J., lives at 323 West Cook Street, Springfield; Dulcinea M., Mrs. William King, a widow, lives with her daughter in Gallatin, Davies County, Mo.; Robert M., a banker, is married and resides at Gallatin, Mo. Alexander M. Barnett died in Springfield, June 3, 1883, and his wife died on the farm September 22, 1851. Mr. Barnett was a Republican all his life, and served as an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. During the Civil War, he served in the Missouri Home Guards. He is still well remembered by many of the older citizens of Springfield.

Miss Mary J. Barnett has lived in Springfield since 1854, and was for twenty-five years a teacher in the schools of Sangamon County. For almost ten years she held the position of Postmistress in the Cantrall (Ill.) post-office. She now lives at 323 West Cook Street, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, having many friends in church and social circles. She is well known as a woman of culture and refinement, and has interested herself in many worthy and benevolent causes.

BARREGARYE, M., of Springfield, has lived in the Second Ward in that city for fifty years, and has held many public offices during that time. He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1840, son of Edward and Bridget (Ryan) Barregarye, both natives of Ireland, where the mother died. The father emigrated to America and located in Illinois after his wife's death. He had been a farmer in his native country and carried on farming in Sangamon County for many years. He died at Buffalo, Ill., in 1885, and his wife died in 1842.

Barregarye was educated in Ireland and spent his boyhood on a farm. He lived at home until fifteen years of age, then came to America and located at Springfield, where he first worked in the gas house, being employed there twenty-one years. He has held many positions under the city government and has given general satisfaction in the performance of his various duties. He held the position of police officer many years, served six years as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, and in 1866 was the first man nominated for Supervisor-at-large in Springfield. He served three years and a half at Camp Butler, from 1861-64, having a commission from the United States Government. He is a stanch Democrat and has held many offices under the party, in whose interests he has been an active worker. He is well known and much esteemed in Springfield and is familiar with historic events in the city for the last half century, having been identified with it so many years and was associated with many of the oldest citizens. He is a member of the Catholic Church and is in Father Hickey's parish.

Mr. Barregarye was married, in New Orleans, La., April 6, 1861, to Miss Mary Tierney, who was born in Ireland, in 1840, daughter of Maurice and Mary Tierney, also natives of Ireland, where they lived all their lives, being prominent in the Parish of Doane, County Limerick. Six sons were born to Mr. Barregarye and his wife, of whom two survive: Maurice, born in Springfield, in May, 1867, and Edward, born in Springfield, in March, 1875. Maurice Barregarye married Sarah Backberger, a native of Springfield, and they have five children: Edward, Henry, Maurice, Marina and Mary, all of Springfield. Edward Barregarye is unmarried and lives in Springfield.

BARTLETT, John W., a retired farmer living in Springfield, Ill., has been a resident of Sangamon County for more than forty years. He was born in Loudoun County, Va., October 20, 1837, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Eberhardt) Bartlett, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of Virginia. The father was of English and the mother of German descent, and they became parents of seven daughters and one son. The father was a cooper by trade and both he and his wife died in Virginia. John W. Bartlett was educated in the country and had to pay tuition to attend school held in the log school-house in the neighborhood of his father's farm. After leaving school he worked at farm work about one year at eight dollars a month and his board, and later learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked but a short time and then resumed farming.

Mr. Bartlett came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1870, and carried on farming in Rochester Township and Mt. Auburn until a few years ago. He now lives at 1624 East Brown Street, Springfield. He was an energetic and successful farmer and won the respect and confidence of his neighbors and associates. He is a Methodist in church affiliations and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Bartlett was married in Taylorville, Ill., in 1885, to Miss Mary J. Wiley, who was born in Christian County, where her parents were early settlers. They were from Indiana and both died in Christian County, where the father

carried on blacksmith business to the time of his death. Two children were born to Mr. Bartlett and his wife, of whom one survives: Lydia L., wife of Joseph Rudolph, who is employed in the Wabash Railroad Company shops at Springfield. Mr. Rudolph and his wife have one son, Arthur. Mr. Bartlett is well and favorably known in Springfield and has many friends.

BASFORD, Isaac, one of the substantial citizens of Sangamon County, is engaged in general farming, gardening and stock raising on a tract of excellent property in Section 5, Cotton Hill Township. He was born in Hagerstown, Md., June 18, 1835, a son of John and Mary Basford, natives of Maryland.

John Basford, who was a physician and surgeon, practiced his profession and and around Hagerstown all his life, and died at the remarkable age of ninety-eight years, although his wife died when Isaac was an infant. There were eight children in their family, of whom six are now living, the eldest being Thomas, of Dayton, Ohio, and the others: Alfred, living in Hagerstown, Md.; Henry, of Frederick City, Md., Jacob, of Urbana, Mo.; Abraham, of Williamsville, Ill.; and Issac.

As a youth Isaac Basford learned the trade of blacksmith in Hagerstown, and with his brother Alfred conducted a shop in that city until coming to Springfield, Ill., in 1864, where he opened a blacksmith establishment and carried it on for nine years. At the end of this time he decided to enter the agricultural field and purchased his present farm, a tract of ten acres, on which he has resided ever since. In addition to this he rents fifty acres more, and has followed general farming and stockraising to the present, achieving considerable success in his undertakings. With his family he attends the Christian Church. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

Mr. Basford was married (first) to Mary Baker, who was born at Berry Station, Sangamon County, the daughter of Thomas and Lucy Baker, both of whom are now deceased. They were the parents of six children, among them being two pair of twins, and only one child is now living, Lulu, the wife of Henry Bell, living near Chestnut, Ill. Mrs. Basford died and Mr. Basford was married (second) September 15, 1875, to Susan Purnell, who was born in Delaware, April 1, 1856, daughter of Jonathan and Sallie A. Purnell, natives of Delaware, who came to Illinois in 1857. Mr. Purnell, who had formerly been a sailor, was engaged in farming in Cotton Hill Township until his death, in July, 1893, his wife having passed away January 16, 1892. They had the following children: Mrs. Emily Plumer, a widow of Cotton Hill Township; Margaret, the wife of Alonzo Page, of Springfield; Samuel, of Edinburg, Ill.; Adeline, the wife of William Howlett, of Springfield, and Mrs. Basford.

Mr. and Mrs. Basford have had seven children, five of whom are living, as follows: Ethel, the wife of Thomas Patterson, of Cotton Hill Township; Bertha, who married Ernest Thompson, of Springfield; Daisy, the wife of Earl Reed, of Springfield; and Albert and Hazel M., residing at home. Mr. and Mrs. Basford have seven grandchildren.

BATEMAN, Dr. Newton. (Vol. I, pp. 37-38.)

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BAUMANN, George (deceased).—The death of George Baumann, who was for twenty years engaged in the grocery business in Springfield, Ill., occurred about twenty-five years ago, but he is still well remembered by his many old friends. He was successful in business, a public-spirited citizen and a whole-souled, upright man. He was closely identified with the welfare and progress of the city in which so much of his life was spent, and was active in the interests of the church to which he belonged. Mr. Baumann was a native of Germany, born October 21, 1833. The mother died when he was an infant and the father came to America when he was advanced in years, living but a short time afterward.

The childhood of George Baumann was spent in his native country, where he attended the public schools. When he was sixteen years of age he came to the United States, in company with his brother Valentine. It is supposed they landed at New Orleans, as they spent some time in St. Louis before locating in Springfield, Ill. George attended Sunday school for a time after coming to America and applied himself with zeal to learning the language and customs of the people. He learned the trade of tinner in Springfield, working first for Dovun & Dickey, and afterward went into partnership with Henson & Robinson, the firm becoming Henson, Robinson & Baumann. Mr. Baumann bought out his partners and at the end of twelve years disposed of the business and embarked in a new line, locating at the corner of Cook and Spring Streets, where for twenty years he conducted a grocery store. He erected the brick building which the store occupied and was still in business at the time of his death, December 1, 1885. He was for many years a Deacon in St. John's German Lutheran Church and in political views was Republican. He was a devoted husband and father, giving his children the best educational advantages possible and was always solicitous of the comfort of his family.

Mr. Baumann was married in Springfield, January 1, 1861, to Miss Catherine Dunkle, and they became parents of nine children, namely: George Edward, a leading druggist of Springfield; Henry Albert, living at home; Charles, of Springfield; Georgetta, Mrs. Joseph Snyder, of Springfield; Noble, of Springfield; Herman and Benjamin B., of Springfield; Belle and Katy Louise, at home. Mrs. Baumann was born in Germany, May 21, 1844, and was but one year

old when her parents came to the United States. They landed at New Orleans, having been eighteen weeks on the water, belated by storms and nearly starved as a consequence of running out of food. The parents, Philip and Catherine (Spangler) Dunkel, had one child born on the voyage, whom the called Mary, after the ship on which she was born. They proceeded to St. Louis and came from there to Springfield with an ox team. He had a brother Adam living near Springfield and himself located on a farm four miles out from the city. He had learned the trade of blacksmith in Germany but after coming to the United States devoted the remainder of his life to farming.

Mrs. Baumann was a bright child and was educated in the district schools of Sangamon County. She had few early advantages, but by reason of her intelligence and natural ability, became of great assistance to her husband in managing his business and knew every detail of it. After the death of her husband she rented the store two years, then the tenant moved west and she conducted the store herself two years. She is a most energetic woman, having been left with nine young children to rear, but her courage never failed and she has fulfilled her duty nobly, having guided them all to noble man and womanhood and prepared them well for the duties of life. Not only has she taken an interest in her own family, but by her kindness of heart and charitable disposition has been moved to extend most valuable assistance to the sick and poor. Like her husband, she is much interested in the good work accomplished by the church and is a conscientious Christian. She is greatly loved and honored by her children and is held in high esteem by all who know and appreciate her good works and her noble character.

BAUMGARTNER, John, a retired business man of Springfield, is an honest and reliable citizen and has many friends in the city. He was born in Baden, Germany, February 21, 1848, son of Bernhardt and Catherine (Kiser) Baumgartner, both of whom spent their entire lives in Germany. The mother died at the age of ninety-three years. John Baumgartner spent his boyhood on his fathers' farm and received his education in the common schools of his native country, which he afterwards supplemented by study after reaching Illinois. He left home when twenty-four years of age, and after working on a farm about three months, began working at the trade of butcher in Lincoln, Ill., where he remained four years, being employed by John Ackert, then worked five years at Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and July 5, 1881, embarked in the butcher business on his own account in Springfield. He conducted business for himself twenty-nine years and was always successful, having a shop first at the corner of Mason and Rutledge Streets, then at Mason and First Streets, and then on South Eleventh Street. He became well-known in the course of his business dealings and won the confidence of his patrons. He built up a good trade and was able to save enough money so he could retire. He owns his home at 410 Hay Street and other city property. In the thirty-seven years that he worked at his trade he established a good reputation for skill in his line and integrity in his dealings.

Mr. Baumgartner was married, at Springfield, May 8, 1883, to Elizabeth Koahl, a native of Baden, Germany whose parents died in Germany. She has two brothers in America and two sisters living in Springfield. Three daughters and two sons have been born of this union, namely: Emma, born in 1884, unmarried and living in St. Louis, Mo.; Martha and Mary, twins, born February 22, 1886; Frank born March 10, 1888; Philip, born March 1, 1890. All except the eldest daughter reside with their parents. Mr. Baumgartner is a member of the German Catholic Church and fraternally is affiliated with the Odd Fellows and the United Workmen. He has always taken an active part in public affairs since living in Springfield, and in politics is a Democrat.

BAXTER, Albert Crum, A. B., M. D.—The science of medicine and surgery has advanced to such an extent, during the past several decades that the older members of the profession have given way, in a large degree, to the younger generation, whose youth and enthusiasm enable them better to keep abreast of the times. Among the young physicians and surgeons of Springfield, one who has already made his name well known in his chosen calling, is Dr. Albert Crum Baxter, born October 9, 1880, at Literberry, Morgan County, Ill., a son of Hiram Bennett and Ellen (Crum) Baxter.

The progenitor of the Baxter family in America, James Baxter, came from County Tyrone, Ireland, about the time of the American Revolution, settling at Pittsburg, Pa. He there married Rebecca Riddle, a native of Berlin, Germany, thus forming a union of two races, which was bound to produce worthy and sturdy stock. The elder James Baxter, after a short stay in Pennsylvania, moved to Ohio, settling where the city of Dayton now stands, and there the grandfather of Dr. Baxter, William Baxter, was born, August 1, 1804. About the year 1815, the Baxter family, consisting of the parents, three sons and one daughter, came down the Ohio River on a flat-boat, and settled in the wilderness at or near Madison, Ind. Here, in 1828, William Baxter married Jane Kerr, a lady of Scotch parentage, daughter of Josiah Kerr, whose parents had migrated to Indiana, about the same time as the Baxter family. The young couple began housekeeping in the wilds of southern Indiana, in a one-room, one-story, round log house, with one door and one window, and a puncheon floor, a stick-and-mud chimney, the whole structure being erected without a nail, and the roof held in place by weights and poles, and the door with wooden pins. In this primitive dwelling, they lived many years and

prospered, and eventually were able to erect a commodious stone house, the material for which, was selected from quarries on their land, and this abode is still in a good state of repair. William Baxter and his wife, were parents of ten sons and two daughters, seven of their sons serving in the Union Army and are living. The sixth son, Hiram Bennett Baxter, was born September 22, 1840, enlisted as a private in Company K, Twenty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Before being mustered out of service, in 1865, he had, by his gallantry in action, won the rank of Captain. He took part in all the battles fought by the Army of the Cumberland, and his company was in the front rank in the March to the Sea. He was twice wounded during his service. The Baxters had a remarkable record, being the only family in the county who sent seven sons for service, no two of whom were in the same regiment, and no two of whom participated in the same battle.

In December, 1866, Hiram B. Baxter came to Illinois, and settled in Morgan County, where he taught school, kept a general store in the town of Literberry, and filled contracts with a railroad company. In 1881, he began farming at Ashland, where he has since continued, and it is interesting to note that he is now the owner of 1,720 acres of fine farming land, in great contrast to his condition in early life. Although a member of no religious denomination, he is a liberal contributor to all worthy causes. While in business at Literberry, Mr. Baxter was married October 4, 1876, to Lydia Ellen Crum, daughter of Abram Alvin Crum, of that place. Her parents and paternal grandparents, came from Kentucky and southern Indiana to Illinois, at an early day, settling in Morgan County when land there could be bought of the Government for $1.25 per acre. Her maternal grandparents, the Buchanans and Liters, were of English and German origin, having first settled in Virginia, later moved to Kentucky, and came to Illinois about the same time as the Crums, in 1832. Mrs. Baxter died March 26, 1907, having been the mother of two sons: Dr. Albert Crum and William Abram, the latter now living with his son on a farm in Cass County.

Albert Crum Baxter first attended the district school, and in 1897, entered Whipple Academy at Jacksonville, being graduated therefrom, with the Class of 1900, when he entered the Literary Department of Illinois College. In 1903, he took up the study of literature and medicine in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, being graduated from the Literary Department in June, 1904, with degree of Bachelor of Art, and in 1907, from the Department of Medicine and Surgery. While in college, he was a member of the Phi Beta Pi Fraternity, of the Gynecological Staff, and of the Phagocytes, an honorary medical society. During the summer and fall of 1906, Dr. Baxter was connected with the Morgan Hospital, of New York City, and in the winter of 1907, he came to Springfield and engaged in general practice, having a fully equipped and well appointed office at 511½ East Monroe Street. Dr. Baxter is a member of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 500, A. F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter No. 1; Springfield Council No. 2; Elmwood Commandery No. 6; Sangamon Lodge of Perfection; Princes of Jerusalem; and Chapter of Rose Croix, of the Masonic fraternity. He is also connected with the American Chemical Society; the Sangamon, Illinois and American Medical Societies, and McLellan Camp, Sons of Veterans. In political matters, he is a Republican.

On April 15, 1908, at Beacon, Mich., Dr. Baxter was united in marriage with Miss Ethel J. Mitchell, a native of Michigan, and daughter of Joseph and Jane (Wassley) Mitchell, natives of England.

BAYLISS, Alfred. (Vol. I, p. 39.)

BEAM, John Lewis (deceased).—In the death of John Lewis Beam, which occurred April 13, 1905, Cotton Hill Township lost one of its representative men, one who knew the business of farming thoroughly and carried it on in a scientific manner, and both the township and county were deprived of a good, public-spirited citizen. Mr. Beam was a native of Sangamon County, born August 13, 1851, a son of Wesley Beam, who was born in Ireland, and Amelia (Rafe) Beam, a native of Sangamon County. Mr. Beam's parents were farming people in Sangamon County and followed that occupation throughout their lives, both passing away there. Wesley Beam had been brought to America by his parents, natives of the Emerald Isle, who located in Sangamon County during the pioneer days and, after years of hardships and struggle with the soil, managed to locate a home in the new land for their loved ones.

The education of John Lewis Beam was secured in the country schools of his native locality, his work keeping him on the farm during the summer months, while during the winter terms he acquired such education as he could in the nearby schoolhouse. Even as a youth he evidenced a fondness for his home, and this characteristic was prominent throughout his life. A quiet man, of unostentatious manner, he was never one to thrust himself forward, nor to seek places of public preferment, but went about the business of operating his farm, making a comfortable home and taking care of his family, which—after all is said—is really the highest type of citizenship. After his marriage he located a tract on Section 5, in Cotton Hill Township, and here the remainder of his days were spent.

On March 5, 1879, Mr. Beam was united in marriage at Springfield, Ill., with Malinda E. Kent, who was born in Sangamon County, Ill., June 4, 1851. Mrs. Beam's father, Pleasant Kent, was born in Ohio, January 11, 1822, but in early manhood decided that there were better opportunities for him to carry on his chosen oc-

cupation of farming in Illinois, and subsequently came to this State, where the remainer of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring in Sangamon County, June 28, 1898. He was married to Mary A. Brownell, who was a native of the county, born December 12, 1829, who also spent her life here, and died June 18, 1901. Grandfather Kent was a native of Ohio, who died in Sangamon County, Ill., while on the maternal side Mrs. Beam's grandfather was born in New York and died in Sangamon County.

To Mr. and Mrs. Beam there were born four children, three boys and one girl, as follows: Elmer, who was born November 5, 1881, died November 6, 1881; George A., who was born August 22, 1882, died October 18, 1883; Mary L., born August 5, 1884, married Wiley Nichols, a well known and substantial farmer of Sangamon County, and they have two children, John A. and Cora I.; and Clarence E., born March 18, 1887. Clarence E., married Grace Terry, who was born in Springfield, July 3, 1892, and they live with Mrs. Beam. They were married October 31, 1908, and are parents of a daughter, Gladys Ruth, born January 26, 1910.

In political beliefs, Mr. Beam was always a Democrat and he supported the principles of that party loyally. Fraternally he was identified with the Modern Woodmen. Although not directly connected with any religious denomination, he was in sympathy with all, and gave liberally of his means towards movements of a religious nature. Mrs. Beam and her children are members of the Christian Church. The Beam farm, where Mr. Beam's widow now resides, and which is operated by his son, Clarence E., consists of forty-nine acres, and is in the finest of condition. The family is well known in Cotton Hill Township, where all its members are very popular.

BEARD, Josiah.—The changes that have occurred in Springfield during the last forty or fifty years have been astounding, and are so many and varied that the average citizen of the capital city could hardly believe tales of the earlier days as related by one who has seen the various changes come. Of all the people in the city who have lived here a long time, the person most likely to notice innovations would be a carpenter for, as a city develops in other ways, the buildings grow larger in size and numbers, and the quality of the structures improve. Josiah Beard, an old-time carpenter and joiner, has lived in Springfield for upwards of a half-century. He is a native of Adams County, Pa., born January 2, 1827, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Flohr) Beard, farming people of Pennsylvania.

Samuel Beard was born October 21, 1796, in Maryland, and his death occurred April 24, 1872. He was married June 5, 1821, to Elizabeth Flohr, who was born July 26, 1799, and died in 1882. Their children were as follows: Levi, born March 12, 1822, died August 2, 1862; Lewis, born December 18, 1823, died March 20, 1907; Rachel, born October 20, 1825, died November 19, 1909; Josiah, born January 2, 1827; Reuben A., born October 25, 1828, died November 27, 1908; Julia Ann, born January 12, 1832, died in 1908; George F., born November 2, 1833; Flora Jessie, born November 12, 1835, died October 14, 1901; David J., born December 15, 1837; and Lydia S., born June 28, 1840, died January 10, 1845.

Josiah Beard received his education in a log school-house on his grandfather's land, when old-fashioned rules were in vogue and a plentiful supply of "strap-oil" was on hand ready to be administered whenever necessary. His boyhood was spent in assisting his father with the work of the farm and he learned the carpenter's and jointer's trade at, or in the vicinity of, Gettysburg, twice a week crossing Little Round Top to go back and forth from farm work, and also attended camp meeting there. He remained at home until eighteen and one-half years of age, when he crossed the Allegheny Mountains by stage coach in such bad weather that it took six horses to take the coach from Chambersbury to Pittsburg. He engaged passage on the old boat "Diadem," coming down the Ohio River and leaving the vessel at Cairo. He made many trips up and down the Ohio, meeting with some exciting experiences, including the piloting of a big boat down the river, something he had never done before, and only did then because the pilot had fallen asleep. He also saw the "Belle of the West" when it went over the falls at Louisville, Ky. He was in the State of Mississippi when the war broke out, and with others he began to work his way back to Springfield. There was a blockade to be run, however, and they decided to go to Humboldt, Tenn., to the Tennessee River, below Pittsburg Landing at Fort Hyman where they joined the Federal forces, went thence to Paducah, Ky., with the Springfield Battery, and remained with them for a time, but eventually ran the blockade from Memphis to St. Louis and succeeded in getting to Springfield.

He was near Gettysburg at the time of the great battle there. At that time there were but 6000 people in Springfield, and but three houses worth $8000. Mr. Beard has always engaged in contracting for carpenter work and his labors have been well rewarded. Although well along in years he is still active and in full possession of his faculties and is a very interesting conversationalist, being able, as he is, to tell of the early days in the capital city. He is a Jacksonian Democrat in politices, but is rather broad-minded in his views, and votes for the man rather than the party.

On March 15, 1874, Mr. Beard was united in marriage with Mary E. Crites, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Rombaugh) Crites, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beard: Frederick C., born December 7, 1874; Edith F., born October 10, 1876, died March 17, 1901; and

Clara L., born November 16, 1878, at home. The family residence is at No. 1225 Fourth Street.

BEASON, Joseph C. (deceased), who for many years carried on a farm near Illiopolis, Ill., was an industrious and useful citizen and enjoyed the confidence and regard of his friends and neighbors. He was born in Logan County, Ill., January 11, 1846, a son of Henry and Sarah (Collins) Beason, the former born in Xenia, Ohio, and the latter in Logan County. The father was an early settler of that county and spent the remainder of his life farming there, both he and his wife dying on the homestead. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters, of whom the only survivor is Jacob, of Chatham, who served as a soldier in the Civil War.

Mr. Beason worked on his father's farm until he reached his majority, acquiring his education in the country schools. He then engaged in farming on his own account, spending several years in Logan County and then locating near Illiopolis, where the remainder of his life was spent. His widow has lived in the village of Illiopolis for the past four years.

Mr. Beason was married in Shelby County, Ill., June 19, 1874, to Mrs. Emily (Rice) Wood, born February 4, 1844, in Shelby County, Ill., daughter of Nathan Rice and wife, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Alabama. Mr. Rice was a farmer and a minister of the Christian Church, and was an early settler of Shelby County, where he spent the remainder of his life, and died in 1875. The mother died in 1897. Of the six daughters and four sons in the family three children now survive: Mrs. Beason; Spencer, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Nathan, of Kansas, where he lives on a ranch. The father of Nathan Rice, Sr., was a soldier in the Revolution and served under General Washington. Emily Rice was married (first) in Shelby County, November 12, 1862, to William Wood, born near Bloomington, Ill., whose parents were early settlers of Illinois. Mr. Wood served three years in the Civil War, enlisting from McLean County. His death occurred in 1868. To the union two children were born: William T., of Illiopolis, where he conducts a barber shop, and Hattie A., wife of Charles McCorkle, a carpenter by trade and janitor of the Christian Church and the schoolhouse in the village.

Seven children were born to Joseph C. Beason and wife, of whom the following survive: Overton, of Illiopolis; Carrie, wife of William Rice, of Missouri. Mr. Beason died on his farm April 2, 1899, widely mourned by his family and friends. Both he and his wife became useful members of the Christian Church, and he was a Democrat in politics. Mrs. Beason owns a comfortable home in Illinois, the family home for the past forty years.

BEATTY, Walter Rollins.—The business interests of Springfield are in the hands of men capable to handle any line, many of them being self-made men, who take a pride in keeping up the standard of excellence attained. Walter Rollins Beatty, a successful merchant of the Capital City, probably owes his success as much to his personal popularity as to his shrewd business attainments. He was born eight miles from Plattsburg, Clinton County, Mo., December 8, 1856, a son of William S. and America T. (Rollins) Beatty, natives of Kentucky, where they were married.

William S. Beatty was engaged in agricultural pursuits in the vicinity of Lexington, Ky., and later carried on the same occupation in Missouri, whence he came to Illinois and settled in Pleasant Plains. He there engaged in the grocery business until his death in 1875, when his widow went to Roodhouse, Ill. She died February 28, 1888, at the home of her son John, at Litchfield, Ill. Mr. Beatty was a Democrat in politics and a Baptist by religion, while fraternally he was connected with the A. F. & A. M., and organized the lodge at Pleasant Plains.

Walter Rollins Beatty attended school until eighteen years of age, and during the eight years following was engaged in assisting his father in the work of the farm. Subsequently he became employed in the flouring mill where he worked until becoming connected with the Chicago & Alton Railroad in the capacity of conductor, working for this road for seventeen years and spending three years in the service of the C. P. & St. L. Railroad. He was known as one of the most popular conductors on either road, and his social and jovial disposition has always won for him many friends. In 1900 he went into business on his own account in Springfield, and has been remarkably successful, now being the owner of considerable valuable real estate.

On October 24, 1889, Mr. Beatty was married to Maggie Sweany, who was born in Jerseyville, Ill., daughter of Annie and Mitchell Sweany, natives of Ireland, who are both deceased. Two children have been born to this union: Grace, who is employed as a milliner with the Furlong Dry Goods Company; and Ruth, who will graduate from the high school with the class of 1911.

BECK, Robert.—At the close of the Civil War many of the young men who had been serving their country during the mighty struggle felt unwilling to settle down in their old homes, the spirit of adventure being strong within their breasts. To this is due much of the emigration which took place during the latter part of the 'sixties, when Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa received so many sturdy settlers. They had been hardened by experience, so they were not afraid of working steadfastly. They were looking for homes and found them, giving to their new communities the best that was in them, and these localities profited from the strict discipline the soldiers had gone through

with in the army. One of the men who literally turned the sword of his war experience into a plowshare with which to break Illinois sod, is Robert Beck, of Section 36, Woodside Township. Mr. Beck was born in Maryland, August 10, 1837, being a son of Jesse and Polly (Lee) Beck, natives of Maryland. The parents died in their native State when still young, leaving behind them seven children, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Robert.

Mr. Beck grew up in Maryland, working for his father until he was eighteen years old. At the outbreak of the Civil War he cast his fortunes with the Union, enlisting in its service in Company J, Second Maryland Volunteer Infantry. He was detailed as teamster, and was kept at that class of work during his entire term of service. He received his honorable discharge at Washington, after serving two years. Following the war he came to Springfield, finding employment with A. M. John Preast, with whom he continued for six years. He then rented a farm, operating it for three years, when he bought his present property of 160 acres on Section 36, Woodside Township, which has been his home for thirty years. Since buying this property he has made many improvements and now has a fine farm, which he devotes to general farming and raising high grade stock. Understanding his work in all its details, Mr. Beck has made it pay him good returns and he is now in most comfortable circumstances, his property all having been accumulated through his unaided personal efforts.

In 1875 Mr. Beck was married, in Springfield, Ill., to Marian Smith, who came of Canadian parents. Further than this she knows nothing about them. Two children were born of this marriage: John, who is a farmer living near his father, and Dora, living at home. In political convictions Mr. Beck is a Republican, but has never sought office aside from those of School Director and Road Commissioner, holding the former twice. In both offices he has displayed so much public spirit, combined with practical good sense, that he might have almost any office in the gift of the people of his township if he cared to accept the nomination.

Personally Mr. Beck is a fine appearing man, and his natural ability makes him dominate his fellow townsmen. Public-spirited in a marked degree, he is always looking out for the best interests of the community and striving to get good government and raise the moral standard. Such men as he are almost invaluable in a locality, and the debt owed Mr. Beck by Woodside Township is not one it can easily discharge, a fact of which the neighbors show their appreciation by their warm, personal friendship, which is displayed upon every possible occasion.

BECKER, Charles D., who has been a resident of Springfield, since the fall of 1893, has been honorably and usefully connected with a number of the city's reputable business concerns, and since 1907 has been at the head of his own business, being proprietor of the shoe repair works, with his business location on the corner of Sixth and Monroe Streets. He was born at Yorkridge, Dearborn County, Ind., April 28, 1866, a son of John P. and Mary E. (Chidester) Becker. They were natives of Germany, who lived for a number of years in Indiana, but in 1883 removed to Nebraska, settling at David City, where they still reside.

Charles D. Becker obtained his education in Indiana. He was seventeen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Nebraska and continued to reside with them there for several years. When he finally left home he became an electrical engineer and for two years was employed as such at Clarinda, Page County, Iowa, then returned to David City for a short time. Deciding that business prospects were better farther east, he came to Springfield and entered the employ of the Springfield Consolidated Railway Company, with which he was connected for ten years. During this time he became well known to the people of Springfield, and when he retired from railroad work he was appointed night watchman for the mercantile district of the city and after that was secured by the Boston Store as its electrical engineer. He remained with that mercantile house for two years, then had charge of the stove department of the Robinson-Henson Hardware Company for one year, after which he embarked in his present business, in which he has prospered, having very substanstial patronage.

Mr. Becker was married at Fancy Prairie, Menard County, Ill., on May 22, 1892, to Miss Clara F. Fulkerson, a native of that county, and they have three children, namely: Abraham E., Helen L. and Mary. Mr. Becker is a member of several fraternal organizations, including the Odd Fellows, the Court of Honor and the Modern Woodmen of America.

The most useful men in a community are not always, by any means, the professional men, the college-bred, or even the capitalists, for without the steady hand of the great body of the class of skilled workmen, to which Mr. Becker belongs and of which he is a worthy representative, little could be accomplished in the way of progress in any direction.

BECKER, Louis.—The German-American is one of the finest types of desirable manhood to be found anywhere. There is something in the rigid training of the Fatherland, that combines marvelously well with the freer spirit of this country, so that those who come here succeed in becoming well-to-do and take an important part in civic affairs in whatever locality they make their new home. A representative of this class is Louis Becker, a retired miner of Riverton, Sangamon County. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 6, 1842, being a son of Peter and Margaret (Young) Becker, both natives of Germany. These excellent people

never left their native land, dying there some years ago. Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers served in the war which was waged against Napolen.

Mr. Becker was educated in Germany and there learned the trade of baker. He worked at it before serving in the army, entering in 1864 and continuing until 1870, when he was honorably discharged. Having given his native land the war service it demands, he resumed work at his trade, thus continuing in Prussia until 1882, when he left Hamburg for New York City, on a vessel that consumed twenty-three days on the voyage. After three days in New York he came to St. Louis and then his money having given out, after three weeks in that city, he walked all the way to Springfield, making the trip in fourteen days and arriving May 20, 1882. Being an expert in his line of work, he soon obtained employment in the city, eventually engaging with a nursery where he worked for three years. He then commenced mining, continuing that work until a few years ago, when he retired and is now residing at Riverton.

In 1872 Mr. Becker was married in Germany, to Barbara Mace, born in Prussia, August 7, 1852. Her parents remained in their native land, dying there. Her father was a prosperous farmer. Mrs. Becker died March 13, 1898, having borne her husband thirteen children, eight of whom are now living: Louis living in Peoria, is a florist and has three children, Louis and Mary and one other; Joseph lives in Clear Lake Township and is a farmer; Frank lives in Riverton and has three children, —Louis, Isaac and Wilfred; Rose, wife of Jerry Davern, owns the home where Mr. Becker now resides, and has one child, Margaret; Anna, wife of James Flannigan, a soldier in the regular army, died February 7, 1903, one child, Irene, who lives with her grandfather; Peter, William and Jacob live in Riverton, at home; John lives in Peoria and is a carpenter.

Mr. Becker belongs to St. James Roman Catholic Church of Riverton to which he is devoted, giving it a hearty and loyal support. Politically he votes for the men and measures he thinks are to the best interests of all the people. During the years he worked so steadily Mr. Becker saved with the thrift of his race, and now owns considerable city property that is very valuable. He is wholesouled, open-handed and genial, possessing many warm personal friends, who appreciate his many virtues.

Coming here penniless, with no knowledge of the country or language, within thirty years Mr. Becker has not only placed himself beyond want, but has reared a large family, providing well for them, and is numbered among the representative men of his locality. Unless he had possessed more than ordinary ability, great courage, and an understanding of the best way to get along, he never could have accomplished what he has, or won and retained the friendship of the men who are proud of their association with this stanch, loyal true-hearted German-American. Since his retirement Mr. Becker has traveled considerably and, as he is a keen observer, his account of his journeys is very entertaining, and shows that he appreciates his adopted land, just as he loves that of his birth.

BECKER, Oscar.—The insurance business shows remarkable advancement, within the past score of years. Various reliable companies cover all classes of risks, afford employment for the energies of some of the best business men of the country. One who has made his mark along this line in Springfield is Oscar Becker, who was born in Fosterburg, Madison County, Ill., July 19, 1875. He is a son of Charles H. and Malinda (Wilms) Becker, the former born in Germany in 1847, and died in 1902, while his wife was born in Kansas in 1855. Charles H. Becker, came to Springfield in 1883, embarking in a hotel business. Until 1893 he conducted one of the well-patronized hostelries, then retiring. He was elected Supervisor-at-large and served acceptably for four years, but since then has taken no active part in either business or political life.

Oscar Becker was educated in the Springfield schools and brought up on the farm. After leaving school he spent four years in Chicago, was there in the employ of Mandel Brothers. Returning home in 1892, he started a livery stable and conducted it for a year, when he turned his attention to his present work, and is now one of the most successful insurance men of his part of the State. He is a Republican in political faith.

Mr. Becker was married in 1897, in Springfield, to Margaret J. Nickey, who was born in 1878. They have one son, Clarence O. Becker, born June 4, 1899.

BECRAFT, George W., a retired blacksmith living at Mechanicsburg, Ill., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born near Owingsville, Bath County, Ky., May 24, 1840, a son of George and Sarah (Fowler) Becraft, both natives of Kentucky. The father carried on farming in Bath County until his death, being killed in Owingsville in 1860, during an election riot. His wife died in Kentucky, in 1902. They were parents of three sons, of whom two survive, George W., of this review, and Walter, a resident of Pleasant Plains, Ill. One son was a private in the Third Kentucky Regiment U. S. Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War, and was killed in service.

As a boy George W. Becraft attended the country schools of his native place, and he assisted his father with the farm work until he was seventeen years of age, then worked for others until he reached his majority, and in March, 1861, came to Springfield, Ill. He first found work on a nearby farm, where he remained until September 3, 1861, when he enlisted in Company L, Tenth U. S. Volunteer Cavalry,

under the command of Captain Wilson first, and later Captain John G. Roberts, now of Springfield. Mr. Becraft served three years and was mustered out January 2, 1863, at Little Rock, Ark. December 12, 1863, he re-enlisted in Company L and served until November 22, 1865, when he received his final discharge at San Antonio, Tex. Among the many battles in which he participated were Perry Grove and Little Rock. At one time he was taken prisoner and sent to St. Louis, from which place he was exchanged some time later. He bore himself in a manner that was typical of his steadfast devotion to duty, and had the esteem and respect of his comrades and superiors.

At the close of the war Mr. Becraft returned to Mechanicsburg and engaged in farming. He removed to Kansas and engaged in farming there, remaining six years, then returned to Mechanicsburg and embarked in a teaming business. Later he took up the trade of blacksmith, which he had learned in boyhood, and continued this occupation until he retired a few years since. He is well known as an industrious and useful citizen and met with very fair success in his various enterprises.

February 1, 1866, Mr. Becraft was married, at Buffalo, to Matilda J. Waterman, born in Sangamon County November 14, 1845, daughter of Charles Waterman, a native of Kentucky, and a harness maker by trade, who located in Mechanicsburg at an early day and there conducted a harness-making shop for many years. His death occurred there July 1, 1861. The mother, a native of Kentucky, is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Waterman were parents of three sons, all of whom are deceased, and four daughters. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Becraft, of whom five now survive: Sarah E., wife of Newton McGaff, of Springfield; Calvin, of Mechanicsburg; John, also of Mechanicsburg; Rosetta, wife of Edward Kelly, living with her father. There are seven grandchildren in the family. In politics Mr. Becraft is a Republican and he is a member of Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., of Springfield. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

BEEBY, William, a useful and industrious citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born in Warwickshire, England, in March, 1858, son of Thomas and Mary (Moore) Beeby. The father, who was a miner by occupation, was born in Claycross, England, and the mother in Warwickshire. Both died in England, the father in 1879 and the mother in 1908. There were eleven children, of whom six are living, five of them in England. William Beeby was educated in England and after leaving school took up the occupation of his father in his native country. He followed mining until coming to America, in 1882. He sailed from Liverpool on the German-Lloyd steamer "Denah," landed in New York and came direct to Springfield.

After locating in Springfield Mr. Beeby resumed mining and in 1887 took a position as engineer for a mining company, which he still fills. He is an energetic and faithful worker and stands well with his employers and associates. He is a good manager financially and owns his home at 1643 East North Grand Avenue. In 1908 he made a trip to England, sailing on the "Mauritania," and made a visit of three months to his former home and returned on the same vessel.

Mr. Beeby was married in Springfield, in 1883, to Miss Harriett Neale, who was born in Warkwickshire. Her father died in England and her mother, Mrs. Hannah (Betts) Neale, brought the family to America in 1881, and died in Springfield in 1904. Mr. Neale was a miner and died from the effects of injuries received in an English mine. Six children were born to Mr. Beeby and his wife, and five now survive: Elizabeth, wife of John Bowman, of Springfield; Joseph E., Anna, Thomas and Florence, all of Springfield. There is one grandchild in the family. Mr. Beeby is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and in politics is a Republican. He is a man of social, genial nature and has many friends. Until recently he was a member of the Maccabees, to which he had belonged fourteen years.

BEECHLER, William Edward, engaged in the paperhanging business in Springfield, is one of that city's most progressive and industrious young business men. He was born February 6, 1881, in Richland, Sangamon County, a son of John A. and Anna Laura (Perkins) Beechler. The mother belongs to one of Sangamon County's old and honored families, which was founded there in 1819, by Edward Perkins, her grandfather. One of William E. Beechler's great-uncles was scalped by Indians on the Missouri River, another, Riley Perkins, was Treasurer of Sangamon County, and Joseph B. Perkins served for some years as Sheriff, from 1858. Edward Perkins, their father, was presented with a gold-headed cane for superiority in horsemanship at the Sangamon County Fair in 1875, being then over eighty years of age. John A. Beechler was born in Sweetwater, Ill., near Salem, Lincoln's old home, and is a paper hanger by occupation. He is still in business in Springfield and makes his home at No. 509 North Fifth Street. One of the twelve children born to himself and wife is dead. In politics Mr. Beechler is a Democrat, but he has never cared for public preferment. His religious belief is that of the Baptist Church.

William Edward Beechler attended the Edwards School until sixteen years of age, at which time he started to learn his trade at St. Louis. On coming to Springfield he worked for eight years for the Johnston Hatcher Company, and in 1908 began business on his own account, and has so continued to the present time. He is thorough master of his trade and his work is always artistic. He is faithful in living up to the letter of his contracts, the result being people can rely upon him and he gets

at least his share of their patronage. Like his father, he is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Baptist Church, while fraternally he is connected with the original Order of Owls, the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Yeomen of America and the Paper Hangers' Union. Mrs. Beechler is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

On October 22, 1903, at Springfield, Ill., Mr. Beechler was united in marriage with Philopena Yost, who was born in New York, a daughter of Herman and Christina (Stout) Yost, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1880 and are now living at No. 300 South Eleventh Street, Springfield. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Beechler: Elmer Herman, born September 5, 1904.

BEERBOWER, James M. (deceased).—The name of James M. Beerbower was associated with some of the most artistic monumental work ever furnished the people of Sangamon County, and he is remembered as a man of high business principles and patriotic citizenship. He was born near Marion, Ohio, March 2, 1848. The father was an upholsterer by trade, who moved to Indianapolis, where he died. Five children were born to him and his wife, Matilda M. Beerbower; Samuel, who died in Missouri; Steven, who died in Indianapolis; James M.; Edward, of Indiana, and John, of New York City.

James M. Beerbower was brought up in poverty but was given a common school education. He learned the stone-cutting trade and worked at it for forty years. He traveled for the White Monument Company, of Indianapolis, for a quarter of a century, when he located in Springfield. Later he was with Rector and Dolan, but eventually began business for himself, building up a large trade through the excellence of his work and his thorough understanding of its requirements. His business was located at No. 214 South Seventh Street, and he made a specialty of fine cemetery work of artistic design.

On January 7, 1888, Mr. Beerbower was married in Springfield to Carrie De Frates, of that city, daughter of Antonio and Mary De Frates. One child, Zoe, was born of this union. While not a member of any religious organization, Mr. Beerbower conducted his life according to the Golden Rule. His wife belongs to the Second Presbyterian Church. In political faith he was a Republican. His widow now resides on South Seventh Street, in the home her husband's devotion provided for her. He was a man who made friends easily, and retained them through life. Always conscientious in his work, he combined this business integrity with rare artistic perceptions, and his skill was eagerly sought by those who wished to demonstrate publicly their love for those departed. He died February 13, 1911.

BEERUP, William.—To have lived for over sixty years in one section of the country; to have reached the remarkable age of ninety-one years; to have seen the changes that have come over the country, is not the lot that falls to everyone. In 1838 the first puff of a locomotive was heard in Illinois; the following year William Beerup, now a highly esteemed citizen of Springfield, was working for the Northern Cross Railroad Company. He was born September 6, 1820, in Sidney, Canada, a son of John and Mary Beerup. John Beerup was born in Albany, N. Y., and for many years conducted a blacksmith and horse-shoeing shop at Sidney, Canada. At an early date he came to Illinois, stopping in Chicago for a time to work at his trade, but later came to Springfield, where the rest of his life was spent.

William Beerup was educated in the country schools of Canada, leaving home at the age of ten years and two years later going to New York learned the blacksmith trade in the shop of John Beeby, at Southport, N. Y. He worked for two years on the Welland Canal in Canada, and for three years on the Erie Canal, at which time the late President Garfield was working as tow-boy. For a time he was employed at his trade in St. Catherine's, Canada, but eventually came to Springfield. When the Wabash Railroad was in course of construction he was employed by that company, and saw the railroad business in Illinois grow from its earliest infancy to its present stupendous size. With the railroad has come every kind of change for the progress and development of the State, so that in taking part in the building up of the railroad, Mr. Beerup has in reality been helping build up his State.

Mr. Beerup was married in Springfield, in 1848, to Catherine E. Tolley, who was born in Jacksonville, Ill., August 27, 1828, a member of a family which came to Morgan County, Ill., from Kentucky at an early day. Her father was born in Virginia in 1754, and after settling in Illinois took up farming and continued agricultural operations for the rest of his life. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beerup, of whom but one survives, Adaline, the widow of John Jerry, living at No. 616 South Douglas Avenue. Her daughter, Miss Maude Jerry, is a teacher in the Stuart School. Mace Shumake, the only grandson of Mr. Beerup, is living at No. 1608 South Pasfield Street, and is connected with the Springfield "Record" as a linotype operator. He married Miss Jennie Kenyon, of Danville, Ill., a native of New York State. They have four children: Lester, Helen C., Gladys S. and Marion F.

Although he has attained the age of ninety-one years, Mr. Beerup is still strong and hardy, in full possession of his faculties, and in the enjoyment of perfect health, as is his wife, who has reached the age of eighty-two years. They reside in their home, at No. 619 Douglas Avenue, and in addition own a large farm near Springfield. Mr. Beerup has always been a Democrat. Mrs. Beerup attended Abraham Lincoln's wed-

ding and she and her husband were personal friends and neighbors of Mr. Lincoln.

BELL, Benoni (deceased).—The past fifty years have worked many changes and nowhere else is this more evident than in Sangamon County. Half a century ago much of the land that now sells for prices that would have seemed impossible then was in a wild state, a good deal of it being covered with heavy timber. Roads were few and transportation difficult in many sections. Water was the motive power used by the mills, and those intending to operate them sought a location along a stream. One of the men who was "forehanded" enough to realize the possibilities of Sangamon County and to secure some of its land before the price became prohibitive, was the late Benoni Bell, who resided on Section 25, Woodside Township.

He was born in Berkeley County, W. Va., July 24, 1822, being a son of Zebulon and Rachel (Swingle) Bell, natives of Berkeley County, West Va. Married September 20, 1821, and she was born December 20, 1801, and he born November 18, 1799. They were among the early pioneers of Woodside Township, coming to Sangamon County in May, 1834, making the trip overland in a wagon. The trip was a slow one and many stops were made along the way. When the new home was reached there was not much to gladden the eyes of the weary travelers, but being accustomed to hard work, and realizing that here land could be obtained at a low price, they did not complain, but commenced at once to make a home for their little family. Woodside Township remained their home until their deaths. Both were most excellent people, who were a credit to their community.

Benoni Bell went to school in both his native place and Sangamon County, in the latter attending the log school of the neighborhood, where comforts were lacking but earnestness was not. The children of that day thought nothing of walking miles through the snow to school, delighted at having the opportunity. While attending school he assisted his father and learned the wagonmaking trade, at which he worked until 1861. On June 14th, of that year he purchased the homestead of forty-five acres on Section 25, Woodside Township, and there for twenty years operated a grist-mill, farming to a certain extent during that period. He then gave up his milling to spend more time farming, but at the time of his death, he had been retired for ten years. He passed away, June 18, 1910, and his remains were interred at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield.

On October 12, 1859, Mr. Bell was married at Madison, Ind., to Mrs. Angelica (Taylor) Settle, born December 17, 1833. She lost her father at an early age, her mother lived until about 1900. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bell: Charles E., born October 8, 1868, died July 31, 1873, having been kicked by a horse; and Ada Hannah, born February 5, 1872. Mrs. Bell resides on the homestead which consists of forty-five acres of very valuable land. She is a lady of kindly disposition, devoted to her home, and has many warm personal friends in the neighborhood.

Mr. Bell was a Republican and served as School Director of his township for many years. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, and was interested in his lodge. Although he did not care to run for public office, Mr. Bell was very active in county affairs, always being willing to give of both time and money to advance its interests, and to inaugurate improvements. Some of the most desirable changes were effected through his instrumentality, and when he was called away those associated with him felt his loss very deeply, for they knew the county had lost one of its most reliable, loyal, true-hearted citizens, as well as they a true and tried friend.

BELL, Lu Mildred.—Springfield is the home of some of the most cultivated and charming ladies of the State, who assist very materially in making the Capital City one of the most pleasant places of residence in this part of the country. Among these ladies one deserving of special mention, by reason of her Christian character and kindly nature, is Mrs. Lu Mildred Bell. Mrs. Bell was born in Terre Haute, Ind., April 14, 1856, a daughter of S. M. and Mary M. Patterson, the former born in Vincennes, Ind., October 16, 1812, and the latter born in Hamilton County, Ohio, October 14, 1820. Mr. Patterson was a bookkeeper.

Mrs. Bell grew to womanhood in Mattoon, Coles County, Ill., where her parents moved in her childhood, and there she received a liberal education. She was always ambitious and found expression in training children, becoming one of the most popular educators of Coles County, where she taught school for a number of years. In 1877, she married Francis W. Boyd, and, after his death, was married, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, on July 4, 1903, to Matthew B. Bell. By her first marriage she became the mother of two children, Harry F. Boyd, born March 24, 1878, and Clarence La Vergne Boyd, born April 5, 1881.

For many years Mrs. Bell has been a member of the Congregational Church, and her work in its cause shows the quality of the woman. No worthy measure is taken up by the church that does not find an earnest supporter in her, and she lives out, in her every day life, the faith she professes.

BENDER, Victor E., Editor and Publisher of the Evening News, Springfield, Illinois, was born in Granville, Putnam County, Illinois, September 1, 1861, the son of Jacob and Helene (Nafziger) Bender

Jacob Bender and wife were natives of Germany, the former emigrating to this country in 1831, and the latter a few years later From the time he embarked on the Weser River until he landed at Annapolis, Maryland, Jacob Bender was on shipboard eleven weeks, having

made the voyage in a sailing vessel. From Annapolis, the party of colonists, of which Mr. Bender was one, proceeded down the Ohio River, landing at Cincinnati, and finally locating near Hamilton, Ohio. In 1855, shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bender settled in Granville.

Victor E. Bender received his primary education in the common schools of his native county. In 1881, he entered Knox College at Galesburg, graduating from that institution in 1885. Prior to entering college, Mr. Bender taught school several years, and with the money thus realized, and with additional funds earned in prizes while at college, he completed his four years' course. After graduation, he became principal of the schools at Abingdon, Illinois, remaining there for two years, when he received from President Newton Bateman, of Knox College, a call to the chair of elocution in that institution. Mr. Bender accepted the position, remaining for one year, when he went to Omaha, Nebraska, to engage in newspaper work. He did reportorial work on the Bee, the Republican and the Dispatch of that city, and in the fall of 1890, purchased the Omaha Mercury, a weekly newspaper devoted largely to the legal profession. He sold his paper in 1895, and with a number of citizens of Council Bluffs, Iowa, purchased the daily Nonpareil of that city, which he conducted for fifteen years as editor and publisher.

In 1909, Mr. Bender sold his paper and removed to Springfield, Illinois, where he purchased the Evening News, of which he is at the present time editor and publisher. Mr. Bender is a zealous Republican, and, while conducting his newspaper in Iowa, steadfastly espoused the cause of the conservative Republicans of that state. In Springfield, under his management, the Evening News has grown in circulation and influence, and Mr. Bender seems to be making good on his claim that the Evening News "Is the fastest growing paper in central Illinois."

Mr. Bender was married June 11, 1889, to Miss Alma Colville of Galesburg, Illinois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Colville of that city. They have one son and one daughter, Robert J., aged twenty-one years, and Victoria E., aged fourteen years. Mr. Bender's religious associations have been with the Congregational church. He is an enterprising and public spirited citizen, and evinces a lively interest in every movement tending to the mental, moral and political advancement of his city and state.

BENNETT, Charles W. (deceased), a retired florist living at 124 North Columbia Avenue, Springfield, Ill., was born in St. Louis, Mo., August 13, 1848, a son of Benonia and Sarah M. (Hunt) Bennett. The father was born in Virginia and the mother in Auburn, N. Y. They were married in Louisville, Ky., came to Sangamon County in 1832, locating near Springfield, later moved to St. Louis, where the father engaged in printing and book binding, and kept a book store. He died in St. Louis, August 30, 1868, and the mother died October 30, 1870. Both are buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery, in Springfield.

Charles W. Bennett attended the public schools of St. Louis and Washington University, and after leaving school engaged in dairy business at Oak Hill, a suburb of St. Louis, where he built up a lucrative trade. He made a specialty of providing pure bottled milk for babies, taking a course of instruction from a doctor in the best manner for caring for and putting up this product. He spent ten years in this business, then came to Sangamon County, arriving there in May, 1887. He purchased fourteen acres of land, and engaged in gardening there until 1890, when he built a green-house and for many years conducted a successful florist trade. He retired from active life in 1908 and was confined to the house on account of poor health. His business interests are cared for by his son Chesley, who learned the details of caring for the same from his father. Mr. Bennett was upright and reliable and was much esteemed by all who had dealings with him.

Mr. Bennett was married, in St. Louis, Mo., in 1873, to Miss Mary E. Beach, who was born August 9, 1848, daughter of Miles and Mary Graham Beach, the former born in Connecticut, in 1806, and the latter in Maine, in 1812. Two children were born to Mr. Beach and his wife, Louis M., of Springfield, and Mrs. Bennett. The parents came to Randolph County, Ill., in 1835, and secured a farm, where both of them died. Four children were born to Mr. Bennett and his wife: Mary, wife of Robert McCune, a house-mover of Springfield; Anna, married Julius Raandock, a mill foreman in Austin, Tex.; Estrick, deceased; Chesley, at home, conducting the business established by his father. Mr. Bennett was a member of the Episcopal Church and in politics was a Republican. He was affiliated with the Court of Honor, of Springfield, and the A. O. U. W. of St. Louis. During the Civil War he enlisted at St. Louis, for thirty days' service, and at the end of his term was honorably discharged. Mr. Bennett died May 14, 1911.

BENNETT, Harry.—No class of men have contributed so much to the upbuilding of large corporations as the commercial travelers who introduce their goods in every part of the country and keep their home houses informed as to conditions of trade. One of these progressive, genial, enterprising representatives of the great body of traveling men in Springfield, is Harry Bennett, traveling representative of the Deering Harvester Works. Mr. Bennett was born at Casey, Ill., November 27, 1875, being a son of John and Susie (Frokes) Bennett. The father was born in 1856, early becoming a resident of Fairfield, Ill., where he carried on carpentering. The mother passed away in 1896.

Harry Bennett attended the school held in a brick school building at Farina, Ill., and upon leaving school learned the painter's trade. However, he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company soon thereafter, and continued in it for several years, leaving to engage with the Springfield Street Railroad Company. He is now on the road for the Deering Harvester Company and is one of their most valued employes. His success in business has come from faithful, conscientious devotion to duty and from his knowledge of conditions and wants of those with whom he is dealing. For three years he has been a member of Effingham Lodge No. 451, Modern Woodmen, and is interested in its work. His political influence is always cast in favor of the Republican party. In religious matters he is connected with the Baptist Church and finds in it a congenial religious home. He was married in Effingham, Ill., February 20, 1906, to Edna M. Hunter, born in Effingham County, Ill., in 1884. Her father has always been an engineer and is one of the best-known men in that line in his part of the State. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are among the popular young people of Springfield and have many warm friends socially and in their church.

BERGEN, Augustus W. (Vol. I, p. 45.)

BERGEN, Charles Henry (deceased), for many years a resident of Springfield, Ill., was well-known and highly respected. He was born in Menard County, Ill. December 19, 1851, son of George S. and Emily (Wyatt) Bergen. His father was born July 6, 1809, in Kentucky, and the mother was also a native of that State. George S. Bergen was a farmer in Kentucky and later secured a farm in Illinois. He spent his last years in Petersburg, Ill., having been a resident of the State since 1829.

Charles H. Bergen spent his early years on a farm near Petersburg and attended the country schools. After leaving school he took up farming with his father and devoted most of his life to agricultural pursuits. In 1891 he located in Springfield, where he became engaged in market gardening. He was an excellent manager and devoted himself closely to his work and his home, caring little for political or public affairs. As a young man he united with the Presbyterian Church and at the time of his death was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Petersburg. In political views he was a stanch Democrat. Mr. Bergen was industrious and thrifty and became fairly successful in business. His death occurred March 15, 1897, and he was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield. His widow now resides at 801 South Fifteenth Street, Springfield.

Mr. Bergen was united in marriage in Springfield, December 4, 1877, with Miss Mary Cook, Rev. Dr. Reed, of Springfield, officiating. Mrs. Bergen was born in Springfield August 30, 1860, daughter of James Cook, and has lived there all her life. Children were born of this marriage as follows: Emily Louise, born in Pensacola, Fla., February 20, 1879, married O. C. King, who is a Baptist minister; Charles S., born October 24, 1880, a wood-worker, is married and has two children—Virginia and Charles S.; Mary Anna, born January 1, 1883, married F. K. Ricksecker, a piano salesman, and they have no children; Harry L., born July 19, 1885, a wood-worker, is married and has one child; James M., born January 5, 1888, deceased; William H., born November 10, 1890 resides in Seattle Wash., married Margarette Fox and they have one son, Herman; and A. G., born August 2, 1894, resides with his mother. Mr. Bergen was deeply mourned by his family and his many warm friends.

BERGMANN, John, one of the oldest residents of Springfield, Ill., now living retired from active life, worked at his trade of shoe-maker in that city about sixty years. Mr. Bergmann was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 26, 1823, son of George Adams and Kunagesunda (Winterstein) Bergmann, both natives of Bavaria. Both his parents lived to old age and died in Germany, where they owned a farm. They were parents of five children.

The boyhood of John Bergmann was spent in his native country and he was educated in the public schools there. He was reared to farm work but when he left school he learned the trade of shoe-maker. He emigrated to the United States in 1853, locating in Philadelphia, where he lived five years. In 1858 he came to Springfield, and worked eighteen years at his trade for Henry H. Richardson. In 1876 Mr. Bergmann entered the employ of Mr. Ensil, remaining with him five years, then worked six years in the same business for Walter Ortway and ten years for Klayholt & Fogarty, after which he engaged in business on his own account and continued until he retired a few years since. He is a skilled workman and has been successful in his operations. Mr. Bergmann has been a hard-working, industrious citizen and has been able to accumulate some valuable property, including the comfortable residence the family occupies.

Mr. Bergmann was married in Philadelphia, Pa., April 3, 1854, to Margaret Gotschalk, born March 24, 1829, daughter of Adam and Anne Margerette (Foester) Gotschalk, who spent their entire lives in Germany, where they attained old age. Six children blessed this union, namely: Caroline, married Gus R. Ransenberger, employed by the Illinois Watch Company; Tina, widow of George Mackley, a cigar maker in Springfield; John and Fred, in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company; Henry died in 1908, was married and left a wife and two daughters Mr. Bergmann has seventeen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, the names of the latter being: Ethel, Mildred and Louis Edward Abbott, living in Springfield. Mr. Bergmann has been very fortunate in living to see three generations of his descendants and takes great pride in them, as he has every rea-

son to do. In politics he is a Democrat and he attends St. John Lutheran Church, of which he is a member. This church occupies the building formerly used by the First Presbyterian church, which was attended by Abraham Lincoln, and his name is shown on a plate which is fastened to the back of the seat he occupied. Mr. Bergmann has won many friends in the long years of his business life and in his later years has found time to enjoy the society of his friends and the rest he has well earned. The family lives at 821 East Miller Street.

BERGNER, Herman F., was born in Saxony, Germany, March 15, 1843, son of John J. Bergner, who came to America the same year their son Herman was born. The family proceeded direct to Springfield, where the parents both died. The father was a cloth weaver, and so far back as anything is known the ancestors lived in Germany. Herman F. Bergner received his education in the public schools of Springfield and was always fond of outdoor sports and exercise. Upon leaving school, he found employment in a brick plant, and at the age of sixteen years enlisted in the navy for service in the Civil War, the date of his enlistment being March 26, 1864, at Chicago. He was assigned to duty on the boat "Washita," under Admiral Porter, and served one year and five months, under Captain Zimmerman. He was discharged August 26, 1865, at New Orleans, La., off the Rebel ram "Missouri." He was never captured, but was wounded at the engagements at Donaldsonville and Alexander. The regiment took part in battles at Vicksburg, Donelsonville, and New Orleans, went up the Red River to Alexandria, where they had a skirmish and chased a rebel ram, but those on the boat blew it up before it could be captured.

At the close of the war he returned home and, in 1868, moved to Philadelphia, but four years later returned to Springfield, which has since been his home. He worked many years at the trade of a printer, and has always been industrious and hardworking. Respected by all who know him he is considered a useful, upright citizen. He is now employed as Sexton for the St. Paul Pro-Cathedral in Springfield, and in the performance of his duties has given the utmost satisfaction. His home which he owns is at 539 West Canedy Street. He is an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Democrat. A prominent member of Stephenson Post G. A. R., he also holds a membership in the American Home Circle.

Mr. Bergner was married in Chicago, in 1866, to Miss Elizabeth Spurrel, born in Bavaria, Germany, and they had three children; Charles, born in Chicago, April 15, 1867; Lena, born in Philadelphia in 1868; Mary, born in Philadelphia in 1871. Mr. Bergner's wife died and he married (second) Mary E. (Curran) Molter, born in Wurtemburg, Germany, January 2, 1848, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Curran, who came to America and located in Springfield, where both died. Mrs. Bergner was married to Mr. Molter in Springfield, and he died, leaving her with two children, Katie and Caroline. By her second marriage, she had no children. Mr. Bergner carried the first German paper that was printed in Springfield, Ill., having carried papers to Abraham Lincoln many times. He tells many stories of Mr. Lincoln, remembering both him and Stephen Douglas, as personal friends.

BERRIMAN, George R.—There are many examples of the self-made man to be found in Springfield; men who, starting out entirely on their own recources, have worked their way steadily to the front in some chosen line and achieved success in spite of all obstacles. Few, however, have given their attention to many and varied occupations and proven successful in whatever they have undertaken, and it is in this way that Mr. George R. Berriman is an unusual example. He was born July 13, 1858, in Springfield, Ill., and is a son of Peter Berriman. He attended the Springfield public and high schools, after leaving which he found employment in the foundry of John G. Gillette, at Elkhart, Ill., for whom Mr. Herriman's father had done much iron work. One year later, however, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he became general agent for the Union News Company, having charge of their office at the Little Miami Depot for about four years. The following year he went to New York City to become general agent for the New York Newspaper Union, and this company sent him to Pittsburg, Pa., where he had charge of the business for some time. On account of the illness of his mother, however, Mr. Berriman returned to Springfield, remaining there until after her death, then going to Chicago, where he had charge of the State Grain Office for two years, a position which he resigned to become an employe of the United States Sub-Treasury under D. P. Phelps. After one year in this capacity he resigned, and for the past twelve years has been press agent in the Illinois State Legislature. In 1896 he opened a brokerage and money loaning office in Springfield and is still engaged in that line, having offices at No. 103½ Fifth Street. In addition to these interests he is a leading lumber broker, purchasing walnut lumber all over Illinois and shipping it to buyers in Chicago, Columbus, Cincinnati and St. Louis, and is also well known as a dealer in fine trotting horses, of which he is an excellent judge. In 1909 he was the victim of a severe accident, when he fell from his horse and received injuries which confined him to his home for several months. He is a Republican in politics, although up to the time of the election of President Cleveland he had supported the Democratic party.

On October 22, 1901, Mr. Berriman was united in marriage with Miss Mary Wells, at Marshalltown, Iowa, where she was born October 22, 1875, daughter of Frederick T. Wells, one of the oldest business men of that city.

BERRY, James, an old and well-known citizen of Springfield, Ill., who has retired from active life, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, about 1843. He is the third son of William and Mary (McHale) Berry, farmers of Ireland, who died there. James Berry was reared on a farm and received a fair education in the local schools, after which he continued farming until twenty-five years of age, when he came to America, sailing from Liverpool and landing in New York. He came direct to Springfield, Ill., arriving there May 5, 1869, and has spent most of the time since in that city.

Mr. Berry was married in Springfield, Ill., April 22, 1872, to Miss Anna McGrevy, also a native of County Mayo, Ireland, who came to America with her mother when about eleven years of age. Her father, Patrick McGrevy, and her sisters, Mary and Bridget, had preceded them to the new home. They located in the City of Springfield, where Mr. McGrevy died in May, 1910.

After settling in Springfield Mr. Berry became employed in the mines and continued in this line of work up to the present time. He was an industrious and faithful worker and managed his financial affairs in a creditable manner, so that he was able to retire in 1910. He erected the present family home at 1031 East Enterprise Street in 1898. He is universally respected wherever he is known and has won many friends. He and his family are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and in politics he is a Democrat. Children as follows were born to him and his wife: William and James, at home; Edward, of Springfield, married Jennie Cummings; John, of Springfield, married Emma Oger; Thomas, at home, married Sadie Tulley; Marie, Mrs. James Kelly, of Springfield; Anna, Mrs. Louis Hornish, of St. Louis; Catherine, at home. Mrs. James Berry died June 3, 1911, at Springfield, Ill.

BERRY, Riland Dillard, M. D., a well-established physician of Springfield, Ill., has a large and lucrative practice and has the esteem and confidence of all who know him. Dr. Berry was born in Carlinville, Ill., July 10, 1855, son of Benjamin L. and Sarah Jane (Rutherford) Berry, both natives of Kentucky, who came to Illinois in 1855 and located on a farm near Carlinville. They had twelve children.

The education of Riland D. Berry was acquired in the public schools of his native city, and he afterward studied medicine, graduating from the Medical College of Ohio, in 1879. He began practice in partnership with Dr. J. P. Matthews, of Carlinville, and in the fall of 1888 located in Springfield, where he has since been engaged in successful practice alone. He is known as a skilled practitioner and stands high in his profession. He is a member of the county and state medical societies and of the American Medical Association, and is thoroughly devoted to the interests of all three. In politics he is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is considered a representative and public-spirited citizen and is highly esteemed by his many warm friends.

Dr. Berry was married at Rohrer, Ill., December 17, 1890, to Lenora Florence, daughter of Milton and Mary E. Rohrer, of Rohrer. Both of her parents were born in Waverly, Ill., the father May 31, 1832, and the mother July 17, 1840. Dr. and Mrs. Berry have no children.

BEST, Ernest, one of the best-known and most highly respected German-American citizens of Springfield, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, January 8, 1837, a son of Henry and Christine (Bruek) Best. In 1850 Henry Best brought his family to America, the travelers landing at New Orleans. They took passage on a Mississippi River steamboat and started for St. Louis, but the father was taken sick and died of cholera before landing in that city, his burial being on Burt's Point, in the lower part of Illinois. This family disaster occurred in the latter part of the month of May. The widow, with her children, settled near Prairietown, Madison County, Ill., and there she died in 1859. There were nine children in the family, seven sons and two daughters, and of these the living are: Ernest; Christian, a farmer living in Christian County, Ill.; and Caroline, wife of William Jackson, an Illinois farmer.

Ernest Best had attended school in his native land and afterward learned the English language in Madison County. He learned the blacksmith trade and worked at that for a few years and also continued to operate the farm in Madison County until 1892, when he moved to Springfield, where he now lives in comfortable retirement. During the Civil War, when the Government found it necessary to make a draft for soldiers, Mr. Best wes unfortunate enough to be drafted. It was almost impossible for him at that time to leave his affairs and enter the army, and through the assistance of neighbors and friends he found a substitute, but it cost him $900. Perhaps he did not feel the loss of the money quite so much after he learned that his substitute was killed in the first battle in which the company took part.

Mr. Best was married at Prairietown, Ill., in the Lutheran Church, by Rev. Ramelow, on July 29, 1873, to Miss Minnie Eden, a daughter of Hilbert and Gretchen (Pull) Eden. She was born in Hanover, Germany, May 27, 1857. Her father was born there August 27, 1825, and died in 1897, but her mother still lives, having been born in Hanover, December 25, 1827. They had six children, namely: Mrs. Best; Bernard, a farmer in Madison County; Otto, living in Germany; and Hilbert and Gretchen, both living in Germany.

Mrs. Best came alone to America in 1871 and two years later was married to Mr. Best. Three sons and five daughters have been born to them and the family record is as follows: Otto H.,

born June 1, 1880, is employed by the Springfield Gas Company as an inspector; Bernard H., born January 6, 1890, lives at home and is a clerk employed by the John W. Cobb's Drug Company; William was born March 12, 1896, and lives at home; Helena was born October 6, 1875 and is the wife of Peter A. Baker, proprietor of a grocery store in Springfield; Christine was born July 26, 1877, and is the wife of George Colberry, of Springfield; Anna K. was born September 5, 1884, and is cashier for the firm of Graser & Reisch; Margaret J. was born December 29, 1888, lives at home and is employed in a large millinery house; Minnie R. was born September 13, 1898, lives at home and is employed in the mercantile house of R. F. Herndon & Company. In politics Mr. Best is a Republican. With his family he belongs to the Lutheran Church, and is very active in all its charitable and benevolent work.

BEST, Robert, an enterprising farmer and blacksmith living in Capital Township, Sangamon County, Ill., has been successful in various enterprises. He is a typical English-American citizen of the better class, and is a man of unusual intelligence and industry. Mr. Best was born in Yorkshire, May 30, 1859, son of Robert and Anna (Cooper) Best, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of England. Robert Best, Sr., was a veterinary surgeon and both he and his wife died in England. They were parents of nine children, of whom two sons and two daughters now live in England.

The education of Robert Best, Jr., was acquired in England, and after leaving school he worked on a farm. His father was an excellent judge of horses and the son has always taken an interest in these animals. He learned the blacksmith's trade and worked at it in England until 1888, when he sailed from Liverpool for New York, bringing with him eighteen head of fine horses. After remaining three months in the United States he returned to England with eighteen head of fine coach horses, representing the firm of Sterlicker Brothers, dealers in high-grade horses. Mr. Best carried on this business with gratifying success and profit for seventeen years, and (in 1901) returned to England and lived there eight years, then came again to Sangamon County, which has since been his home. He carries on his farm and also conducts a blacksmith shop. He is a good workman and has established a good trade. He has an excellent business reputation and has won many friends in the community.

Mr. Best was married in Springfield, in 1891, to Ida Williams, born at Masbro, near Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, in July, 1875. She was one of eleven children and both her parents spent their entire lives in England. Eight sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Best, all of whom survive: John, George, Walter, Joseph, Samuel, Rolla, Arthur, and an infant. Mr. Best is a member of the Episcopal Church and in politics is a Republican. He is a man of pleasant, genial manner, has an excellent education, is a good conversationalist, and has a striking personality. He is well known as a public-spirited citizen and a man of reliability and integrity.

BETTINGHAUS, Henry.—As long as Springfield's residences and schoolhouses stand as a monument to his industry and skill, Henry Bettinghaus will be gratefully remembered by its people. He was for many years engaged in a general contracting and building business here, and his work is the best testimonial he can ever have. He was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, May 3, 1835, and there received a fair education. Leaving his native land when only seventeen, he came to America, and locating in Toledo, Ohio, there learned the carpenter trade. After working at it in Toledo for seven years, in 1859 he came to Springfield, and this has been his home ever since. Until 1863 he merely worked at his trade, but in that year he began contracting, and eventually became one of the most extensive builders here. Many of the most substantial schoolhouses and handsomest residences were put up by him. In 1906, feeling that he had done his full duty, Mr. Bettinghaus retired, and since then has been resting from his many years of arduous labors.

On September 7, 1859, Mr. Bettinghaus was united in marriage, in Springfield, with Louisa Schnitker, born in Prussia, Germany, April 28, 1838, and they have had the following children: George W., a general contractor; Anna, wife of Rev. George Moehring of Millington, Mich.; Elizabeth, at home; Catherine, wife of Rev. W. T. Vogel, of Dewey, Ill., pastor of the German Lutheran Church of that place; and six who are deceased. Mr. Bettinghaus is a member of the German Lutheran Church of Springfield, with which he has been connected for half a century. He is an excellent example of the German-American. Industrious, thrifty and sociable, he has been a good business man and at the same time gathered about him a wide circle of warm, personal friends, whom he delights to entertain at his pleasant home. He and his wife are deservedly popular with their friends and neighbors, and are justly regarded as among the best people of the Capital City.

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BEYER, Conrad, an enterprising German-American citizen of Springfield, who has built up a good business on his own account, was born in Bavaria, November 26, 1868. He is a son of Michael and Katherine (Strackfuss) Beyer, the former of whom died when the son was a baby and the latter when he was ten years of age. Both were natives of Baden, where they died. Conrad Beyer was the youngest of seven children, three sons and four daughters. He has a brother and sister now living in Germany and one sister in America. He attended school in

his native country and came to America alone when seventeen years of age. He has since made his own way and has been successful through natural energy and good management. He was reared on a farm but after coming to the United States took up various occupations. He landed in New York and came direct to Springfield, where he had a sister and an aunt. He worked five years in the watch factory and then engaged in business on his own account, conducting a restaurant and small hotel.

Mr. Beyer has made many friends in Springfield, which has been his home nearly thirty years, and has established a reputation for business honor and probity. He is liberal in religious views and in politics votes for men and measures rather than for party. He is unmarried. Mr. Beyer has never taken a very active part in public affairs and has never sought office.

BIESENTHAL, Charles A.—In the second generation the German characteristics blend well with those of American origin, so that the offspring of the Fatherland are among the most prosperous in the land. Proud indeed may a man be who can trace his ancestry back to a sturdy son of Germany who, coming here, developed into one of the thrifty German-American citizens of which the country has had such need in times gone by. If it had not been for them during the Civil War, the outcome might have been entirely different. Charles A. Biesenthal, of Capital Township, is of German parentage. He was born in New Berlin Township, January 5, 1872, being a son of Frederick and Sophia (Kuhn) Biesenthal, the former born April 14, 1846, and the latter born October 14, 1842, both being natives of Germany. In 1863 Frederick Biesenthal came to America, landing in New York, whence he came west to Wisconsin, but remaining there only a short time, he moved to Springfield. From there he enlisted in the service of the North and fought during the remainder of the war, participating in many hardly-contested battles. The parents of Charles A. Biesenthal were married in Springfield and had eight children, six of whom survive. While the father died October 14, 1896, the mother survives, making her home in Springfield.

Charles A. Biesenthal attended school in Curran Township and worked on his father's farm. Later he worked on a farm owned by his father, in New Berlin Township, and conducted it until the latter died. At this time he began farming for himself in Curran Township, but in 1901 moved to Capital Township, where he now owns eighty-five acres of rich farm land. This he devotes to general farming, and has succeeded in amassing a comfortable property.

The marriage of Mr. Biesenthal occurred in Gardner Township, February 2, 1894, to Julia Kohl, born in Springfield, April 9, 1873. Her father was born in Germany but her mother was a native of Springfield. Mr. Kohl came to America in 1863, settled on a farm in Sangamon county, and worked at the city water works for six years, after which he devoted himself exclusively to his farming, and is now thus engaged. He and his wife had two daughters and three sons, all of whom survive. The grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. John Kohl, also live at North Seventh Street, Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Biesenthal have had six children: Frieda, Carl, Sophia, Godfrey, William and Earl, all at home.

Mr. Biesenthal is a Democrat and has served very acceptably as School Director of the Sand Hill School. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, being highly regarded in that organization, as he is throughout the county where he is so well and favorably known.

BIESENTHAL, Fred (deceased).—The profession of farming, as now practiced by the intelligent and industrious agriculturist, is as different from the farming of several decades ago, as could be imagined. The day of the work-hardened, horny-handed farmer has past. In these days we see the agriculturist who uses scientific methods retire in time to spend the remaining years of his life in enjoyment of a well-earned competence. The late Fred Biesenthal, for many years a resident of Sangamon County, belonged to the new order of farmers, and in addition had the distinction of being a self-made man. Born in 1844, in Germany, he was a son of Frederick and Sophia Biesenthal, natives of the Fatherland.

Mr. Biesenthal's mother passed away in Germany when he was still a small lad, and he was but eighteen years old when he came to America to try to win his fortune. He had secured a public school education in his native country and on coming to Springfield, he secured a position with the Bunn Bank, with which he was associated until 1870. At this time, deciding that there was a better future for him in farming, he took up a tract of land in Sangamon County, and subsequently he purchased a farm near Curran, which he continued to operate successfully. He died September 13, 1893. In 1895, the family came to Springfield, and Mrs. Biesenthal is now residing in a comfortable home at No. 100 West Edwards street. Mr. Biesenthal was a stanch Democrat all of his life, and he took a great interest in public matters, especially those pertaining to education, serving as Director of the Sangamon County School Board for many years. He showed his public spirit in many ways and was always a leader in movements for the public welfare. His religious faith was that of the German Lutheran Church.

On February 15, 1867, Mr. Biesenthal was united in marriage with Sophie Kuhn, and to this union there were born eleven children, five of whom are now living, namely: William, born September 22, 1870, who is married and conducting a farm adjoining his mother's farm

near Curran; Charles, born November 11, 1868, who is married and engaged in farming north of Springfield; Sophia, born January 11, 1880, married to Gus Siebert and residing in Springfield; Louise, born February 2, 1875, died January 8, 1912; Katherine, born December 29, 1882; and Wilhelmena, born February 25, 1885, the last two named living with their mother.

BIGLER, Cyrus Wineman.—Sangamon County has its full quota of manufacturers, financiers, professional and business men and statesmen, but particularly is it noted for the high standard set by its agriculturists, who have done so much in the past few years towards making this county one of the garden spots of Illinois. The manufacturing, financial and industrial interests of any community are a source of great pride to its citizens, but it is to the farms that the country must eventually turn, and in the hands of the agriculturists lies the possibility of the country's prosperity or depression. Cyrus Wineman Bigler, who is engaged in farming and stockraising on Section 21, Auburn Township, is one of Sangamon County's progressive and intelligent agriculturists. He was born in that township January 25, 1868, a son of George and Virginia E. (Wineman) Bigler.

George Bigler was born in Botetourt County, Va., in November, 1833, and came to Illinois in 1857, in poor circumstances. For a short time he rented and finally bought land east of Auburn, where Cyrus W. Bigler was born. For some time he continued to improve this property, but subsequently bought 280 acres on sections 21 and 22, on which a fairly good dwelling had been erected. Cyrus W. Bigler can still remember coming to this new farm, and can also remember his first day in school in the Fletcher school district. On February 9, 1909, Mr. George Bigler's wife was called to her reward, and shortly thereafter he retired from active affairs and moved to Springfield, where he is now residing, enjoying the fruits of his years of labor. Mr. Bigler has always been a public-spirited citizen, giving freely of his time and means in any public cause, being a friend of education and for a number of years serving on the School Board. His politics have always been those of the Democratic party. Mr. Bigler was married in 1858 to Virginia E. Wineman and to them the following children were born: Edward A., a real estate agent of Amarillo, Tex.; Cyrus W.; two who died in infancy; George R., who conducts the Bigler Poultry and Stock Food Company, of Springfield. Mrs. Virginia E. Bigler was a daughter of Philip Wineman, a large landholder in Sangamon County in an early day, who became owner of about 2,000 acres.

Cyrus Wineman Bigler was given a good educational training in the district schools and at the age of seventeen years went to Illinois Wesleyan College, where he took a two years' course in the preparatory department and a full four years' course in the regular departments, graduating with the class of 1892. Returning home, he taught school for one year, then took up the duties of the farm, to which he has devoted himself ever since. In 1897 he removed to one of his father-in-law's farms in Talkington Township, but in 1902 took possession of his father's home farm on Section 21, and he is now operating 275 acres, owned by him, his father and his brother Edward. He has been very successful in his farming operations, having one of the finest properties in the county, and in stockraising he has been no less successful, breeding Poland-China hogs, Shropshire sheep, Percheron horses, and mules, and devoting 120 acres of his land for feeding purposes.

On February 5, 1895, Mr. Bigler was married to Miss Minnie A. Workman, daughter of B. F. Workman, a prominent banker of Auburn, and to them have been born children as follows: Mary Elvira, born August 21, 1896; Paul Workman, born February 9, 1899; Mildred, born August 31, 1901; Alice and Virginia, twins, born June 23, 1906. Mr. Bigler and his brother Edward married sisters, Minnie and Evelyn Workman, had a double wedding and for a number of years resided near each other. Edward has two children, Hayward Landon and Adella.

Mr. Bigler is socially connected with the Court of Honor and the Loyal Americans, and both he and his wife are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church and active in its work. He is a Democrat in politics, but during the past few years he has been liberal, voting for the man rather than the party. Enterprising and energetic, he is one of his township's most useful citizens, while he is public-spirited to a large degree and always ready to do his full share in promoting and assisting movements for the betterment of his community.

BILYEU, Edward.—The farmer of today occupies a high position in his community, for upon him and his industry depend the prosperity of the nation. The time has gone by when only incompetent men went into farming, when everything else had failed, or kept at it because they did not know how to do anything else. The farmer of today has to know his business thoroughly; he must understand the cultivation of the soil, be a good judge of cattle, and be able to buy and sell intelligently. Such a man succeeds and becomes rich from the products of the soil. One of the best examples of the farmer of 1910 in Sangamon County, is Edward Bilyeu, who was a candidate for Sheriff on the Democratic ticket, a man of wide interests and rich holdings. He was born in Prairieton Township, Christian County, Ill., and is essentially an Illinois man. His birth occurred December 29, 1859, he being a son of Peter and Elizabeth P. (Workman) Bilyeu, the former born in Sangamon County, near Loami, and the latter in Overton County, Tenn. She died February 8, 1909. The family lived on a farm

in Christian County, where the children were reared to manhood and womanhood. Edward Bilyeu is the second in order of birth of the fourteen children born to his parents, five of whom survive, three sons and two daughters.

Edward Bilyeu attended the country schools of Christian County, which were held in log houses. He sat on log benches, and whenever there were any floors they were made of puncheons. However, these children learned fast and thoroughly, and retained the knowledge imparted in those primitive schools. Mr. Bilyeu was brought up to hard work. Before he hurried off to school he fed the cattle, and on his return the same chores awaited him. However, he learned farm work, and continued with his parents until November 10, 1881, when he engaged with Calvin Cloyd near Curran. It did not take him long to accumulate some property, to which he has added from time to time until he now owns 600 acres of the richest kind of farming land in Curran Township. This land has been devoted to general farming and stock raising and he is recognized as one of the best judges of stock in Sangamon County. All of his operations have turned out well and he is one of the wealthy farmers of this part of the State. Having always been strong in the ranks of the Democratic party, he was the logical candidate for Sheriff and his personal following was so large that there was every prospect of his election. For fifteen years he has been a consistent member of the Christian Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen and Red Men. Ever since joining the Modern Woodmen, eighteen years ago, he has been an officer in his lodge and now is serving as secretary.

On April 20, 1884, Mr. Bilyeu was married near Chatham, Ill., to Polly Workman, born March 31, 1870, daughter of John and Caroline Workman. Their children are as follows: Alfred Ross, Richard, Joseph, Jay, Leah, Benjamin, Willie and Rosa. The last named was accidentally shot when eight years old. Mr. Bilyeu is a whole-souled, generous man whose liberality to those less fortunate than himself has won him many warm supporters.

BILYEU, Peter.—Springfield, as the Capital City, attracts many of the men who have ceased their active labors, for there they find many advantages not offered elsewhere. Not only is this true of those already residents of Sangamon County, but many come from other localities and, locating in the city, add to its prosperity and well-being. Among the honored retired farmers of that city is Peter Bilyeu, who for many years was an important factor in the agricultural life of Christian County. He was born in Sangamon County, May 13, 1832, a son of John H. and Elizabeth (Workman) Bilyeu, both natives of Kentucky, he born November 10, 1803, and she in November, 1810. The father was a farmer and blacksmith, who settled in Loami Township, Sangamon County, early in its history, but when Peter Bilyeu was only a month old, in June, 1832, he moved to Missouri. However, he came back to Illinois, in 1838, and, in 1841, to Sangamon County. This remained his home until May 15, 1867, when he went to Christian County. During one term, he served as County Commissioner.

Peter Bilyeu looks back on the days spent in the primitive log cabin school-house in Christian County, as being among the happiest of his life. The furnishings were plain, there were puncheon floors, slab seats, and none of the books of today, but the pupils worked hard and learned much. His childhood was passed on his father's farm, and he grew to manhood there, eventually branching out for himself and securing a farm, which he developed. He still owns 400 acres of rich farming land in Christian County. On February 8, 1909, Mr. Bilyeu retired, coming to Springfield, which is now his home. While residing in Christian County he served as School Director, being elected on the Democratic ticket. His religious connections are with the Christian Church, which he joined in 1860.

On October 2, 1856, Mr. Bilyeu was married to Elizabeth Workman, whose parents had moved to Christian County in 1840 and made that county their home until their deaths in advanced years. Mrs. Bilyeu died, having had fourteen children, nine of whom are now deceased. During his long and useful life Mr. Bilyeu has made many warm personal friends. He has always endeavored to do what he believed his duty and is now enjoying the results of the exercise of his many virtues.

BIRD, Lewis Elmer.—The Methodist preachers bore an important part in the development of Illinois, as they did in other States. These pioneer clergymen rode on horseback to visit their various charges, never complaining at the rough life or scanty pay, glad to labor for the Master. The name of Bird is associated with work of this class in Sangamon County, many tenderly remembering the preacher of that name who worked among them for their good. A grandson of his, Lewis Elmer Bird, is now one of the progressive and successful young farmers of Mechanicsburg Township. He was born in this township, January 19, 1876, being a son of Jacob Fullenwider and Anna Elizabeth (Hughes) Bird. Richard Bird, was born November 19, 1804, and began preaching as a clergyman of the Methodist Church in 1827, remaining in Kentucky until 1835, when he came to Sangamon County. He joined the Illinois Conference, and was assigned to various charges. Naer the village of Mechanicsburg, he entered government land, the greater part of which was covered with timber. His death occurred in 1882. In 1832, he married Lucinda N. Fullenwider. The grandfather on the other side of the house, Daniel Hughes, lived in Ohio for some years, then came to Illinois about 1850, settling in Adams County, near Quincy, where

he farmed until his death in 1891. His widow survived him until 1893.

Jacob Fullenwider Bird was born in Mechanicsburg, while his wife was born in Butler County, Ohio, and they were married in Payson, Adams County, Ill. Returning to Sangamon County, the young couple settled on the land his father had entered from the government. This land Mr. Bird devoted to general farming and stock raising. Adding to his property, Mr. Bird finally owned about 800 acres, a portion of which lay in Cooper Township. A stanch Republican, he became active in politics, serving his township as Assessor and Supervisor. His death occurred November 18, 1904, his widow surviving and making her home with her son, Lewis. There were two children, Mr. Bird and Mary Frances, now Mrs. Lawrence Kennedy of Chicago.

With the exception of a year, from 1893 to 1894, which was spent in Mechanicsburg, Mr. Bird has lived on the home place all his life. Since the death of his father, he has had control of the large property left to his estate, but rents all of it except 250 acres, which he is now operating. This farm he devotes to corn and small grain. Mr. Bird was married September 12, 1906, to Nemmie Shumway, born in Taylorville, Ill., daughter of John N. C. and Lillie (Rothchild) Shumway, natives of Illinois and Ohio, respectively. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Bird, Dwight and Emily R. A. (Roundtree) Shumway, were of Hillsboro, Ill. Dwight Shumway was a son of Perez and Sarah Rogers (Dwight) Shumway, he born in Massachusetts, July 20, 1723, died September, 1805, being a son of Asa, married in 1764 Eunice Bardwell, born in 1744, died in 1811. On the maternal side Mrs. Bird is the granddaughter of Lewis and Emma (Anthony) Rothchild, natives of Germany and Ohio, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Bird have one son,—Shumway Jacob, born November 30, 1907.

Mr. Bird is a Republican, and has served as Township Assessor with satisfaction to his constituents, and credit to himself. Fraternally, he belongs to the order of Elks, No. 158 of Springfield, and the Modern Woodmen of America of Mechanicsburg. In religious belief, he is a Methodist and belongs to that church in Mechanicsburg. He employs the latest methods and machinery in his farming, and his success goes to prove that scientific farming is the kind that pays the best in the long run. Belonging to a very prominent family, Mr. Bird is maintaining its prestige and sustaining the reputation of his people for honorable dealing.

BIRNBAUM, John.—Every branch of industrial activity finds expression in the business life of Springfield, and the men who are engaged in maintaining the present high standard of excellence for which the city is noted, are well fitted for their work. One of the men who have been engaged in their present lines of business all their lives, having grown up in it, and one deserving of special mention, is the veteran cigar manufacturer, John Birnbaum. He was born in La Porte, Ind., September 25, 1857, being a son of John and Elizabeth (Mier) Birnbaum, who came to Indiana upon locating in America at the time of their emigration from Gratz, Austria, their native place. The father had been a shoemaker before coming to America.

The family moved to Springfield when John Birnbaum was a lad, and he attended the schools there, at the same time learning the cigar-making trade. He was but seventeen years of age when he began working at it, and he has continued making cigars ever since, now having a factory of his own. However, although he has employes, he works in the factory himself and personally superintends everything, which insures the excellence of his product. Among his specialties are Lenora and Lone Jack, both of which are deservedly popular with smokers. His shop is clean and sanitary, and he takes great pride in turning out only the best of goods.

A strong Republican, Mr. Birnbaum has been called upon to represent his party in the City Council from the Third Ward. He belongs to Teuton Lodge No. 166, I. O. O. F., of Springfield; Capital Camp No. 333, Modern Woodmen of America, and the Cigarmakers' Union.

On October 10, 1882, Mr. Birnbaum was married in Springfield to Anna Hockenyos. Her father, who was a farmer, is dead, but her mother survives. Mr. and Mrs. Birnbaum have two children: Blanche Elizabeth, born May 3, 1887, and Raymond J., July 19, 1888. Mr. Birnbaum owns his factor as well as his home at 700 North First Street, where he and his wife welcome their many friends with cordial hospitality. He is a good business man, always giving a square deal to his customers, and never taking advantage of anyone. He inherits from his parents the sturdy virtues of the Austrian race, which have been grafted upon those of his own land, and in consequence he enjoys the universal respect and confidence of all with whom he is brought into contact.

BISCH, Charles T.—Probably there is no man better known in the Masonic fraternity the State over, than Charles T. Bisch, of Springfield, whose devotion to the order, his zeal in furthering its work and his knowledge of its ceremonies and benefits make his services especially valuable in connection with his order. He is recognized as a man of high purpose, thoroughly imbued with the majesty and significance of the ritual, and earnest in his endeavor to extend the influence of the order in all its degrees There is scarcely any honor that can be accorded a Mason that has not been, or could not be, his, yet he is just as much interested in the work of the Blue Lodge as that of the Commandery. He enjoys in a high degree the respect of his brother Masons, who know and appreciate what he has been and is to Masonry. He is well known, however, outside of fraternal

circles, for he has spent his life in Springfield, and from boyhood has employed his time in advancing his interests, broadening his mind, and assisting in the development of the city. Merchant and capitalist, his various business interests have led gradually to his present work and he is now perhaps the most efficient and capable funeral director in his part of Illinois. Born in Springfield, July 28, 1860, he comes of good German stock on the paternal side, his father, Philip Bisch, having been born in Lorraine, Germany, September 24, 1825. In 1852 Philip Bisch came to America, locating in what was then the village of Chicago, in 1853. There he met and married, February 20, 1855, Isabelle French, born near Buffalo, N. Y., March 14, 1839. For a year succeeding their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bisch resided in Chicago, then went to Kansas City, but believing it was too far west, then came back to Illinois, and settled in Springfield in 1856, that city continuing to be their home. The father established himself in a furniture business, becoming a prosperous merchant and much-esteemed citizen. His death occurred January 10, 1889, but his widow survives, still making her home in Springfield. Seven children were born to this couple, six of whom are living, and of them all Charles T. is the eldest. Philip Bisch was one of those sturdy, upright men, whose desire was to do his full duty and live according to the teachings of the Lutheran Church, of which he was a consistent member.

Charles T. Bisch grew up in Springfield as a happy, healthy, normal lad, attending school and forming and enjoying friendships with his mates. Like a sensible man, his father had him learn cabinet-making, and this has influenced his business life, for all his operations have been along lines connected with this trade. After a three years' apprenticeship, in 1875, he accepted a clerkship with a furniture firm, and within two years became so efficient that he was made its manager. In 1880 he, with his father and brother, formed a partnership for the purpose of handling furniture, but at the death of the father Mr. Bisch purchased all the interests and continued the business alone, until 1893, when he sold to engage almost immediately in a carpet business. Until 1901 he remained in the latter line, but selling out, turned his attention to undertaking and has found employment in this work for his abilities and sympathetic capabilities. Not only must a man have training and experience, to be a good funeral director, but he must be born with that comprehension and appreciation of the sufferings of others that allow him to sympathize and express his sorrow so as not to intrude upon the grief of the afflicted.

Mr. Bisch belongs to Springfield Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory S. P. R. S., Thirty-second degree; Mohammed Temple of Mystic Shrine; Lalla Rookh Chapter, No. 218, Eastern Star; Princess of Jerusalem White Shrine Sangamon Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F.; Prairie State Encampment, No. 16; Lilla Lodge No. 63, S. of R.; Pawnee Tribe No. 66, I. O. R. M.; Illini Council No. 6, D. of P.; Loft No. 66½ Haymakers; Capitol Lodge No. 14, K. of P.; Tekoa Temple No. 99, Pythian Sisters; Medina Temple, No. 99, D. O. K. K.; Springfield Lodge No. 158, B. P. O. E.; Laurel Council No. 929, R. A.; Prosperity Camp No. 1418, M. W. A.; Capitol District Court No. 20, C. of H. He has served officially in several lodges, and in 1898 was elected Great Sachem of Illinois by the Great Council of Illinois Improved Order of Red Men, and has served the order as Great Representative to the Great Council of the United States for ten years. In addition to these various fraternal connections, Mr. Bisch has found time to be active in the Y. M. C. A., of which he has been a member for thirty years, serving at one time as its Treasurer, and is now Vice-President and Director. He is an independent Republican. Since 1875 he has been a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

On October 28, 1884, Mr. Bisch was married in Springfield to Anna McCaulla, born in Springfield, May 22, 1865, whose parents were natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. McCaulla served during the Civil War, but died at its close in 1865. His widow survived him until 1907, when she too passed away. One son, Harold P. Bisch, was born August 14, 1885, in the city of Springfield. In 1906, when the son attained his majority, his father celebrated the event by taking him into full partnership, and now has the assistance of this promising young man in all his operations.

All his life Mr. Bisch has been interested in traveling and he and Mrs. Bisch have been in every State and Territory of the Union. In addition he has traveled extensively in Cuba and Canada, and he and his wife are contemplating a tour of the world in the near future. It is only justice to add that there is not a transaction in his life of which he feels ashamed, nor any that he would wish to live over because of neglect of duty or failure to give just due to others. His record is clean, his honor unsullied, and among his fellow citizens, his name stands for what is best and truest.

BISSELL, William H. (Vol. I, p. 48.)

BLACK, Frank P., for several years past a resident of Springfield, was born in Decatur, Ill., August 30, 1864, and is a son of John Henry and Elizabeth (McDonald) Black, the former now deceased and the latter a resident of Decatur. Both were born in Ireland, and were brought to the United States by their parents, in early life. For over thirty-five years John H. Black was engaged in mercantile business in Decatur, being a shoe dealer. He and his wife became the parents of five sons and one daughter, namely: Frank P., whose name stands at the head of this sketch; E. J., who is in the employ of The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company; John G., an engineer employed on

the Terminal Railroad, who lives in St. Louis, Mo.; Louis W., manager of the Imperial Laundry Company, at Albuquerque, New Mexico; Haubert B., a mechanical draughtsman and civil engineer, living at Saginaw, Mich.; Miss Marie, living with her mother in the old home at Decatur.

Mr. Black received his early education in Catholic parochial schools and in the public and high schools of Decatur. He attended Decatur Business College for a time and during the years 1882-83 was a student at Notre Dame University, where he won honors in elocution, artistic penmanship, drawing and athletics. The first work in which he was engaged was carrying morning and evening papers, and selling Chicago and St. Louis papers on Saturdays, and later he became clerk in a furniture store. In 1884 he entered the employ of W. F. Busher & Company, shoe dealers, of which firm his father was a member. The partnership was dissolved in 1885 and Frank P. Black entered into partnership with his father in the same business, in Decatur. Although a liberal patronage was extended to the company, a chain of unfavorable circumstances caused their failure in 1887. Mr. Black was employed for a time as reporter and city editor of various local papers, and then he established in his home town, a Catholic newspaper, entitled "The Catholic Eye." He was compelled to discontinue this publication in 1888, however, on account of lack of capital. He next established a produce and vegetable business, using the name Blax Green Grocery, but disposed of his interest in 1889 and accepted a position as traveling salesman for a Boston shoe house, a line for which he was well fitted by training and experience.

In 1891 Mr. Black took up the business of advertising, soliciting contracts to furnish various kinds of special advertising. He furnished programs for Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey, and Forepaugh, in the show business, and later contracted to furnish special programs for race meets. In the latter line he established an enviable reputation, his programs being novel and attractive, showing the colors worn by the various drivers or jockeys, the numbers, the names of the horses, and giving other interesting and valuable information. He furnished them for race meets in nearly every large city in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. He was also employed at times as Clerk of the race course and Starting Judge. His services were in great demand, not only in America, but he received offers of positions in England, Australia and France, to furnish programs similar to the ones which had gained him such a wide reputation at home. While thus engaged he spent the winter months in Decatur and Springfield, devoting his time to newspaper and advertising work. In 1894 he gave up traveling to assume the management of the O. & W. Shoe Company's store in Decatur, and while thus employed a special representative of Paine's Pyrotechnical Display Company, of New York City, called upon him with an offer of a salary of three hundred dollars per month and expenses, to travel as their advertising representative, through Europe, but for the second time he refused an opportunity to go abroad, on account of home ties. While living in Decatur he was for some time manager of the Riverside Park Theater, and the Crown Roller Skating Pavilion. He was also interested in establishing trading stamp stores in various Illinois cities

In 1896 Mr Black removed with his family to Shelbyville, Ill., where he managed a shoe and gents' furnishing business for B. P. Dearing, holding this position until the death of his wife, after which he accepted a position of traveling salesman for the Hendricks Vance Shoe Company, of Indianapolis. Soon afterward, however, he turned his attention to advertising and special newspaper work, in which he had had considerable experience, and for which he had natural ability. He published several newspaper editions of the industrial and business interests of various cities, and in 1889 formed a partnership in the business of Mr. H. C. Hyer, which lasted one year, then both entered the employ of The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, publishers of State and county historical works. Mr. Black remained with the firm until 1905, then entered the employ of the Munsell Publishing Company, of Chicago.

On October 27, 1886, at Shelbyville, Ill., was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Black and Mary Louise, daughter of Mathias and Mary Ann (Kinsley) Dilley, who was born in Trenton, N. J., September 5, 1863. Her father was a native of New Jersey and her mother of Dublin, Ireland, and both are now deceased. Five children were born of this union: Francis, born July 26, 1887, and Gertrude, born March 23, 1888, both deceased; Ethel L. M., born February 12, 1889, a stenographer and book-keeper in the employ of the Mitchell Drug Company, Springfield; Grace E., born January 1, 1891, wife of William McKinney, of Chicago; Ruth F., born September 18, 1892, a trimmer in the millinery department of the firm of Westenberger & Wetterer, of Springfield. The three last-named were educated in the Ursuline and Sacred Heart academies in Springfield. The mother of these children died November 28, 1898.

Mr. Black was married (second) at St. Malachi's Catholic Church in Geneseo, Ill., to Miss Minnie Schaefer, born in Hampton, Ill., August 12, 1877, daughter of Adolph and Catherine (Dodt) Schaefer, both natives of Germany, who were married at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., when Mr. Schaefer was leader of the Fifth United States Infantry Band. This band accompanied President Grant when he made a tour of the country. Mr. Schaefer gave lessons on the flute to Gen. Nelson A. Miles, and is an accomplished musician. He is now in the employ of B. F. Bowen & Company, publishers of historical works. By his second marriage Mr.

Black has had four children: Catherine Leonora, born December 21, 1902; Mary Louise, August 9, 1904; Frances Pauline, December 9, 1906; Henrietta Margarette, November 25, 1908.

Mr. Black served eight years as a member of Company H, Fifth Regiment Illinois National Guard, and saw active service in several strikes and riots. He and the other members of the family are identified with St. Agnes Catholic Church of Springfield, and in politics he is a Democrat in National and State politics, but in local elections favors the men and measures he thinks will best represent the interests of the people. He has never sought public office. He is possessed of more than ordinary ability as a salesman and solicitor and has been very successful along several lines of work in this capacity.

BLACK, George N.—Probably there is no one man in the history of Springfield and Sangamon County whose labor, influence and cooperation have been a stronger moving element in their business, political, intellectual and moral development, than the subject of this sketch. Mr. Black rose to prominence through the inherent force of his character, the exercise of his native talent and utilization of opportunities, and the high regard in which he was uniformly held comes through the fact that he was largely an ideal of American manhood. While he had controlled extensive and important business interprises, they were largely of the character that promote public progress as well as individual prosperity, and his efforts were directed along many lines in which the community has been the sole recipient of benefit. His connection with the public interests of the city were of a most practical and helpful character, for he aided in shaping the municipal policy and in promoting the educational, æsthetic and moral development of Springfield. His patriotic citizenship and interest in community affairs found manifestation in his zealous labors for improvements instituted through aldermanic measures, through his efforts in the upbuilding of the public library, and through the institutions of many trade interests affecting the material growth of this portion of the State.

Mr. Black was born in Berkshire County, Mass., March 15, 1833, a son of William M. and Persis (Fuller) Black. In the paternal line he was descended from good old Revolutionary stock. His grandfather, who came from Scotland to America in 1775, served for two years as a captain in the American Army and then as Clothier General of the State of New York, throughout the remaining period of the war. In the maternal line Mr. Black was a direct descendant of John Alden and Dr. Samuel Fuller, both of whom came to America in the Mayflower in 1620. Mr. Black's death occurred April 22, 1908, and the city lost one whom it had come to hold in the highest regard and esteem.

After attending the public schools Mr. Black acquired an academic education and at the age of fifteen years came West, locating in Vandalia, Ill., where he engaged in clerking for his brother in a general store for two years. In 1850 he came to Springfield and began his business career as a clerk in the dry goods house of Colonel John Williams, whom he served in that capacity for six years and then became a partner in the business, this relation being maintained for twenty-five years, during which time the enterprise proved a highly profitable one. In later years Mr. Black had been engaged in the promotion of various interests, and success in a marked degree always attended his ventures. He was President of the Aetna Foundry and Machine Company and a former Director and Treasurer of the Springfield Furniture Company. He was also the sole owner of the business conducted under the name of the Barclay Coal and Mining Company, of Springfield, and a Director of the Sangamon Loan & Trust Company, of the Springfield Iron Company and of the Springfield Electric Light and Power Company, all of which are prosperous concerns and are important factors in the business and commercial life of the city.

No citizen took a more active interest in the development of Springfield or worked harder to secure its growth than did Mr. Black, who gave freely of his time and means for the establishment of manufactories and the building of railroads, upon which two enterprises the building and prosperity of a city always depend. He was instrumental in the building of the Pana, Springfield & Northwestern Railroad and was a Director and Secretary of the company for many years; this line is now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern. He was one of the ten influential men who built the Gillman, Clinton & Springfield Railroad, now a branch of the Illinois Central, and served as a Director and Treasurer of the company. He was one of the prime movers toward securing contributions for the Springfield & Northwestern Railroad, contributing most generously himself, and continued to operate the road as Receiver and General Manager until 1880, when it passed into the hands of the Wabash Railroad Company. He was one of the promoters and a Director of the St. Louis, Peoria and Northern Railroad Company, and through the advancement of shipping facilities, he contributed in no small measure to the material upbuilding of Springfield and to the development of natural resources of this portion of the State.

Mr. Black also took an active interest in city and State politics. He served as a member of the Municipal Council and for sixteen years was Receiver for the United States Land Office at Springfield, to which position he was appointed by President Lincoln in 1861. He was an active and an influential Republican and for

eighteen years was Chairman of the Republican Central Committee, showing in his control of the political forces strong powers of management and thorough understanding of the conditions, and so controllig all factional elements as to produce harmonious results.

Mr. Black, being a lover of books, had one of the finest private libraries in Springfield, embracing many choice and rare volumes. He was Director of the City Public Library from its establishment and was later President of the same. He traveled extensively throughout America and the Old World and was a man of wide information, possessing that liberal culture which comes from travel and study. He was noted for his social qualities, as well as for his eminent business ability, and in religious faith he was a Presbyterian, having been a regular attendant at the First Presbyterian Church since he first came to this city.

On the 24th of October, 1859, Mr. Black was married to Miss Louisa I. Williams, of Springfield, Ill., and they became the parents of four children, of whom two are living: John W. and Anna Louisa, the latter the wife of Dr. Stericker, of Springfield. The family has long maintained a foremost position in the leading social circles of the city. Mr. Black, however, numbered his friends in all walks of life, for he was ever quick to note true character worth, and upright manhood could always win his respect and friendship. On the other hand, there is no man in Springfield who did not honor and esteem George N. Black, for throughout his entire career he manifested those sterling traits —honor in business, patriotism in citizenship and fidelity in social and home relations— which in every land and clime command confidence and good will.

BLACK, Henry Clay (deceased).—Faithful performance of duty, earnest endeavor, kindness of heart and honesty of purpose were a few of the striking traits of character of the late Henry Clay Black, formerly a resident of No. 1117 South Third Street, Springfield. He was born in Bond County, Ill., January 22, 1848, a son of James R. and Sarah (White) Black. The education of Henry Clay Black was obtained in the country schools of Macon County, and he continued to reside with his parents for several years after leaving school, learning the blacksmith trade. In 1883 he came to Springfield, where he obtained employment with the Wabash Railroad Company, and continued with that concern until his death. His faithfulness and conscientiousness made him a valued employe and his loss was felt by the company and his fellow workers. He was an Odd Fellow, belonging to Dove Lodge No. 600, of Warrensburg. In political faith he was a Republican, but never cared for public honors. Early in life he joined the Presbyterian Church. The death of Mr. Black occurred May 22, 1889, and his remains were interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery, where his last resting place is marked by a beautiful monument, put up by his sorrowing family.

The marriage of Mr. Black occurred in Macon County, Ill., September 16, 1877, when he was united with Ellen Cline, born September 21, 1841, in Montgomery County, Ill., daughter of Reuben and Sarah Cline. By a former marriage Mrs. Black had one child, Cora, born in Litchfield, Ill., May 18, 1865, who married Frank Underwood, an engineer in the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company. Mr. Underwood came from Van Wert County, Ohio. Mrs. Underwood died, leaving two children: Frank, who died in 1893, and Kern who lives with his grandmother. Mrs. Black is a charming lady, beloved by her family. She has known much trouble but bears it with Christian fortitude and tries to forget her own sorrow in ministering to others.

BLACK, John Williams.—The Black family has been prominently identified with the business interests of Springfield and Sangamon County, Ill., for more than fifty years, and has contributed its share to the welfare and development of the community during that time. John Williams Black, who is a native of Springfield, born May 19, 1862, has organized several successful business enterprises and has also been active in public affairs in the city. He is a son of George Nelson and Louisa Iles (Williams) Black, the former born in Lee, Mass., March 15, 1833, and the latter born in Springfield, Ill., December 22, 1840. The Black family is of Scotch and the Williams family of Welsh descent, and Mr. Black, subject of this sketch, inherits to a marked degree the chief characteristics of the two races, whose sons have possessed the sterling qualities of mind and morals that have been of such benefit to the communities in which they have lived.

George Nelson Black came West at the age of fourteen years and resided in Vandalia one year (in 1847-48), then moved to Springfield, Ill., where he resided until his death, April 22, 1908. He not only possessed the perseverance and fortitude of his Scotch ancestors, but had also inherited the energy and ambition of his New England forebears, and was always loyal both to the city of his birth and the city of his adoption, having the welfare and interests of both always at heart. He became a merchant, banker and capitalist. In 1850 he formed a partnership with his father-in-law, Colonel John Williams, the latter of whom had bought out his brother-in-law, Elijah Iles, who was one of the first purchasers of land in Springfield, to which city he came in 1821, being the first merchant to locate there. The mother of George Nelson Black, whose maiden name was Persis Fuller, was a descendant of John Alden, and his grandfather, Captain James Black, served in the Revolution and was afterward clothier or Quarter Master General of the State of New

York. John Black an uncle of George N. Black, served for years as Consul-General to Mexico.

The childhood of John Williams Black was passed in the old family homestead on South Second Street, Springfield, where he lived until 1877, then went West with Frank Stuart, son of Maj. John T. Stuart, and spent one year as cowboy on a ranch, twenty miles south of Denver, Col., where he went through one round-up before he was fifteen years of age. The outdoor life was of great benefit to him, developing not only his physical but his mental qualities. He received his early education in the schools of Springfield, spent one year at Denver Collegiate Institute, of Denver, Col., and three years at Shattuck School at Faribault, Minn., where he graduated from the English course in 1881, receiving second honors. He received three years' military training at this school and graduated as a First Lieutenant. He spent eight years of service in the Illinois National Guard, rising to rank of Captain and Adjutant of the Fifth Infantry and serving ten months in the Third United States Volunteer Engineers, on detached service as aide to Major General James H. Wilson, in Porto Rico and Cuba. General Wilson was in command of the middle division, the only one to get into action, first at Coamo later at Aibinito Pass, along the famous military road that was built by the Spaniards from Ponce on the south to San Juan on the north, about fifty miles in length. Mr. Black was in Porto Rico during the months of July, August and September, 1898, and served with credit to himself and his division.

Upon leaving school Mr. Black began his business career as Collector in the Ridgely National Bank, of Springfield, where he remained five years and was promoted to the position of Teller. In 1886 he left this position to join his mother and sister, who were traveling abroad, and he spent five months with them, in France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Belgium Holland, England, Scotland and Ireland. After his return to Springfield Mr. Black engaged in coal mining at Chatham, Ill., and later organized the Sangamon Paper Company, which engaged in the manufacture of straw paper at Riverton, Ill. Later the company sold its interests to the Columbia Straw Paper Company. In 1893 Mr. Black with James L. Cook and Irving Barker, organized the Barker Mine Car & Foundry Company, which in 1898 consolidated with the Aetna Foundry & Machine Company, of which he was manager until he closed out the business in 1908 on the death of his father, since which time he has devoted his time to his real estate interests. Mr. Black has been most successful in a financial way and has forwarded the interests of every enterprise with which he was connected, with energy and ability.

Mr. Black is a Republican in politics and has been active in the party's interests. He was elected a member of the City Council of Springfield under Mayor Lawrence's administration, serving one term. He was twice a candidate before the primaries for the office of Mayor, being once defeated and the second time withdrew his name in the interest of party harmony. He is a member of the Governor's Guard Veteran Corps, the Sons of the American Revolution, Modern Woodmen of America and the Illini Country Club. He belongs to the Episcopal Church, having joined that body at Shattuck School, in 1879, under Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota. He is unmarried. Mr. Black is very fond of all out-door sports but is especially partial to hunting and horse-back riding and motoring. He takes great interest in historical reading, as well as books dealing with adventure and military history. He takes a pardonable pride in the deeds and character of his ancestors, both in the State of Illinois and in the early history of the country. He is a man of liberal views on all subjects, having had his outlook upon life broadened through travel and experience.

Mr. Black still resides at the old homestead where he resided with his mother until her death December 23, 1909, and he and his sister, Mrs. George F. Stericker (Louise Black), are the only surviving members of the family.

BLAIR, Francis Grant, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Illinois, and residing in the city of Springfield, was born in Nashville, Ill., October 30, 1864, the son of William and Mary Jane (Crane) Blair but spent most of his early life in Jefferson County. Here he received his preparatory education in the country schools and the Mt. Vernon High School, from 1884 to 1886 was a teacher in the country schools of that county, and for three years (1886-89) Principal of schools at Malden, Bureau County. He then entered the Illinois State Normal University, graduating therefrom in 1892, after which he resumed teaching, serving as Superintendent of Schools at Leroy, McLean County, from 1892-95, also filling out an unexpired term at Decatur, Ill. In 1897 he took the degree of B. S. at Swarthmore College, Pa., when he became Principal of the Franklin School at Buffalo, N. Y., remaining until 1899. About this time he was complimented by the offer of a fellowship in Columbia University, but the Eastern Illinois State Normal School of Charleston being about to open, he accepted the position of Superintendent of the Training Department of this institution, remaining there for the next seven years.

The position occupied by Mr. Blair from 1899, in connection with the Eastern State Normal School, extended his acquaintance and gave him a wide reputation as a practical educator throughout the State, thus leading to his nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction on the Republican ticket, in 1906, as successor to the late Alfred Bayliss, his election in November of that year by a plurality of 147,834 over the Democratic candidate, and

a majority over all his opponents of more than 66,000, is evidence of his personal popularity. In 1910, he was a candidate for reelection and was again successful by a plurality of nearly 60,000.

Mr. Blair occupies an *ex-officio* position in connection with various State Boards, including that of Ex-officio Secretary of the State Board of Education, Ex-officio Trustee of the University of Illinois and of the several State Normal Schools, of the Lincoln Monument and Lincoln Homestead, and as Commissioner of the State Library. He has also been prominently indentified with various other educational and scientific organizations in this and other States, is a member of the National Society for Scientific Study and the State Teachers' Association, has been frequently called upon to deliver addresses before State Teachers' Associations and is author of a monograph of interest on "Pedagogy." He was married at Leroy, Ill., in 1898, to Miss Lillian Cayton, and his home is at 629 South Second Street, Springfield.

Mr. Blair has sustained a high rank in his profession as a practical educator and as an executive officer since his promotion to the position which he has occupied for the past six years. Thoroughly devoted to his official duties, he is doing much to maintain the reputation established for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction by Dr. Newton Bateman in the fourteen years of his public service in the early part of the last half-century.

BLAKELY, George, a successful farmer of Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, is a representative of the thrifty German-American citizens who have had a large share in the development and progress of their region. Mr. Blakely was born at Wurtemburg, January 6, 1849, a son of John and Saloma (Shuler) Blakely, both natives of Germany, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a tailor and also worked on a farm. He was a soldier in the German Army for three years. A half sister of his came to Sangamon County in 1859 and located in Ball Township. John Blakely died in 1879 and his wife about 1876 or 1877.

In youth George Blakely was employed herding cattle. He received his education in the public schools and after leaving school engaged in farm work, which occupation he has since followed. He came to America when he was about twenty years of age and landed in Springfield June 5, 1869. He located on a farm in Ball Township, where he spent twenty years, then lived one year in Christian County, and in 1890 came to his present farm of eighty-five acres of land in Cotton Hill Township. He is a hardworking and intelligent man and has brought his land to a high state of productiveness. He has a good standing in the community, is a member of the German Lutheran Church and in politics is a Democrat.

Mr. Blakely was married in Springfield, Ill., February 20, 1879, to Miss Elizabeth Lenhart, who was born May 27, 1861, daughter of Walter and Anna Lenhart, who came to America in 1855 and located in Springfield. Mr. Blakely and wife have no children, but their two nieces, Addie and Helen Lenhart, have lived with them for the past eleven years. They have a very pleasant home, well situated on Section 4, Cotton Hill Township. Mr. Blakely is interested in whatever affects the general welfare of the community and is ready to perform his full duty as a citizen.

BLAKESLEY, S. F., who has been engaged in business for several years past in Springfield, is a man of enterprise and ability, and is interested in various lines. He deals in paper roofing and is well-known as the manufacturer of Blakesley's enameled roofing paint. He is a tinsmith and also an inspector for the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company. Mr. Blakesley was born on a farm at Kickapoo, Peoria County, Ill., September 25, 1853. His paternal ancestors were Pennsylvanians and his grandparents died in the western portion of that State. His father, Frank Blakesley, was born in Pennsylvania and for some years worked at the trade of gunsmith in Warren County. He was an early settler of Peoria County, in 1844 returned to Pennsylvania and spent five years there, and in 1849 again came to Illinois. He died in Peoria County, at the age of sixty years, and his widow later married S. B. Storell and they removed to a farm at Bunker Hill, Kan., where Mrs. Storell died. She had borne Mr. Blakesley ten children, all of whom lived to maturity and three sons and two daughters now survive: Mrs. Peppers, of Kansas; Mrs. Hulda Rush, of Idaho; S. F.: William was a soldier in the Civil War and now resides in Kansas; James, of Fairbury.

Mr. Blakesley attended school in Peoria County until his father's death, at which time the boy was twelve or fourteen years of age, and then went to live in the family of James Gallop, who a few years since served as a member of the State Legislature. Mr. Blakesley worked on the farm during the summer and attended school in winter for three years, then worked two years on a farm for Maj. Reed, at Northampton, Ill., after which he began farming on his own account at Chillicothe, Ill. Two years later he engaged in dealing in live stock at Knoxville, and later began selling patent rights on a pump, which he continued after coming to Springfield in 1868. He also built up a transfer business, which he conducted a number of years, and eventually embarked in his present enterprise. He has built up an excellent trade and has the reputation of business integrity and fair dealing. He is a Democrat and fraternally is connected with the Ancient Free

and Accepted Masons, the Red Men, the Owls and the Court of Honor, in all of which he takes a prominent part.

In 1873 Mr. Blakesley married Miss Jennie Butler, daughter of the late William Butler, of Springfield, who was born in Covington, Ky., and reared in Bloomington, where for many years her father conducted a meat market. Children as follows were born to Mr. Blakesley and wife: William, of Kentucky; Randolph, at home; Mrs. Minnie Kron, of Los Angeles. The family reside at 918 East Carpenter Street.

BLEDSOE, Albert Taylor. (Vol. I, p. 52.)

BLESER, Jacob.—Through the inventive genius of a few, millions are benefitted. While the majority are content to plod along, there are those who are constantly working to better existing conditions, whose names go down through the ages as the benefactors of mankind. Jacob Bleser, of Springfield, has already revolutionized methods in certain lines of manufacture, and has placed upon the market more than one invention which will preserve his name for posterity. He was born September 7, 1868, in Germany, a son of Jacob and Johanna (Augstein) Bleser, the former a mechanical engineer, from whom Jacob Jr. inherited his love of mechanics. In 1884 the father brought the family to New York City, and from there they came to Springfield. A few years later, however, he died there, but his widow survives. Their children were as follows: Jacob, Katie; Mary, deceased, was a Franciscan Sister; Joseph Peter, an ordained priest, who died in Memphis, Tenn., possessed great musical genius; John, a Franciscan Father, now stationed in China; and Margaret, deceased.

Jacob Bleser Jr. was in his seventeenth year when he came to Springfield with his parents, and had attended school in Germany until the time of the family migration. Upon coming to Springfield, he obtained employment in the molder's shop of the Wabash Railroad. His father dying, Jacob was forced to take the support of his mother and the younger children upon his shoulders, and in order to do this began working for the Illinois Watch Company. So frugal and industrious was he that before long he had bought a home, in which he established his mother. In 1889, believing he could do better, he went to Chicago, engaging with the Western Electric Company. During the following four years he remained with this and other concerns of the Illinois metropolis, then returned to Springfield and opened a little book store, at the same time manufacturing artificial flowers. At first he was located at No. 911 Capitol Avenue, but later removed to No. 84 Monroe Street, and still later selected his present location, at No. 823 East Adams Street. There he carries on a general machinist business, making models and dies. Being a born inventor, he is constantly working to improve devices on the market, and among other things has patented the J. Bleser's Miner's Calcium Carbide Cap Lamp, and the Precision Bench Lathes, Nos. 4 and 5.

In June, 1897, Mr. Bleser was married to Lena Kramp, of Springfield, daughter of the late Nicholas Kramp. They have five children: Joseph, Rosa, Christine, Francisca and John. Mr. Bleser is a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. In politics he is a stanch Democrat and supports the candidates of his party with loyal devotion. Coming to a new country when but seventeen years old, and being early saddled with the care of his father's family, Mr. Bleser has made wonderful progress and deserves great credit for what he has accomplished. He assisted in educating two brothers for the priesthood and helped the others to fit themselves for useful vocations. His family life is a happy one, and in business and church affairs he proves himself true to the faith in which he was reared.

BODE, Franz, a retired merchant of Springfield, was born November 18, 1845, in the Province of Hanover, Germany, and has all the sturdy good qualities of his countrymen. His grandfather, Frederick Bode, was a native of Gelliehausen, Kingdom of Hanover, being the village schoolmaster. His grandmother bore the maiden name of Schomer. They both died in Germany, the grandfather when his son, Frederick was but six years old, in 1808.

Frederick Bode, father of Franz, was born in Gelliehausen, February 11, 1802. He was educated at the University of Gottingen for the Lutheran ministry, his first pastorate being at Eboldshausen, where on December 11, 1839, he was ordained. He held the following charges from 1839 to 1850 at Eboldshausen and from 1850 to the time of his death, March 14th, 1864, at Düdorade at which latter place he was buried on the 17th of March, 1864.

Franz Bode's mother's maiden name was Niemann. He was educated by his father until he was ten years old, when he entered the high school at Osterode, near the Harz Mountains, and there finished his education in 1860. Following this he obtained employment as a clerk in a hardware store at Einbeck, remaining there for four years. He then became traveling salesman for a hardware and lamp manufacturing company, at Magdeburg. At the end of two years he went to Berlin and for a year made that his headquarters, traveling over northern Germany. He then went to Stettin, where he clerked in a hardware house for one year. His next and last place of residence in Germany was the city of Hanover. In June, 1872, he went from Hanover to London, England, where he remained with a cousin, Bernard Ehlers, now deceased, for a short time. Finding it difficult to secure employment, as he did not speak English, he left London via Liverpool, on the steamship "City of Antwerp," for the United States, arriving in New York City, July 3, 1872. Having some means, he spent a few weeks with

another cousin, Albert Ehlers of Newark, N. Y., but not being favorably impressed with Newark he came to Springfield, arriving here on the 22d of July, 1872. After some difficulty he found employment with Dr. Lord. At the end of three months he was able to speak English well enough so that he was offered a clerkship at the Western Hotel, which he accepted. Following this he went to Milwaukee and clerked in the Republican Hotel for a time, resigning to go to Denver. However, when he reached Chicago, he decided to see his Springfield friends before going west. Discovering that the Western Hotel was for rent, he and Henry Speckman rented it and operated the same for five years. He next embarked as head salesman in a furniture business and later opened an undertaking business under the firm name of Bode & Homberger, continuing until 1893 when he sold his interest in the business to his partner and retired.

Mr. Bode is a member of the Royal Arcanum and Loyal Americans. The St. John's German Lutheran Church is his religious home. A Democrat, he served as a Member of the County Supervisors' Board from 1890 to 1893. On September 15, 1875, he married Caroline Pierik, of this city. She died, 1890, leaving one son, Frank H. Bode, now president of the wholesale grocery firm, Bode, Taylor & Company, of Springfield. In 1891, Mr. Bode married Annie M. Volk, of Springfield. Two children have been born of this marriage: William E., a student at the Interlaken School, at Laporte, Ind., and Marie Caroline, who is attending high school here.

BOGGS, Joseph.—Very few men of his time had as many friends as the lamented Abraham Lincoln, who delighted in his associations with those of humble birth. If he had never been selected as an instrument of fate to carry out the Divine Will, the cheer and happiness he brought into the lives of those with whom he came in contact would alone have made him great. One of the older residents of Springfield who is proud of the fact that he had the honor to be one of the friends of the martyred President, is Joseph Boggs, residing at No. 812 East Miller Street, this city. He was born at Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pa., November 17, 1829, a son of George W. and Mary (Uhler) Boggs, natives of Lancaster County, Pa.

George W. Boggs worked as a blacksmith at Elizabethtown, Pa., until he came to Springfield, in 1851, bringing his family with him. For a short time he worked in the city as a blacksmith, then became a butcher, thus continuing until his death, January 2, 1882. His wife died July 6, 1878. They had nine children, five of whom died before the family migration. Those now surviving are: Joseph; Mrs. Jane McKenzie, living on Spruce Street, Springfield; and Cordelia, who keeps house for her brother.

Joseph Boggs was educated in the common schools of Liverpool, Ohio, and when he was eighteen years old began learning the trade of saddler, but after working at it a short time in Germantown, Ind., he went to Milton in the same state, where he learned the shoemaking trade. After completing his apprenticeship, he worked at the trade in Milton, prior to going to Springfield, Ill. His first employer here was his uncle, Martin J. Uhler. Following this he worked for Reuben Coon, being one of eighty men employed, all working at custom-made footgear. Shoes were all made by hand in those days and according to his belief were better made than those turned out by machinery. Still later he worked again for his uncle and is still engaged at his trade. During the latter part of the war he conducted a shop half-way between Washington and Jefferson on Fifth Street. He is one of the best shoemakers in Sangamon County and takes a great pride in his work.

Mr. Boggs has never married, but owns his home, where he and his sister reside. In politics he is a strong Republican, but he has always been retiring and never sought public recognition. Quiet and uneventful as his life has been, he has set an excellent example of patient, faithful industry, and through his thrift has not only taken care of himself but has provided for his old age.

BOLTE, Henry L., Chief of the Fire Department of Springfield, Ill., is one of the most efficient officials of Springfield. The work of the Chief of a Fire Department calls for ability of no mean order, and for a thorough knowledge of the work. Because of his four years' service on the Call Board, Mr. Bolte was regarded as the man best fitted to succeed Peter Jacobs, resigned, and was appointed May 1, 1909, since which time the affairs of the office have been in his capable hands, and he has already instituted some very necessary reforms and improvements. Mr. Bolte was born in this city, March 4, 1871, being a son of Henry E. and Fredericka (Schumacher) Bolte, the former born at Lehr, Germany, and the latter at Aurich, Germany.

Henry E. Bolte married in Germany and came to Springfield about 1867. By trade he was a fresco painter, and after coming here worked at his calling until the firm of Zimmerman, Bolte & Armstrong was formed. This was the first painting and decorating firm in Springfield, and the house then founded still exists, being one of the best of its kind in the Middle West. Mrs. Bolte had been in the millinery business in Germany and for two years after coming here was Forelady for Levi & Company. Mr. Bolte continued in the firm he helped to found in 1872 until his death, which occurred March 10, 1888. A Democrat in politics, he took no further interest in public events other than casting his vote for the candidates of his party. In religious faith he was a member of the German Lutheran Church. He and his wife had two children, but their little daughter died when seven months old. Mrs.

Bolte survives, living at No. 115 East Jefferson street, Springfield, in the house where her son was born.

After attending the German Lutheran School, Mr. Bolte went to the Trapp public school, and when his father died he began working. He had learned the trade of fresco painter under his father and was employed by the new firm of Zimmerman & Armstrong. Mr. Zimmerman died and Mr. Schaunbacker succeeded him. After nine years of work at his trade Mr. Bolte went to Germany for a year, then, returning home, spent six years in the employ of M. Benjamin, a clothier. For the following two years he traveled for the Springfield Supply Company, and then for three years was in Chicago. Returning to Springfield, he was in business here for six years, and on May 1, 1909, was oppointed to his present office. Some of the striking improvements and innovations in the city fire department have been inaugurated by Chief Bolte.

Mr. Bolte is a Democrat and prior to his appointment served as Alderman for the Third Ward for one term. He was also chief usher at the Chatterton Opera House for sixteen years, and is one of the best known men of the city. His fraternal relations are many and pleasant, he belonging to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and Knights of Pythias, and he is also a member of the Theatrical Mechanical Association and the Stage Hands' Union. In religious belief he is a German Lutheran and belongs to the church in which he was baptized and confirmed.

Mr. Bolte was married in Chicago, April 13, 1902, to Estella Manier, of Davenport, Iowa, born near Unionville, Mo., November 6, 1878, daughter of Perry and Anna (Brown) Manier. No issue. It is such men as Mr. Bolte who are making Springfield what it is today—a city of whom every loyal son of Illinois feels proud. Progressive, conscientious and capable, Mr. Bolte is giving Springfield a service that cannot be over-estimated and putting his department into magnificent shape to handle any emergency that may arise, quickly and successfully.

BOOKER, John B., a retired farmer living in his comfortable home at 1724 South First Street, Springfield, Ill., is a highly respected citizen of that city, which has been his home about thirteen years. He was born in Orange County, N. C., December 5, 1830, son of John Brinkman and Phebe (Henshaw) Booker, the former a native of England and the latter of Ireland. The parents emigrated to America and located first in Virginia, but later moved to North Carolina. John Brinkman Booker was a soldier in the Revolution. Neither his parents nor his wife's came to America, but spent their lives in England and Ireland.

The childhood of John B. Booker, subject of this sketch, was spent on his father's farm in North Carolina, where he learned habits of industry. He cared very little about sports but was greatly interested in farming and was of great assistance to his father. In April, 1862, he enlisted in the Confederate Army, in Company F, Forty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, serving three years and three months. He enlisted at Hillsboro, Orange County, under Captain Scales. Mr. Booker participated in the Battles of Gettysburg, Bristol Raid, Deep Gully (N. C.), Falling Water, Wilderness, Seven Days' Fight below Richmond, and many skirmishes. After the surrender of Lee at Appomattox Court House he went to Greensboro, N. C., to join Johnson's Army, remained with them until the surrender of Johnson and then returned home. During his service he was never taken prisoner but was wounded twice at Spottsylvania Court House, in the arm and shoulder. In the light of later events and his present convictions, he does not feel particularly proud of his record as a soldier, but though he fought in a cause that did not win and one that he no longer feels to have been a just one, he served as a brave soldier, fighting for what he believed to be the rights of his fellows, and he was in every way true to the flag under which he fought. However, he has since proved to be as true a citizen of the United States as is to be found today.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Booker emigrated to the State of Illinois, arriving at his destination September 15, 1871, and since that time he has been a resident of Sangamon County. He began farming, and carried on agricultural operations until 1898, then retired from active life and purchased his present comfortable home, where he has every convenience. He is highly esteemed by all who know him and is a man with malice toward no one, aiming to live at peace with others and in a manner which will leave no cloud on his character or reputation. He is reasonably proud of the fact that he never sued anyone or was sued, and that he was never intoxicated and never arrested. Whatever difficulties may have arisen between him and anyone else have always been settled amicably, and in this way Mr. Booker has been able to win and retain a large number of warm personal friends, who have accorded him their utmost trust and confidence. In political convictions he is a Prohibitionist and he is a member of the First Christian Church.

Mr. Booker was married in Orange County, N. C., in August, 1871, to Mrs. Carolina (Roberts) Stone member of a well known family of Rockingham County, N. C., daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Wray) Roberts, both natives of that State. Mrs. Booker was born in Rockingham County, N. C., November 26, 1838. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Booker, namely: Eugene E., born December 15, 1872, farming near Barry, Ill.; Effie S., born January 14, 1875 is single and resides at home; Noah Oliver, born November 27, 1880 farming near Springfield; Charles Lewis, born February 15, 1883 is engaged in the cement manufacturing business. All were born in Sangamon County.

BOOTH, Amasa S.—In naming the representative citizens of any community, the biographer comes across many cases where the subject has risen from humble surroundings in his youth and achieved success in some chosen line, but he also finds that there are just as many cases where the father has followed a certain business interest with success and the son has taken up the same line and brought himself to the front rank of business men. Amasa S. Booth, a retired capitalist of Springfield, Ill., is an example of the latter class of successful men. Born June 9, 1835, in Exeter, Me., he is a son of Albert and Hannah (Stevens) Booth, who were also natives of the Pine Tree State. Albert Booth was a wagon-maker by occupation and to enlarge the scope of his operations removed with his family to Illinois in 1840, settling on a farm north of Springfield in Sangamon County. Mr. Booth soon found success in his new field, and was there engaged in business until his retirement, which occurred a short time before his death, the latter event happening in Springfield in his sixtieth year. His wife also died in the Capital City, having reached the age of fifty-six years.

Amasa S. Booth was the fourth of his parents' eight children. He was but a lad of five years when he accompanied the family on their journey to Illinois, and his youth was spent on the farm in Sangamon County, while he secured his education in the common schools. Early in life he began learning the trade of wagon-maker from his father, and the traits of industry, enterprise and sobriety from his mother, and all stood him in good stead in the battle of life. He established a wagon manufacturing plant of his own and this business he continued to carry on until his retirement in 1896. Mr. Booth's business operations were very successful and he proved himself a shrewd, capable business man by making wise investments in valuable city property, of which he owns considerable, and in purchasing farming land, he and his wife being owners at the present time of 2,300 acres of some of the best agriculaural land in Sangamon County. He is known as a public-spirited citizen, one who is always foremost in joining any movements that have for their object the welfare of the city or county, and as a consequence he fills a high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens.

In 1862 Amasa S. Booth was united in marriage in Springfield to Miss Harriet Richardson, a native of England, and to this union there were born six children, namely: Mary E., John R., William D., Alexander, Amasa Jr., and Jacob. The family is well-known in Springfield's social circles.

BORLAND, Royal Sheldon, of Pleasant Plains, Sangamon county, Ill., now retired from active life, comes of old Pennsylvania stock and has done his full share towards the development and advancement of the community in which he has lived. He was born in Hardin County, Ohio, February 15, 1851, son of William H. and Sarah A. (Alfred) Borland, who were born and married in Indiana County, Pa., and became pioneers in Hardin County, Ohio. His father had to travel a blazed road to his new home and from that point for a distance of sixty miles to mill at Columbus. He built a puncheon-floor log cabin on a 160-acre claim and cleared 110 acres. It was in this log house that the subject of this notice was born, one of eleven born in that home and one of the total of his parents' twelve children, eight of whom are living. All of them grew up and married and their parents lived to see them well settled in life. In 1867 Mr. Borland sold his farm and moved to Johnson County, Neb., where he bought a section of land, out of which he eventually gave each of his children a farm. Born in 1810, he was seventy-six in 1886, when he died and at that time was owner of about 800 acres of land in Johnson County, Neb. He and his good wife were devoted members of the Presbyterian Church in Ohio. In Nebraska, there having been no Presbyterian Church established at the time of their settlement, they joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which they were liberal supporters and most devout and faithful members. They gave their children the benefit of the best available educational advantages. Mrs. Borland passed away in 1872. Of their living children Hiram A. lives near the old Borland home in Hardin County, Ohio; Sarah Minerva, widow of Langfield Cook, lives at Bishop, Calif.; Daniel M., is a farmer in Van Wert County, Ohio; John M. lives in Morrill, Neb.; Christopher C., is farming near Portland, Ore.; Royal S., was next in order of birth; Melissa J., is married and lives in Nebraska; Amanda M., married Elmore Osbun and lives near Larue, Ohio. Those deceased: Maryanne became the wife of James Baker, and she and her husband have died, leaving four children—the Rev. Warren Baker (of the Christian-Union Church), Hiram (a farmer), William and George Baker, all of whom live in Ohio, and the last named, George, a music dealer and musician, is leader of the Baker Band, of Marion, which has won in many contests with prominent bands in different parts of the country; James Borland was twice married—first to Liddia Kiser, of Hardin County, Ohio, then to Martha Benidict, and died in Kansas; Lawson G., married Maria Young and they both died in Marion County, Ohio, leaving four children; William W. Borland died in Johnson County, Neb., his first wife having been Deborah Sexton, of Ohio, who died after having borne him eight children, and his second wife, Anna Sexton, also bore him eight children.

Royal Sheldon Borland gained an education and began life as a farmer in Ohio. In 1867, when he was seventeen, he went with his parents to Johnson County, Neb. There he continued his studies with such good results that in 1870 he began to teach school, doing farm

work in season. Thus he was employed until 1875, one year in Johnson County and four years in Gage County.

March 8, 1874, Mr. Borland married Miss Amy Phinney, born in Cartwright Township, Sangamon County, Ill., May 24, 1850, daughter of Warren and Caroline M. (Arnold) Phinney, natives respectively of Montpelier, Vt., and of Rhode Island, who came to Sangamon County in 1849. Mr. Phinney was a farmer and blacksmith at Yankeetown, near Pleasant Plains. He went overland to California in 1860 and met with success as a gold miner. He came back around the Horn three years later and located at Pleasant Plains, where his wife died, May 31, 1872, and he died at Carlinville, Ill., November 2, 1900. They are buried in the Baptist cemetery at Old Berlin. Of their nine children seven were born in Sangamon County. Their son Charles H. is a farmer living in retirement at McLeouth, Kan.; Ellen F., widow of William H. Armstrong, lives at Lawrence, Kan., and these and Mrs. Borland are the only survivors of the family. By a second marriage Mr. Phinney had a daughter, Minnie Maud, who is the wife of Shobel Boatman of Carlinville, Ill., and a son, Truman W. Phinney, of Tacoma, Wash. The second Mrs. Phinney was Mrs. Elizabeth Gear. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Borland in March, 1874, they came back to Springfield and lived there till 1876, then moved to a farm in Macon County, Ill., where they lived till February, 1877, when they located on the farm of Mrs. Borland's father, in Cartwright township. There they remained till 1893, then bought a beautiful home at Pleasant Plains. In 1894 they occupied it, remaining till 1904, when they returned to Springfield, where they lived till 1908, when they returned to Pleasant Plains.. Three children have been born to them two of whom have died. The other, Ethel Ellen, born December 18, 1889, married Herbert H. Moor in December, 1907, and lives in Springfield. Mr. Moor is a machinist.

Mr. and Mrs. Borland have long been active as members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and they are identified with the Court of Honor. For fifteen years he has voted the Prohibition ticket, believing that by so doing he could best do his duty as a citizen. He is one of the successful men of his part of the county and his public spirit has made him useful to his fellow citizens in many ways.

BOTTORFF, Charles, who owns a small farm near Springfield, has been a resident of Sangamon County nearly fifty years and during that time has carried on farming in various localities within the county. Mr. Bottorff was born near Jeffersonville, Clark County, Ind., December 28, 1836, son of Morrison F. and Mary (Kincaid) Bottorff, the former born in Kentucky, in 1815, and the latter in Clark County, in 1817. The Bottorff family originally came from Germany and the Kincaid family came to Indiana from Pennsylvania. Morrison Bottorff moved from Indiana to Keokuk County, Iowa, in 1849, and remained there until his death, at the age of ninety-two years. He and his wife had five sons and three daughters, and five of these children survive.

The early education of Charles Bottorff was acquired in a log school-house in Clark County, and after accompanying his parents to Iowa he continued to attend school for a time. During his boyhood he worked on a farm in Indiana and later in Iowa, and in 1863 came to Sangamon County, where he has since resided. He has carried on farming at several different places, first locating near Salisbury. He now owns fifteen acres of valuable land, which he has cultivated for the past five years. He has been fairly successful in his operations and has worked hard all his life. He is an intelligent and enterprising business man and much interested in the public welfare and advancement.

Mr. Bottorff was married, in Keokuk County, Iowa, March 26, 1857, to Sarah Antle, who was born near Salisbury, Ill., August 9, 1840. Her father was born in Kentucky, September 13, 1813, and died in Sangamon County, September 15, 1894, and the mother, who was born in Morgan County, Ill., February 18, 1820, died April 18, 1895. Mr. Antle carried on farming some years in Sangamon County, moved to Keokuk County, Iowa, where he lived but a few years, and then returned to Sangamon County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife had twelve children, four of whom died in infancy and seven now survive. The Antle family came to Kentucky from Pennsylvania.

Eight children were born to Mr. Bottorff and his wife, seven sons and one daughter, and four children now survive, namely: Elliott A., a farmer living near Williamsville, Ill.; Sidney F., a farmer, lives with his father; John A., of Colorado, and Harry E., of Springfield. There are six grandchildren in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bottorff were both personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and have many pleasant memories of this great man. Mr. Bottorff is a Baptist in religious belief and politically is a Democrat. He is well-known in Sangamon County, which has been his home so long, and is accounted a representative citizen. He has many friends, who appreciate his sterling worth and genuine kindness, and take pleasure in his society. He has a pleasant home and is surrounded by comforts and conveniences.

BOWE, William Henry.—Among the younger men who hold office in Sangamon County, Ill., is William Henry Bowe, City Treasurer of Springfield. He was born in that city July 31, 1878, son of Patrick and Mary Agnes (Morris) Bowe, natives of Ireland. Patrick Bowe was born in Kells, County Kilkenny, Ireland, January 20, 1854. Mary Agnes Morris was born in County Roscommon, February 15, 1859. They were married in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, Ill., August 12, 1877.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowe were the parents of eight children, four of whom are living: William Henry; Stephen Andrew, born December 8, 1884; Mary Agnes, January 18, 1888, and Theresa Ellen, February 25, 1890. The four sons who are deceased were: James Francis, born December 7, 1879, died October 3, 1887; John Thomas, born May 16, 1881, died July 24, 1882; Joseph Morris, born November 21, 1882, died November 5, 1900; and Charles Vincent, born July 28, 1886, died November 4, 1887. James, Joseph and Charles are buried in Lot 65, Block 12, Calvary Cemetery, and John Thomas in Angel Burying Ground in the same cemetery. The parents died in Springfield, the father August 21, 1895, and the mother June 12, 1908.

William H. Bowe received his education in St. Joseph's Parochial School, Springfield High School and Springfield Business College. After leaving school he spent nine and one-half years in the employ of A. L. Hereford, Supreme Chancellor of the Court of Honor, and resigned this position to accept the Chief Clerkship of the County Treasurer's office, which post he assumed in November, 1906. Having been appointed Treasurer of the City of Springfield, he entered upon the duties of his present official position May 1, 1911.

Mr. Bowe is connected with several fraternal orders, having joined the Court of Honor as a beneficiary member in 1897; the Knights of Columbus, in 1901; the Loyal Americans, in 1902; the Fraternal Order of Owls, in 1909; and the Red Men, in 1910. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, Associated Charities, and other organizations of a similar nature. In political views he is a radical Democrat. He resides at the northwest corner of Eleventh and Reservoir Streets.

BOWERS, Clark, a retired farmer residing in Riverton, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and a substantial, representative citizen. He was born in Clinton County, Ohio, February 16, 1830, son of Reuben and Loretta (Ludington) Bowers, the former born in Germany and the latter in Pennsylvania. The father came to America as a young man and settled in Clinton County, where he was engaged in farming many years. He moved to Logan County, Ill., where he carried on farming from 1837 until a year prior to his death, when he located in Tazewell County and engaged in farming there. He was a soldier in the Mexican War and was the father of six sons and five daughters, all of whom are deceased except Clark.

The education of Mr. Bowers was received in an old log schoolhouse in Logan County, and in boyhood he helped his father with the farm work, remaining at home until he was a young man, then learning the trade of shoemaker. However, most of his active life was spent in farming in Tazewell County. He removed to Sangamon County in 1880, but since about 1900 has lived retired from active life. He is interested in the welfare of his community and is ready to espouse any worthy cause. He is a member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Republican. He takes pride and pleasure in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and has well earned the rest he enjoys. He has met with success in his operations and owns a pleasant home in Riverton.

Soon after the beginning of the Civil War Mr. Bowers enlisted in Company C, Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, served one year, and was discharged at Memphis, Tenn., being sent back to Peoria (from where he had enlisted) on account of an injury he had sustained in service. He is affiliated with the local G. A. R. Post, and stands well with his comrades.

Mr. Baker married, in September, 1863, in Tazewell County, Ill., Miss Nancy Farris, who was born in Clark County Ill., where her father was an early settler and carried on farming until his death. Mrs. Bowers died in 1876, having borne three sons and two daughters, and four children are now living: Sarah, the oldest, married Jeff Green and lives in Newman, where her husband is engaged in the livery business; Joseph, of Sherman, Ill.; Henry, of Riverton, in the employ of the Illinois Traction System; Martin, also a resident of Riverton. There are twelve living grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in the family.

BOYLE, William (deceased).—No section of Illinois has rewarded its farmers more generously for their efforts than Sangamon County, for many men who have there labored to bring forth the fruits of the soil, have become wealthy, finally retiring from hard work. Land there has greatly increased in value since the days when an acre of it sold for a few dollars, but while the soil has enriched the farmers, to them are due the present values and the general prosperity of the agricultural class. Among those who for many years have been progressive farmers of this locality, must be numbered the late William Boyle. He was born in Ireland, July 12, 1843, a son of John and Mary (Gibbon) Boyle, natives of Ireland and farming people.

William Boyle attended school in Ireland, and learned to farm with his parents, whom he finally left to go to Scotland. From that country he came to America, locating in Springfield, which remained his home until he purchased land in Sangamon County. This he developed until he had one of the best farms in his part of the State. He eventually retired, moving to Springfield, where his death occurred October 11, 1908, at St. John's hospital. While a Democrat by preference, he did not desire public office. He belonged to Lodge No. 113, Modern Woodmen, of Springfield. A Catholic, he identified himself with the Church there, and was one of its most interested members.

On May 4, 1886, Mr. Boyle married, in Spring-

field, Hattie Swords, a native of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle had children as follows: Mary, born June 13, 1887; Sarah married Charles Miner, of Springfield; Isabella, born January 20, 1889,, and Ellen, born February 8, 1896. Mrs. Boyle resides at No. 1700 North Eighth Street, with her three unmarried daughters, and the four are charming ladies, who gather about them a delightful circle of friends. They are active in church work, and are highly regarded in the city.

BOYNTON, Ervin D., general farmer and stockman, whose busines ability is universally recognized the county over, is one of the most representative men of Sangamon. He was born December 15, 1858, on Section 30, Cartwright Township, near his present home on Section 18 of the same township. His parents were Charles and Paulina (De Mary) Boynton. The father was born in Westfield, Vt., June 3, 1822, and when only eight years old lost his parents so he made his home with an uncle, receiving only a district school education. When he reached his majority, Mr. Boynton left Vermont, coming direct to Springfield, where he spent but a short time, locating in Cartwright Township in 1843. Working by the month until he had saved some money, he bought a sawmill, selling it at a profit. He then bought and sold several others, the last one being disposed of after he had hauled it to Mt. Pleasant, Ia. He then invested in 160 acres of land in Cartwright Township, paying $3 per acre for it, and embarked in the business of buying and selling cattle. When the cattle were ready for market, he drove them to St. Louis or to Buffalo, N. Y. On September 8, 1850, he married, he and his wife commencing their housekeeping in a very primitive manner, but because of economy and good management, they soon became very prosperous. Mr. Boynton lived on this farm until his death, which occurred April 2, 1897. At this time he owned 1,000 acres of land, in addition to the 200 acres he had given each of his children. He was an active member and Deacon of the Baptist Church of Berlin. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. Always bearing his full part in public matters, he was one of the representative older farmers of Sangamon County. His widow survives, making her home with Ervin D. Boynton and her daughter, Mrs. Warren, of Berlin. She is a most loveable lady, who has attained the age of eighty-three years, and is still very active in the Baptist Church. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boynton, of whom two survive, Mr. Boynton, and Ella, wife of C. B. Warren, a banker of New Berlin. He is connected with the Warren-Boynton Bank of New Berlin, one of the strongest banking institutions of the county.

Ervin D. Boynton attended district school and Brown's Business College of Jacksonville, and then returned to the farm, where he assisted his father. On November 18, 1880, he married Kate L. Carrington, of Riverton, Iowa, born in New Berlin, November 27, 1860, daughter of Wesley and Cassie (Grant) Carrington, natives of Kentucky, whose families were early settlers of Illinois. Mrs. Boynton's grandfather was a cousin of General Grant. Mr. Carington moved to Riverton, but later went to Missouri, where he died, but his widow survives, living with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Oder, of Oklahoma. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Boynton settled on their farm on Section 18, Cartwright Township, on which they have made many excellent improvements, developing it into one of the finest properties in the county. They have a beautiful home with all modern improvements, including hot and cold water, hot water heat and electric lights. The barns and other out-buildings are in like modern condition, and here they enjoy life surrounded by city conveniences. Eight children have been born to them: Lora, born October 3, 1881, married R. Gardner, a contractor and builder of Arapaho, Okla.; Delia, born December 30, 1884, married H. Clyde Irvin on December 8, 1909, he being a farmer near Scranton, Ia.; Charles S., born October 3, 1886, married Lela Zane of Pleasant Plains, daughter of Robert H. Zane, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Ben B., born October 1, 1888, taking a six years' course in the law department of Ann Arbor, Mich., a most brilliant student, possessing every requisite for a prosperous future; Edgar D., born December 14, 1890 at home; J. Farman, born November 21, 1893; Ruben R., born October 30, 1896, and Rhenna L., born May 16, 1899. The older children have been carefully educated and Mr. Boynton plans to pursue the same course with regard to the younger ones.

For many years Mr. Boynton has been actively engaged in feeding and shipping stock, his annual shipment being about 500 head of cattle, but recently he has been leaving much of the details to his sons. In his home was put the first telephone in this part of the county, he having helped to organize the Boynton Telephone Co., in 1901. The company started with only forty patrons, but now have about 1,000, and the service is as nearly perfect as it is possible for any to be. He was also one of the organizers of the Building and Loan Co. of Pleasant Plaines, of which he was President for several years. The Warren and Boynton State Bank, of New Berlin, was another enterprise in which he has been largely interested, helping to organize it in 1897 and serving as its President. This bank does a general banking business and is a very reliable institution. C. B. Warren is Cashier. Mr. Boynton owns 1,066 acres of land, all in Cartwright Township, which is highly developed. He has always advocated improvements and cheerfully paid the large increase in his taxes resulting from their inauguration. For fifty-two years he has made his home in Cartwright Township and is very much attached to it. Fraternally he belongs

to the Knights of Pythias, the Court of Honor, D. O. K. K.'s and the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a stanch Republican, and was the first of his party to be elected Supervisor from his township. He held this office for four years but since then has declined public office. In 1881, he was elected School Director, made Clerk of the Board, and for twenty-nine years has continued to give his services to his district, advocating the payment of good wages, and the erection of substantial school houses. Mr. and Mrs. Boynton are members of the Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, and have many friends in it as they have all over the county.

BRADFORD, William Austin, Attorney-at-Law. —A man versed in the laws of the country, as differentiated from the business man or politician, has always been a recognized power. He can always be depended upon to conserve the best and most permanent interests of the whole people, and without the practical judgment of such men, the efforts of the statesman and the industry of the business man and mechanic, would prove futile. The reason for this is not far to seek. The professional lawyer is never the creature of circumstances. The profession is open to talent and no definite prestige or success can be attained save by indomitable energy, perseverance, patience and strong mentality. All of these attributes are possessed by the successful attorneys of Sangamon County, and of them one who has attained an enviable preeminence is William Austin Bradford, of Springfield.

Mr. Bradford was born in Sangamon County, nine miles west of Springfield, August 16, 1875, a son of William Talbot and Grizella Ann (Parkinson) Bradford. The father was born in Sangamon County, near Bradford Station, on the farm he now owns, while his wife was born on the Parkinson farm in Curran Township, Sangamon County. For years William T. Bradford was a farmer, but he now resides at No. 131 Walnut Street, Springfield. Both the Bradford and Parkinson families were among the very earliest pioneers of the county and are associated with its early history, as reference to that part of this work devoted to the general records of the county will show. Bradford Station was named for James Bradford, grandfather of William Austin Bradford.

After a course at the district schools, William A. Bradford attended the Springfield High School, from which he was graduated, in the Class of 1894. Following this, he spent two years in the literary department of the Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington. For the next three years he was engaged in taking a law course in the Northern Illinois College of Law, at Dixon, Ill., and when he was graduated from it in 1900, it was with the degree of LL.D. In August of the same year Mr. Bradford came to Springfield, where he opened a law office, continuing alone until December, when he formed a partnership with Henry A. Converse, now assistant District Attorney, and this association lasted until Mr. Bradford was appointed Master-in-Chancery in September, 1905. He was reappointed two years later, in 1907, and held that office until May 1, 1910, at which time he formed a partnership with Albert D. Stevens, under the firm name of Stevens & Bradford. This firm was dissolved in November, 1910, and Mr. Bradford is now practicing his profession alone. He is a strong Democrat in his political views, and is a power in his party.

On June 22, 1905, occurred the marriage, in Chicago, of Mr. Bradford and Clemence Crews, born at Mt. Vernon, Ill., a daughter of Hon. Seth F. Crews, an attorney of Chicago, and his wife, Helen Ridgway (Slocum) Crews, both of whom are now residing at Oak Park, Ill. Mrs. Bradford was one of five children born to her parents. Mr. Crews served in the General Assembly and has been very active in politics as a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Bradford have two children, Helena Crews and Virginia Crews. Mr. Bradford belongs to the K. of P. No. 262, having passed all the chairs and served as Representative to the Grand Lodge. He also belongs to the D. O. K. K., of which he was Supreme Representative, to the Imperial Palace from Medinah Temple No. 99, at San Francisco, in 1902. In religious faith he is a Methodist and not only active in the church to which he belongs but has served two years as Superintendent of the Sunday School. The law has in Mr. Bradford a stern, inflexible exponent, although personally he is a man of deep sympathies and wide interests. Although in the very prime of life, Mr. Bradford can look back upon much that he has successfully accomplished, and his progress is the result of his painstaking efforts, coupled with native ability.

BRADSHAW, Elijah, a prominent and successful farmer of Ball Township, Sangamon County, was born in Pike County, Ill., July 18, 1830, and is a son of Jonas and Betsy (Sawyer) Bradshaw, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Illinois. Jonas Bradshaw moved from Pike County to Logan County, in 1847, and his wife died in Pike County, about 1837. His father was a native of North Carolina and died in Richmond, Va., while Mrs. Bradshaw's father was a native of Illinois and died there.

After receiving his education in the subscription schools of Illinois, Elijah Bradshaw worked on the home farm until the death of his father and afterwards worked in a mill and in a cooper shop, but later again turned his attention to farming. He moved from Pike County to Logan County and in 1847 located in Sangamon County, soon afterwards came to his present farm, where he owns 163 acres of excellent land. He has always worked hard and has brought his farm to a high state of cultivation. In 1871 he spent several months visiting in Texas, but otherwise has spent his entire life in his na-

tive State. He has a good standing in his community as a man of reliability and integrity and has many warm friends. He is a Republican in political principles, but generally votes for the man rather than the party. He is not connected with any church, but in his daily life endeavors to follow the Golden Rule and is a kind friend and neighbor. He has served for the past twelve years as School Director and is also serving as Road Commissioner. He is not affiliated with any fraternal organizations.

Mr. Bradshaw has been twice married, first, March 4, 1852, to Lila Shoup, who died in Sangamon County, in April, 1870, her children all having died in infancy. Mrs. Bradshaw was a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Downing) Shoup, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio, and both died in Sangamon County. Mr. Bradshaw married (second) Emily Shoup, a cousin of his first wife, December 3, 1874, and she died May 12, 1888. She was a daughter of James and Ellen Shoup, both natives of Ohio, the former of whom died in Logan County, Ill. Two children were born of this union: John, born in 1875, and George T., September 19, 1879. John was married, March 17, 1904, to Myra Newcomer, and they now live with his father. They have two children, Helen E., born March 29, 1906, and Marjorie, born May 17, 1910. George T. Bradshaw was married, in 1901, to Lillie Mayberry, and they live near Pawnee and have one child, Bernard W.

BRANSON, Edward R., formerly connected with various newspapers in Springfield, Ill., and now practicing law in that city, is respected by all who have the pleasure of knowing him, and stands high in social and professional circles. He was born in Petersburg, Ill., June 27, 1875, and is a son of Judge Nathaniel W. and Fannie D. (Regnier) Branson, the former born in Jacksonville, Ill., May 29, 1837, and the latter in Petersburg, October 29, 1837.

Nathaniel W. Branson graduated from Illinois College in 1857, studied law in his native city, with David A. Smith, and in January, 1860, was admitted to the Bar, entering upon the practice of his profession at Petersburg. In 1867 he was appointed Referee in Bankruptcy for the Springfield District, a position he held thirteen years. He was elected to the General Assembly in 1872 and re-elected in 1874; served as a Delegate from Illinois to the National Republican Convention in 1876, and for several years was a member of the Board of Trustees for the State Institution for the Blind at Jacksonville, part of the time as President of the Board. He became prominent in his profession and his ability and fitness for the positions of public trust to which he was elected were generally recognized. He was one of the most highly respected citizens of Petersburg, and spent a large part of his life in that city. Mr. Branson died at Ottawa, Ill., February 27, 1907, and his demise was widely mourned. He had served ten years as a member of the Illinois State Board of Law Examiners, being for some time its Secretary and Treasurer.

Edward R. Branson was educated at Illinois College and the University of Chicago. He was one of six children, four of whom died in infancy. He early showed a taste and fitness for newspaper work, and was at different times connected with the "Illinois State Journal," "Illinois State Register," and "Springfield News" of Springfield, and for one year owned the "Lincoln News." He began practicing law in 1908 and now has an office in the Ferguson Building in Springfield. He was editor-in-chief of "Lawyers' Brief-Notes and Selected Cases," a publication designed for the use of lawyers exclusively, and has had other experience in text-book writing and legal editorial work.

He was married November 24, 1909, to Alma L. Schneider, of Athens, Ill., who died eighteen months later. Mr. Branson is a member of Clinton Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M., of Petersburg. He is identified also with the Authors' Club and the Commercial Association of Springfield.

BRAYMAN, Mason. (Vol. I, p. 59.)

BREESE, Sidney Smythe.—The successful lawyer of today has to meet and overcome legal difficulties not presented to Lincoln or Douglas. Corporation law, international complications, insurance rulings and changes in procedure, have given rise to many conditions which require deepest thought and constant reading to handle. One of those who are bringing to the work of their profession the enthusiasm of youth and the careful training of latterday jurisprudence is Sidney Smythe Breese, of Springfield. He was born near Carlyle, Clinton County, Ill., January 14, 1878, being a son of Sidney Samuel and Caroline Stewart (Moore) Breese, the former born at Kaskaskia, the first Illinois State Capital, August 13, 1835, and the latter at Belleville, St. Clair County, Ill., September 16, 1836.

The Breese family history is interesting, as the following proves; In Trinity Church Yard, New York City, stands a unique monument, not far from the graves of Alexander Hamilton and Charlotte Temple, on which appears this epitaph:

"Sidney Breese, June 9, 1767.
Made by himself.
Ha, Sidney, Sidney,
Lyest thou here?
I here lye
Till time has flown
To its extremity."

This is the *in memorian*, prepared by Sidney Breese, one of the merchant princes of his day, to mark his own grave. He was a Welsh gentleman who, after some years of service in the Royal Army, came to America and settled in New York, in 1756, and died, leaving one son,

Samuel. This son Samuel lived in New Jersey, was a colonel in the Continental Army, and by profession a lawyer. His son, Arthur Breese, was born in that State, graduated from Princeton, adopted the law as a profession, and moved to Whitestown, near Utica, N. Y. Here he married Catherine, daughter of Judge Henry Livingston, of Poughkeepsie, who had served as Major in the Revolutionary Army.

Henry Livingston was a member of that famous family of New York, all descendants of the Earl of Linlithgow; Robert Livingston came to America from Scotland, and among his descendants are found Chancellor Livingston, of Declaration of Independence fame, Brockholst Livingston, of the United States Supreme Court, and Edward Livingston, President Jackson's Secretary of State.

The sister of Arthur Breese married Dr. Jedadiah Morse, and from this union sprung Professor Samuel Finley Breese Morse, inventor of the telegraph.

To the marriage of Arthur Breese and Catherine Livingston were born nine children, among the most famous of whom were Samuel Livingston Breese, Rear Admiral of the United States Navy, who served in the War of 1812, in the war with Mexico, and in the Civil War; and Sidney Breese, United States Senator from Illinois and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois, grandfather of Sidney Smythe Breese.

Sidney Breese was born in New York State, July 15, 1800, graduated from Union College in 1818, and on December 24, 1818, responding to an invitation from Elias Kent Kane, arrived in Kaskaskia. Here he was appointed Assistant Secretary of State and commenced the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1820. He was successively Postmaster, Assistant Secretary of State, State's Attorney, United States District Attorney for Illinois, first official reporter of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Circuit Court and later of the Supreme Court, and United States Senator. In 1831 he published Breese's reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court of Illinois, which was not only the first law book published in Illinois but the only one of any kind. In 1823 he married Eliza Morrison, daughter of William Morrison, of Kaskaskia, cousin of Colonel Don Morrison, and aunt of William R. Morrison (Horizontal Bill). In 1832 Sidney Breese served with distinction as Lieutenant-Colonel in the Black Hawk War. He was elected Judge of the Circuit Court in 1835 and moved from Kaskaskia to Carlyle, Ill. In 1841 he was elected Judge of the Supreme Court, and in 1842, United States Senator. Sidney Breese was one of the originators and active promoters of the Illinois Central Railroad, and on his report as Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, was based the grant of alternate sections of land to the State of Illinois, for the building of that road. He was also one of the originators of the Pacific road, and as early as 1846 he pointed out the acquisition of the Philippines by the United States. In 1849 he retired from the United States Senate, and in 1855 was again elected to the Circuit Bench. Two years later, in 1857, he was once more elected to the Supreme bench, where he remained until his death, in June, 1878. He was twice Chief Justice of that Court. Judge Breese was the father of fourteen children, six of whom, two daughters and four sons, survived him. Of these four sons, one was a Captain in the United States Navy, and one a Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, both serving through the Civil War; another was a lawyer and served in the Civil War as Lieutenant in the regular army; the fourth son, Sidney Samuel Breese, was a farmer, and became the father of the Mr. Breese of whom we write.

Sidney Samuel Breese married Caroline Stewart Moore, daughter of Smyth Moore and granddaughter of Risdon Moore, a Senator from the St. Clair district in the 'twenties, and prominent in the convention fight of 1824. She is also a sister of Charles C. Moore, a member of the House of Representatives in 1885, during the Morrison-Logan senatorial fight. The marriage of Mr. Breese and Miss Moore occurred in June, 1859, near Carlyle, Ill., and they had four sons and four daughters, three of the latter dying in infancy. The father died February 18, 1891, his widow still surviving him and being (1910) in excellent health.

Sidney Smythe Breese was educated in the Carlyle High School and Marmaduke Military Institute, of Sweet Springs, Mo. His boyhood was a happy, healthy one, for he enjoyed all athletic sports. Having decided to become a lawyer, Mr. Breese commenced studying in the office of State's Attorney Thomas E. Ford, at Carlyle, taking his bar examination at Ottawa, Ill., in March, 1899, and receiving his license to practice at the April term (1899) of the Supreme Court. On December 11 of that same year he moved to Springfield, where he commenced the practice of law, in which he is still actively engaged, having become one of the prominent exponents of his profession in Sangamon County.

Politically Mr. Breese is a Democrat and he takes an active interest in party matters, especially in municipal affairs. He is a strong believer in the Commission form of Municipal Government and was one of the active members of the Committee of lawyers which drew the Bill for that purpose which passed the Legislature at the Special Session in 1910. He has been a member of the Board of Supervisors of Sangamon County and is President of the Civil Service Commission of Springfield, having been appointed to that position by Mayor John S. Schnepp June 7, 1909. Mr. Breese is a prominent Mason, being Past Master of St. Paul's Lodge No. 500, A. F. & A. M., and is Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of Masons of the Thirtieth Masonic District of Illinois. He was made a Mason in Scott Lodge

No. 79, Carlyle, Ill., December 2, 1899 and after moving to Springfield affiliated with St. Paul's Lodge. He is Past Chancellor of Percivale Lodge No. 262, Knights of Pythias, having joined the order at Carlyle, but transferred to the Springfield lodge. Although he holds membership in no church Mr. Breese was baptized and reared in the Episcopal Church.

On June 13, 1908, Mr. Breese was married at Milwaukee, Wis., to Miss Grace May Moran. She died at Springfield April 2, 1909, after a married life of a little over nine months. No issue. Mr. Breese is a young man of delightful personality, and is social by nature. Being fond of good reading, he has read extensively, not only along the line of his profession, but on general topics as well, and takes pride in being well posted on public matters. Energetic, thorough, and determined in action, Mr. Breese is a factor to be reckoned with in Springfield affairs.

BRENNAN, James (deceased).—Some of the representative men of Sangamon County have gone to their last reward after having spent a life of earnest endeavor in behalf of their loved community. Certain names are associated with the pioneer history of the county, whose representatives came from other parts of the country, or from foreign shores, there to build better than they imagined. To them is due the credit for the magnificent condition of Sangamon County today. Their children, born and reared in the atmosphere of pioneer conditions, developed into stalwart men and women, able to deal successfully with the more complicated problems of advanced civilization.

One of these representative pioneer families bore the name of Brennan, and one who for many years was a leading factor in the life of Buffalo was James Brennan. He was born in Ireland March 12, 1825, a son of Irish parents, who died in their native land. The young man was educated in Ireland, being reared on a farm, but was not satisfied with the opportunities offered him there. He eagerly listened to all he heard of the land beyond the seas, and in 1855, leaving home and kindred, set forth, filled with hopes and ambitions. Landing in New York, he came direct to Sangamon County to engage in farming, continuing that occupation until the day of his death. In 1858 he bought ten acres of land near Buffalo, in Buffalo Hart Township, upon which he erected a comfortable house.

This continued to be his home and in it he died, September 2, 1908, after having lost his wife on May 24th of that year. For fifty-one years this house had been their home, and the two were greatly attached to it. In it their children were born, and they had suffered the loss of some of them while under its roof.

Mr. Brennan was married in Springfield, in January, 1858, to Mary McGarry, born in Ireland, in May, 1834. Her parents died in Ireland. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brennan, four sons and three daughters, and of them five survive: William resides in Springfield, being a clerk in Squire Connelly's office; James lives on a farm near Buffalo; Minnie, wife of Timothy Duggan, lives on a farm in Buffalo Heart Township; John and Emma live on the farm that is the homestead. There are nine living grandchildren in this family.

The Democratic party always held Mr. Brennan's support, he supporting its principles and candidates with unfaltering loyalty. From boyhood he was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, giving it a warm and generous support and dying firm in its faith. The life of such a man as Mr. Brennan points its own moral. Coming to a new country, poor and friendless, he worked hard and made a home for himself and his family. While caring for his wife and the children sent them, he never forgot his duty as a citizen, nor neglected his religious duties. Whenever a neighbor was in trouble he turned instinctively to the genial, warm-hearted Irishman, while his wife depended upon Mrs. Brennan for assistance in various family troubles. James Brennan and his wife rejoiced in the happiness of their associates, but their friendship was best felt when sorrow entered a household. Then it was that they proved themselves and built up in the hearts of all who knew them a monument more enduring than any fashioned of marble, and infinitely more priceless. The children of this most excellent pair have every reason to be proud of their descent from such parents. They were proud of their children and interested in their welfare, and, while they sorrowed over those who were taken away, they bowed to the decree, realizing that they had only been lent for a short period. To such as these Sangamon County owes much, and their children an infinite debt they can discharge only by living as their parents would desire.

BRENNAN, Owen J. (deceased), was a representative, useful citizen of Springfield, Ill., where he lived from 1894 until his death, which occurred May 15, 1908. He had been for twenty-eight years an employe of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, and had reached a position of responsibility and trust through close application to his duties and careful attention to every detail of the work he had in hand. He was a man of sober, industrious habits, devoted to his home and family, and enjoyed the society and companionship of his many friends. Mr. Brennan was born near Belfast, Ireland, December 23, 1860, a son of John and Margaret (Dodd) Brennan, both born near Belfast. The father was a land inspector and a prominent man in his community.

The childhood of Owen J. Brennan was spent in Ireland and Scotland, where he received his education, and after leaving school he found employment as foreman in a mine in Scotland. He emigrated to America in 1879 and subsequently entered the employ of the Chicago &

Alton Railroad, locating in Alton. After he had been in the employ of the company nine years he moved to Springfield and was promoted to the position of foreman of electricians for the road. His death was the result of an accident. He was trying to prevent a wreck on the road at Granite City, Ill., and was killed by a passenger train. He was buried in Bloomington, Ill.

Mr. Brennan left a widow and one son. He was married, at Joliet, Ill., October 6, 1890, to Miss Nora Roland, born in Joliet February 15, 1860, daughter of Edward and Mary (Mahar) Roland, both natives of Ireland. He was raised near the city of Limerick and she was born in Tipperay but reared at Waltham near Boston. Three children born to Mr. Brennan and wife in Alton died and were buried in the cemetery there, and one son died in Springfield, being buried in Calvary Cemetery. The only surviving child, Thomas Emmett, was born in Springfield, October 14, 1897, and is attending school there. Mr. Brennan was a member of the Catholic Church and in politics was a Democrat. He took no prominent part in public affairs and never cared to hold public office, being engrossed in his private affairs and his work. However, he was interested in the improvement and welfare of his community and gave his support to many good causes.

BRENNAN, Patrick (deceased).—Supply and demand create trade, and in a city like Springfield, where the population is changing and the influx at times is so great, the business of handling foodstuffs is always a profitable one. Ever since the seat of the State government was moved to Springfield in 1839, the grocers of the city have flourished, and one who once held his own with the leading ones in his line, was the late Patrick Brennan. He was born in County Meath, Ireland, in 1825, a son of Thomas and Catherine Brennan, natives of Ireland, and had all of the quickness and keenness of his people, combined with a genial manner and engaging way that made him friends everywhere.

After a boyhood spent in his native place, where he secured a parish school education, Patrick Brennan came to the United States in 1845, finally locating in Springfield. At first he found employment as a brick molder, but gradually worked his way upward until he became one of the leading grocers of the city, and was interested to a considerable extent in the pork packing industry. In all of his undertakings he showed a keen perception of values, and his success was due to his own business sagacity and unaided efforts. He was a Catholic, belonging to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and, when his death occurred in July, 1880, his remains were interred in Cavalry Cemetery. His political affiliations with the Democratic party were pleasant, but he did not aspire to public office.

In 1860, Mr. Brennan was united in marriage in Springfield, with Ellen Smith, born in the same county as himself. Her parents came from Ireland to New Orleans, and thence to Sangamon County, where their deaths finally occurred. Mr. Brennan's parents never left their native land. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brennan, four of whom are living: John P., of Springfield, has three children; Mary Jane, of Streator, Ill., is married and has four children; Peter F. and Ella G., both live with their mother at No. 720 East Carpenter street. Mrs. Brennan owns this pleasant residence, in which she has lived ever since her marriage. She is active in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and is a lady who enjoys the respect of all who have the honor of her acquaintance.

BRETZ, John (deceased).—The visitor to any great center of population is naturally attracted or repelled by the character of its buildings and, so well is this known, that every invitation sent out over the country to the stranger from any village, town or city will particularly call attention to its fine structures and particularly to its church edifices. When this is done at Springfield, Ill., the name of John Bretz is brought forward, for his was the skill and workmanship that produced many of the capital city's most noted edifices during a period covering some twenty-six years.

John Bretz was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, August 26, 1812. His father, who was also named John Bretz, followed the business of tile-making. Before coming to America the son attended school in his native land, and learned the brick making and building trade, and also served for a time in the German army. In 1833 he came to America, first locating at Frankfort, Ky., where he lived until 1857, and there did a large amount of building, including the only Catholic Church in that city—the Church of the Good Shepherd—also the State Arsenal and the Capitol Hotel, and it was because of his reputation for superior work that he was called to Springfield, which he reached in 1857. Here he also built the first Catholic church—that of the Immaculate Conception—on the corner of Seventh and Monroe Streets, of which Rev. Father Timothy Hickey is pastor. He also built the old arsenal that stood on North Fifth Street. He not only was one of the early manufacturers of building brick made in Illinois but was one of the first to make use of it in public buildings at Springfield. He was associated in business for a number of years with Mr. Frank Reisch, a brick manufacturer, but after the latter went into the brewery business, Mr. Bretz continued in the building and contracting business alone until 1883. He was interested all over the city in his own line of business and for years was also actively concerned in public enterprises that helped to develop Springfield. In company with Messrs. Ide and Shuck, he was active in the construction of the first street-car line in Springfield and

donated the right of way on North Fifth Street as far as his property extended. He and Mr. Will Converse, also now deceased, helped organize and were the first stockholders of the Sangamon County Fair Grounds, but later donated his stock to the establishment of what is now the State Fair Grounds.

On January 19, 1841, Mr. Bretz was married to Jane Pilcher, of Fayette County, Ky. Her parents were Wesley and Laura (Taylor) Pilcher, natives of Virginia. The Taylors were of Mayflower stock, and lived in Virginia until their removal to Kentucky. Mrs. Bretz died June 14, 1900, and was survived by her husband until May 22, 1905. They rest side by side in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, a plot of ground which Mr. Bretz and Mr. John Perick, Sr., laid out in burial lots. Mr. and Mrs. Bretz had twelve children, those surviving being: Mrs. Louise Westenberger, born in 1842; John F., born in 1844; James, born in 1851; Mary E., born in 1854; Catherine, born in 1859; and Charles, born in 1862, and who is owner of a ranch near San Antonio, Texas. The unmarried daughters live in the elegant home situated on North Fifth Street, and among the treasures carefully preserved are mementoes of the parents who were so universally beloved.

In his early political life, John Bretz was a Whig but later he became identified with the Democratic party. He was a worthy and devoted member of the S.S. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church and was liberal in his benefactions. With his friend, Governor Bissell, he assisted in locating the Ursaline Sisters in their first home on Mason and Sixth Streets, and later, with his friend, Martin Rafter, now also deceased, located the present Sisters' Home on Fifth and Eastman Avenue. He was one of the founders of S.S. Peter and Paul's Church and built that edifice; was also one of the first members in Springfield of the society known as St. Vincent de Paul, which was organized under Father Bush, now deceased, in the German Catholic Church located on Reynolds and Fifth Streets. The closing of the life of this venerable and beloved citizen brought expressions of regret from all over the city. He was well known and in some parts was affectionately called "Grandpa" Bretz by the children, to whom he was always a friend.

BREWER, James.—Only reliable men, whose probity and loyalty have been fully tested, can be placed in position of responsibility, so that the A. L. Ide & Sons establishment is to be congratulated upon having a man of the character of James Brewer as watchman. He was born in Springfield, November 9, 1844, a son of John Brewer, of Kentucky, who married a Sangamon County girl. The father was a farmer, who came to the county at a very early day, settling in Springfield, where he was married. He had two sons and one daughter, those now living being, Mrs. Elizabeth Markley, of Pekin, Ill., and Mr. Brewer. The parents died in Springfield and are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Going to school in Springfield, James Brewer grew up, and when old enough began working, being engaged in various lines until he learned book-binding. He found employment for a number of years in this line, becoming foreman for the Payne Bindery. He was also employed in the construction of the State Capitol and over twenty years ago accepted his present position with the Ide Company. Mr. Brewer has a war record, for when hostilities were declared he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, participating in several important battles, and his discharge was signed by President Lincoln. At the close of his service he returned to Springfield and resumed his private occupations. Naturally, considering his military service, he is a member of the G. A. R., being connected with Stephenson Post, No. 30.

On August 17, 1886, Mr. Brewer was married in Springfield, to Amelia Pond, born in Morgan County, Ill., daughter of Cyrus J. and Martha C. (Williams) Pond, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, who came to Morgan County. Their family consisted of eight children, five of whom survive: Mrs. Brewer; Cynthia, wife of James Alsbury, of Latham, Ill.; Carl, in the coal business in Chicago; Frank O., of Peoria; A. is living in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer became the parents of eight children, two of whom are now living. James H., at home, and Martha O., in the employ of the John Bressmer Company, of Springfield. Mr. Brewer owns his pleasant home at No. 401 Smith Street, as well as other property. It is his pride that he was one of President Lincoln's personal friends. He and Mrs. Brewer are members of the Baptist Church and in politics he is a Republican.

The history of the Brewer and Pond families is very interesting. For a short time the great-grandfather of Mrs. Brewer was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, fighting under General Washington. Her grandfather on her mother's side was a soldier in the Mexican War, the Black Hawk War and the war against the Mormons. He was a resident of Springfield for a number of years. Mrs. Brewer's father was a farmer and followed that calling in Morgan County, Ill., for many years, finally retiring and moving to Concord, where he died. His widow came to live with Mrs. Brewer and there died. Mr. Pond was a member of Company B, One Hundred and First Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War, participating in many battles, and was wounded at Lookout Mountain. He had the misfortune to be seriously wounded and was also taken prisoner. The bullet which was extracted from his wound, together with his picture and the flag of his regiment, can be seen among the mementoes of war at the State House. The members

of both families have been representative men and women, in whose hands could be trusted the affairs of their communities, for through good and evil times they have proven their worth.

BRIMBARGER, John.—The history of the old soldiers of the country is very interesting. In spite of their hardships and the ill health from which they have suffered, the survivors of the mighty struggle have quietly gone on their way, faithfully discharging the duties laid upon them in civil life with the same fidelity they showed when in the field. One of Sangamon County's honored veterans is John Brimbarger, a farmer and gardener of Springfield. He was born in Gallatin County, Ill., November 20, 1840, a son of James and Matilda (Carroll) Brimbarger, the former born in Kentucky, in 1815, and the latter born in Illinois, in 1824. The father was a farmer and located in Gallatin County, making it his home for some years, or until his death, which occurred near Shawneetown. His widow went to Missouri in 1867, dying there in 1870. A brother of John Brimbarger died in Gallatin County a number of years ago.

When he was only five years old John Brimbarger came to Sangamon County, which has since continued to be his home, with the exception of his war service. He was there educated and grew to manhood's estate. On August 12, 1862, he enlisted in the service of his country, in Company C, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Mallory. The regiment went into camp at Camp Butler, but two months later were ordered to Memphis, where Mr. Brimbarger was taken sick, and he was placed in Jefferson Hospital. After three weeks there he rejoined his regiment at Vicksburg in time for the first engagement, in which he participated, as well as in the three months' siege. After this he was returned to Memphis, where he was placed on the Veteran Reserve Corps and assigned to guard duty at the prisons. This continued to be his work during the remainder of his service, when he was honorably discharged.

On December 13, 1883, Mr. Brimbarger was married to Fannie F. James, daughter of George B. James. She was born March 13, 1852, and brought from Indiana to Springfield by her parents, who later moved to Barclay, Ill. The father died in 1905 and the mother in 1908. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brimbarger: Tillie, wife of Alva Lanam of Riverton, employed by the Illinois Central Railroad; Lessie, wife of Philip Spain, living at home; Ora, wife of Tanier Baxter, a butcher by trade, residing at Rochester; Frank lives near Riverton and is a farmer. Mr. Brimbarger has two grandchildren, of whom one, Dorothy Spain, lives with him, and Cecil Lanam, of Riverton.

In politics Mr. Brimbarger is a consistent member of the Republican party, giving it his hearty support upon all occasions. The Christian Church holds his membership and he contributes to it both time and money. His comfortable modern home is surrounded by two and one-half acres of land, tastefully laid out, on which he produces magnificent vegetables and flowers.

Although he has almost reached the age of three score years and ten, he is active and enjoys his simple pleasures in a way many men much his junior might envy. All his life he has worked hard, and the material comforts he now enjoys have been honestly earned by personal effort. His children have been carefully reared, given good educations, and fitted for the battle of life. For sixty-three years he has been an honored resident of Sangamon County, during which time he has witnessed many remarkable changes, and he is proud of this fact and of the part he has borne in the general upbuilding of his community. Such as he can be relied upon as being the supporters of good government and advocates of all measures that have for their object the advancement of the common people.

BRINKERHOFF, George Madoc, who has been for many years one of the prosperous and prominent business men of Springfield, Ill., has been identified with the progress and welfare of the city and has held public positions of honor and trust for both the city and State. He was one of the organizers and stockholders of many of the most important public enterprises of the city and has always been prominent in social circles as well. He is one of the best-known men in Springfield, honored not only for his public service but for his promotion of business interests. He was in early life a prominent educator in Illinois, and was especially successful in that profession. Mr. Brinkerhoff is a man of ability and talent in many lines of endeavor, and has been successful to a large degree in both public and private enterprises. At present he operates an extensive green-house and is also a large dealer in bonds.

Mr. Brinkerhoff was born in Hunterstown, (near Gettysburg) Adams County, Pa., August 20, 1839, a son of John and Sarah Ann (Walter) Brinkerhoff, the former born December 15, 1811, and the latter November 16, 1814, both natives of Adams County. The parents spent their early married lives in Adams County, Pa., and during the Gettysburg Campaign in civil war time, their homestead was for a time occupied by the rebel General Wade Hampton as the headquarters of the cavalry division of General Lee's army. The emigrant ancestor of the Brinkerhoff family came from Holland with Governor Peter Stuyvesant, about 1638, and settled first in New Amsterdam, on the Island of Manhattan and now a part of New York City afterward moving to New Jersey. Before the Revolution many of the family had acquired a large amount of land from proprietors in Pennsylvania and moved there. Many of them distinguished themselves by their services in the war of the Revolution.

George Madoc Brinkerhoff spent his boyhood on the farm of his parents and, as a young man, attended Pennsylvania College, from which he graduated in the class of 1859. After leaving school he came to Illinois and taught one year in the Illinois State University, now Concordia College, Springfield. At the time of the Civil War and afterward he was employed in the office of the State Auditor; and during hostilities had charge of the War Department of that office. In politics he has been a Republican since boyhood and has never swerved in his allegiance to the principles of his party. He is justly proud of the fact that he is one of the "Grand Old Guard" of 306 who attended the Republican National Convention in Chicago in 1880, and cast his vote for the nomination of Gen. Grant for President. Mr. Brinkerhoff's father was a Whig and the boy first learned political issues through the principles of that party. From 1865-70 he served as City Comptroller of the City of Springfield.

Mr. Brinkerhoff was married in Springfield, Ill., August 4, 1862, to Miss Isabella Gibson Hawley, who was born in that city, July 21, 1843, and died there June 12, 1894, leaving six children. She was a daughter of Eliphalet Bennett and Mary D. (Sayre) Hawley. Eliphalet B. Hawley was born in Albany, N. Y., May 30, 1816, the son of Eliphalet and Elizabeth (McMurdy) Hawley, who came from New York to Sangamon County in 1822, and a year later, Eliphalet Sr. having lost his life by drowning, his widow removed to Springfield with her children, and there, after reaching manhood, Eliphalet B. engaged in mercantile pursuits and was prominent in both business and political circles up to the date of his death in 1884. The children born to Mr. Brinkerhoff and his wife were as follows: John Hawley, born April 28, 1866; Marian Bell, November 11, 1868; George Madoc Jr., November 10, 1870; Cornelia Maria, November 27, 1872; Walter Bennett, June 27, 1876; Bessie Winnifred, August 20, 1878.

Mr. Brinkerhoff was one of the organizers of the Springfield City Railway Company, also of the Springfield Iron Company. For many years he served as Secretary and Treasurer of the latter, and was also connected with the State National Bank. He has been for many years a member of the various Masonic bodies, being affiliated with St. Paul Lodge No. 500, Springfield Chapter, Springfield Council, Elwood Commandery, Sangamo Lodge of Perfection and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Illini Country Club and the Sangamo Club. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, and readily gives his countenance and support to every cause and movement of a charitable or benevolent character which he considers will be of public benefit. He has many friends in various circles and is honored and esteemed for his many excellent qualities of mind and heart. The family residence is 515 Keys Avenue, Springfield. Mrs. Brinkerhoff was a most estimable woman, of culture and high character, a devoted wife and mother, and at her taking away was sadly mourned by her many warm personal friends. Her memory is revered and tenderly cherished by her family, as well as by many intimate friends and all appreciated the depth of her devotion to every duty.

BRITT, Henry (deceased), who was for several years engaged in busines in Springfield, Ill., as a member of the firm of Britt & Butler, plasterers and contractors, was born in Sussex, England, April 2, 1826. He was a son of William Britt, a native of England, and engaged in dairy business in Sussex. The parents died in their native country and there Henry Britt received his education. He came to America as a young man, landing in New York City, where he lived fourteen years and learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed the remainder of his life, except during the last few years before his death when he was retired from active business. He moved from New York City to Elmira, N. Y., where he spent three years, then moved to Louisville, Ky., and after spending two years there located permanently in Springfield. He became associated in business with Mr. Butler, and the firm secured contracts for plastering many fine buildings in Springfield and vicinity. Among them were the postoffice, the Leland Hotel, the Governor's mansion, the residence of Governor Matteson (afterwards burned) and many public and private buildings, which were well known thirty or forty years ago. He retired about 1875, and his death occurring January 9, 1881, he was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He had many warm personal friends and his loss was widely felt. He had a splendid business reputation and was reliable and honest in all his dealings. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and his widow and children attend the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield. He was always a Republican after the organizaton of that party.

The marriage of Mr. Britt occurred in Springfield, July 1, 1857, when he was united with Miss Martha H. Lanterman, who was born in Springfield, April 27, 1837, one of the six daughters of Abraham and Martha (White) Lanterman. Mr. Lanterman came from Lexington, Ky., in 1818 and soon after settled on farm land where Washington Park now stands, and Mrs. Britt still retains some of this land which was entered by her father in that early day, being the only one in Springfield to hold land under original patent from the Government. He was born January 20, 1792, and his wife, who came from Greensburg, Ky., was born September 30, 1795. Both died in Springfield. They were well acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and Mrs. Britt was a close friend of him, his wife and family. But two of Mr. Lanterman's family survive: Mrs. Britt and her sister Mrs. B. W. Crowder, of Springfield. Two

sons and seven daughters were born to Mr. Henry Britt and wife, of whom two daughters survive, namely: Miss Fannie M., a schoolteacher at Curran, Ill., where she has taught eleven years, and Mrs. Mattie L. Janssen, living at home. Mrs. Britt has four grandchildren. She owns the family home at 908 Southwest Grand Avenue, and has many friends in the neighborhood, as well as in other parts of the city. She has lived in this house fifty years and can well remember when the part of the city which is her home was practically a wilderness, the land being then mostly covered with trees.

BRITTIN, Ernest H., M. D., a worthy representative of his profession in Auburn, Ill., belongs to a family that has been prominent in Illinois for several generations. He was born in Fancy Creek Township, Sangamon County, November 21, 1874, a son of Henry and Nancy D. (Mallory) Brittin, the former of Welsh descent and the latter probably of French ancestry. Henry Brittin grew to manhood on the farm in Fancy Creek Township where his birth occurred, there married and lived his entire life near his birthplace. His farm of 320 acres comprised a part of the farm which belonged to his father, Evans Brittin, secured in an early day. Evans Brittin was a native of Ohio and located in Sangamon County in 1818. The parents of Nancy Mallory moved from Kentucky to Sangamon County, and she was born in Clear Lake Township, where she lived until her marriage.

Henry Brittin settled in Fancy Creek Township after his marriage and there all his children were born. He died on his farm in 1900 at the age of sixty-two years, and his widow died in 1901. They were devout and active members of the Christian Church most of their lives, and in politics he was a stanch Republican. He voted at every election, as he believed this was the duty of every citizen, and though often solicited to accept office, refused to do so. He gave his full support to every measure calculated to advance the interests of the community, morally or materially, and was a patriotic, public-spirited citizen. He was a great lover of his home and was always solicitous of the comfort of his wife and children. He and his wife were parents of eight children: John E., on the old home farm; Henry E., a traveling salesman living at Springfield; Albert L., a physician and surgeon living at Athens, Ill.; William A., also a physician and surgeon practicing at Virden, Ill.; Emma N., widow of William Waldon, living in Athens; Roger E., a farmer living near Blackwell, Okla.; Walter M., died in Sangamon County in 1901, at the age of twenty-two years.

The boyhood days of Dr. Ernest H. Brittin were spent on the farm in Fancy Creek Township, and he attended the district school in the neighborhood. He took a scientific course in the college at Valparaiso, Ind., and in 1898 entered the Barnes Medical College at St. Louis, Mo., graduating in the class of 1902. In June of that year he entered upon practice at Pawnee, Ill., where he remained until 1907, then locating in Auburn, where he has built up an excellent practice. He is most careful in his diagnoses, keeps abreast of the times by studying modern literature and lectures along the line of his work and has won a deservedly high reputation in his profession.

June 18, 1902, Dr. Brittin married Miss Lulu Cook, a native of Auburn, and daughter of the late George Cook. Two children have been born of this union, Marjorie and Walter. Dr. Brittin is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Pawnee, and also belongs to the County Medical Society. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he is a Republican. Like his father, he is interested in the progress and welfare of the community in which he resides, and is always ready to advance the interests of his fellows. He inspires the respect and confidence of those who have been associated with him and his future prospects are bright.

BROADWELL, Norman M. (Vol. I, pp. 60-61.)

BROCKEL, John W.—All the leading European countries have contributed reliable citizens to the United States, and the majority of them have left their old homes in search of better conditions, being willing to work to secure what they desired. For this reason many of these immigrants make the best of citizens and are, therefore, welcomed in any community to which they migrate. One of the best examples of what a foreign-born man can accomplish is shown in the life of John W. Brockel, of Springfield. He was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, February 22, 1828. The father was a working man, honest and thrifty, but unable to provide for his large family in such a way as to make his son John satisfied with existing conditions. The parents both died in their native land. The father served in the Napoleonic wars, and always took pride in that fact, feeling that in his humble way he had helped to make history.

John W. Brockel secured what educational advantages the schools of his native place afforded, and as a boy was fond of out-door sports. His first work on leaving school was with a brick mason, and he learned the trade so thoroughly that he has followed it ever since. Sixty years ago he left Germany to come to the United States, Springfield being his objective point. He found immediate employment upon reaching that city, and has never since been without it, saving thriftily until he now owns his home and has a fair competence laid up for old age.

Mr. Brockel was married in Springfield, in 1854, to Anna Mongal, born in Wurtemburg, in 1830. Eight children were born to them: Anna, born in 1856; John, 1858; Katherine, 1861; Louis, 1863, now deceased; George, 1865; Mary,

1866; Will, 1868; and Frank, 1873. Mr. Brockel is a member of the German Lutheran Church, which he supports liberally. He is a Democrat in politics, but has never been active in party work, being too much occupied with business affairs. He is a sturdy, industrious man, who has always done his full duty, and is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens. His children have been reared to useful womanhood and manhood, and any father might well be proud of them.

BROIDA, David, for the past six years proprietor of a general store at the northwest corner of Fourteenth and Mason Streets, Springfield, is interested in the welfare and progress of the city and always ready to give his influence to the promotion of the public interest. Mr. Broida has been a resident of Springfield for a number of years and owns large property interests there. As a business man he has a reputation for honesty and integrity and is known as a man who always keeps his promises and has a proper respect for the rights and feelings of his fellows. He has never held public office but was a candidate for nomination for the office of City Commissioner in the primaries of February, 1911, and during the month of January gave a written statement to the daily issue of the Illinois State Register, setting forth his ideas and opinions. He therein promised, if elected, to put in his whole time and attention in fulfilling his duties; to see to it that the city was given a clean government, receiving full value for any money expended, that the city employees should receive their salaries promptly, and that the city should pay its debts when due. Mr. Broida gave as references several large wholesale houses of Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Springfield, and also referred to the large number of people who constantly did business with him and could vouch for his honesty of purpose and dealing. He voiced the opinion that the affairs of the city could best be conducted on a business basis by men of extensive business experience. With this strong appeal to the good sense and judgment of the voters of Springfield, he left the decision with them.

Mr. Broida was born in 1876. He was married in 1897 and seven children have been born of this union, five of whom attend the public school in the city. Mr. Broida has been active in his interest in the affairs of his locality. He would be glad to see all the streets of the city well paved, and is a strong advocate of the movement for adding to its cleanliness and beauty, so that the capital city may be a model in this respect.

BRONSON, Augustus I.—Exponents of the legal profession are proud of that fact so generally recognized, that the most brilliant public men of the country have been recruited from their ranks. The careful training, the exactness of perception, the ability to differentiate between right and wrong, and the eloquence, which are so distinctive of members of this profession, have always fitted them for public life. Sangamon County has furnished the State with a number of its distinguished men, and also with attorneys who have been associated with much of the important jurisprudence of the State. One of the distinguished lawyers of that part of the State is the venerable Augustus I. Bronson, of Williamsville, who for many years was a shining legal light of the county.

Mr. Bronson was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., May 20, 1832, a son of Josiah W. and Sarah (Voorhees) Bronson. The father was born in Connecticut in 1797, while the mother was a native of Long Island, N. Y. After losing his wife in Dutchess County, N. Y., Josiah W. Bronson moved to Chicago and there spent the few remaining years of his useful life, passing away when sixty-five years of age. He was a farmer earlier in life and an earnest, purposeful man.

Augustus I. Bronson was educated in New York State and was brought up modestly and strictly. As a lad he was noted for his bashful disposition, which he struggled hard to overcome. When fifteen years old he began working to secure sufficient money to educate himself, for he had decided to become a lawyer. Working early and late and carefully saving every cent he could spare, he finally secured sufficient instruction to enable him to pass an examination for the calling of a teacher. For some years thereafter he taught in the public schools and during the summer months, and at the same time studied law. Later in life he resumed the farming of his youth, and now owns valuable property in the village of Williamsville. About three years ago he had the misfortune to lose his eyesight, but is very cheerful and takes pleasure in his home, the devotion of his wife and adopted children, and the visits of his neighbors.

On August 12, 1862, Mr. Bronson enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Mallory. Being detailed to hospital service, he served as nurse, and proved so efficient that later he was made steward, receiving an honorable discharge in August, 1865. The Christian Church holds his membership. He is a Republican, and has been active in the councils of his party, although never seeking public preferment.

On February 4, 1871, Mr. Bronson was married in Springfield to Mary M. Lake, born June 28, 1850, in Sangamon County, a daughter of Thomas and Harriet Lake, born in Virginia, the former December 20, 1800, and the latter November 27, 1808. Mr. and Mrs. Lake came from Virginia to Central Illinois in 1833, making the long trip across country by wagons. Mr. Bronson has reared a boy and a girl and given them all the care he would if they had been his own. In spite of his affliction he is very cheerful and his estimable wife is a charming lady, who presides with dignity over her house-

hold and is numbered among the notable housewives of her neighborhood. Her recollection of pioneer days is remarkable, for she recalls not only her own experiences, but those told her by her parents and childhood neighbors. If space could be given to the accounts she so graphically relates, they would not only make pleasant reading, but prove valuable to those interested in preserving a true picture of early days in Illinois. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bronson stand high in the estimation of their neighbors, among whom they have dwelt for so many years, and to whom they have always proven tried and true friends.

BROOKS, Andrew Mears, educator and former Superintendent of Schools of both the city of Springfield and Sangamon County, is a native of Oxford, Ohio, born October 9, 1831, a son of Kennedy and Elizabeth Hill (Butler) Brooks. Kennedy Brooks, the father, was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, a farmer by occupation and proprietor of an excellent farm in the vicinity of Oxford, Ohio, where he was deeply interested in the cause of education. He and his wife were the parents of five sons and five daughters, all of whom received a liberal classical education, three of the sons also serving as soldiers during the Civil War. Mrs. Elizabeth Hill (Butler) Brooks, the mother, was of sturdy Puritan stock, the first of her branch of the family coming to America in 1630. Andrew M. Brooks is a lineal descendant (as great-grandson) of Ebenezer Larned, who led the Massachusetts Brigade at the Battle of Saratoga, and was also connected by maternal descent with Generals Hill and Butler, who were soldiers of the Revolution.

The subject of this sketch grew up on his father's farm, and imbibing studious habits from his surroundings, became a student in Miami University, from which he graduated as salutatorian of his class in 1850, still later receiving the Ph. D. degree from Wooster University. After retiring from college he engaged for a time in teaching in Ohio, but on September 4, 1855, was married in Oxford, Ohio, to Eliza Johnson Welch, after which he and his wife went to Mississippi, where they conducted a private academy until 1858, when they came to Springfield, which has been the family home to the present time, and where Mr. and Mrs. Brooks celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1905. (A fuller sketch of Mrs. Brooks, now deceased, will be found in the succeeding section.)

Soon after coming to Springfield Mr. Brooks engaged in teaching as Principal of the First Ward School, but almost immediately was placed in charge of the newly established High School, which he retained one year. His later connection with the High School as Principal at two different periods covered some ten years, for about fifteen years was Superintendent of the City Schools and for eight years (1886-90 and 1894-98) County Superintendent. The number and importance of the positions he has held in connection with the city and county schools, covering a period of over fifty years, have entitled him to rank as the Nestor in the field of local education. He is credited with having been the first to bring the crayon pencil into use in the Springfield city schools as a substitute for chalk upon the blackboard, and also with having introduced drawing and music as branches of instruction in the same. At the present time (1912), as a member of the faculty of Bettie Stuart Institute, in conjunction with his daughters and others, he is still on duty devoting his attention to instruction in Latin, Greek and Mathematics.

In politics Mr. Brooks is a long-time Republican, is a member and ruling elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, and fraternally Past Master of Central Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M.; is also a member of Illinois Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. He is owner of 190 acres of valuable farming land in the zinc mining district in the vicinity of Joplin, Mo., but in partial retirement, in connection with his daughters, is devoting his most active labors to the interests of the Bettie Stuart Institute.

BROOKS, (Mrs.) Eliza Johnson (Welch), deceased wife of Andrew M. Brooks, was born in Cadiz, Ohio, May 14, 1827, a daughter of Rev. Johnson and Eliza (Daugherty) Welch—her father being a Presbyterian minister and President of Franklin College, Ohio, and some time before his death the youngest College President in the United States. His widow later married Rev. John S. McCracken, a son of the latter, Dr. H. M. McCracken, being the present Chancellor of New York University. Her mother was one of the founders of what is now the Western Female Academy at Oxford, Ohio, from which the daughter graduated at the age of sixteen years. Her marriage to Mr. Brooks took place at Oxford, Ohio, September 4, 1855, and, after spending three years in the State of Mississippi, as explained in the sketch of Mr. Brooks, they came to Springfield, Ill., where later both were prominently identified with educational interests. On the death, in 1888, of Mrs. Mary McKee Holmes, the first Principal of Bettie Stuart Institute, Mrs. Brooks was invited by the Board of Trustees to accept that position which she did, retaining it until her own death on March 25, 1909. In a brief memorial tribute to her memory prepared by Rev. T. D. Logan, Secretary of the Board, and adopted by that body, in recognition of the value of her services as Principal of the Institute, it is said: "For this she was well qualified by her early education in literature, science and art, and by her administrative abilities, which were of the highest order. The present prosperous condition of the Institute is due very largely to her careful oversight of its affairs. Her motherly counsel has been

of invaluable benefit to large numbers of young ladies who have been under her care in the last twenty years. Her influence was not confined to the school, but in the First Presbyterian Church, with which she was connected for more than fifty years, she was actively engaged in every good work, and the fragrance of her memory pervades the entire community. She rests from her labors, and her works do follow her."

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were the parents of nine children: four sons—Kennedy, James, Robert, and Andrew M., Jr.; and five daughters—Mary E., Margaret E., Anne H., Frances and Alice J., all of whom reached their maturity and all still survive except Robert, who died in 1865. The daughters are all at present connected with various departments of Bettie Stuart Institute, their labors being attended by gratifying results. (For further details of the labors of both Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, see Chapters XXVI and XXVII of this volume on "Educational—Public Schools" and "Higher Institutions.")

BROOKS, James F., better known as Fred Brooks, has been a resident on his farm in Springfield Township, since 1870. He was born in Woodside Township, Sangamon County, October 12, 1859, a son of James W. and Martha (Ricker) Brooks, the former born in Cambridge, Mass., January 26, 1822, died October 14, 1900, and the latter born in Shapleigh, Me., December 2, 1825, died January 28, 1889. The parents moved from Massachusetts to Sangamon County, in 1856, but four years later returned to Worcester County, Mass., still later on coming back to Sangamon County locating on Section 11, Springfield Township, where both died. Their children were: Emma C., Mrs. Charles Colglazier, living in Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Ella M. Jones, living in Arkansas City, Kan.; Belinda, wife of John Jones, also of Arkansas City; Aletta, Mrs. Davis, of San Antonio, Tex.; Miss Ida F., of San Antonio; Charles, Frank, Mattie and Elizabeth, deceased; and James F.

James F. Brooks received his early education in the district schools of Sangamon County, taking a supplementary course at a business college. He took up farming after leaving school, and has forty acres of land in his present farm, which he has occupied for forty years. At the age of five years, he visited the car in which Abraham Lincoln's body was brought from Washington to Springfield, and can remember that occasion. He has been an active and prosperous farmer and gardener, making his work yield him good profits. Possessing good business judgment he has brought his land to a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Brooks was married in Sangamon County October 24, 1883, to Kate W. Sanner, born October 9, 1859, at St. Marys, Md., a daughter of John and Anna (Watkins) Sanner, the former born October 1, 1824, and the latter April 25, 1839. Mr. Sanner came from Maryland to Springfield in 1861, and in 1873 moved to Missouri, remained there one year, and returned to Sangamon County, where he lived until his death, December 2, 1895. Mrs. Sanner died September 12, 1897. They were parents of nine children, viz: Walter W., born in Maryland, October 22, 1853; Ida, born October 13, 1856, married William H. Harbison, a contractor and builder of Springfield; Mrs. James F. Brooks; Mrs. Mary H. Woods, a widow, who was born February 18, 1862; Louis M., born March 24, 1864, died in infancy; Mrs. Emma L. Rotramel, whose husband, Robert Rotramel, was for twenty years custodian at the Fair Grounds at Springfield; John W., born March 1, 1870; Ira L., born December 8, 1873; Luella L., Mrs. Page, born January 25, 1875.

Mr. Brooks and wife had five children: Nellie A., born July 11, 1884; Ruth I., January 19, 1886; Grace N., June 24, 1888; Martha R., August 13, 1889; Esther M., September 12, 1894. Mr. Brooks has four grandchildren: Lawrence Russell Hamrick, born September 24, 1907; David F. Hamrick, born July 26, 1909; Stuart Owen Bennett, born December 28, 1908; Helen Louise Bennett, born September 15, 1910. Mr. Brooks was elected School Director several times, and served three years as School Trustee. He is a Republican in politics, and greatly interested in anything he believes will advance the prosperity or progress of his community. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and also belongs to Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., of Springfield, and has for twenty years belonged to the M. W. of A.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brooks lived with his parents until the following spring, then a double house of thirteen rooms was erected, and the young couple lived in one side, while the parents and sister of Mr. Brooks lived in the other. On the morning of February 9, 1899, when the mercury was 26 degrees below zero, the members of the household were aroused between twelve and one o'clock, by a fire, and the house, with all its nice furniture, was consumed, the only things saved being the family Bible and two rocking chairs. The occupants were barely able to escape, in their night clothes. J. F. Brooks was away on a trip to Arkansas City, Kan., at the time, transacting some business for his father, and did not learn of the event until he was on his return trip, when a friend, met on the train between Alton and Springfield, informed him of it. Upon arriving home, he found his father and sister living in a building that had been used as a summer kitchen, and his own family with a brother-in-law at the State Fair Grounds. Plans were at once drawn and two fine houses erected, in one of which J. F. Brooks and family have since continued to reside. On May 31 of the same year the large Brooks barn was destroyed by a cyclone.

BROWN, Benjamin S. (deceased).—The educators of Sangamon County rank among the best in the country, for they are men and women

who have spent years in honest labor preparing themselves for their chosen profession, and are learned not only in various branches, but also in the science of pedagogy. One of those who have done much in this line for the growing generation, is Benjamin S. Brown, of Mechanicsburg. He was born in Ohio, October 14, 1844, the son of Uriah Brown. The father was a Methodist minister who came to Shelby County, Ill., in 1854, but later went to Decatur, where he died in 1892. The mother died when Mr. Brown was nine years old. Mr. Brown has three half-brothers, one of whom lives in Decatur, and a half-sister who lives in Lafayette, Ind., and an own sister, Mrs. Nancy A. Bundy, who resides in Moultrie County.

The position attained by Mr. Brown is remarkable for he educated himself, and passing regular examinations, secured a position in a school at Shelbyville, Ill. He also taught at Dawson, Sangamon County, for one term, and then went to Buffalo for one term. Later he was at Buckhart for seven terms, for one term at Oak Hill, for the following two terms was at Longdale, Logan County, and for one term taught at Williamsville. He then moved to Springfield, where he taught two terms, when he was called to Mechanicsburg, and there taught several terms. His next school was at Salisbury, whence, after one term, he went to Auburn, where he taught a term, returning to Mechanicsburg, in 1898.

Mr. Brown was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted, August 5, 1861, in the Thirty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was transferred to Company G, Fifty-third, and served in that regiment until he was mustered out July 22, 1865. Among other important engagements in which he participated were the battle of Shiloh, and Sherman's campaign before Atlanta and on his March to the Sea. Through it all, Mr. Brown was a loyal and brave soldier, and deserved the pension which was paid him by a grateful Government. Naturally he was interested in G. A. R. matters, was a member of the G. A. R. Post at Buffalo, belonged to the Modern Woodmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was very prominent in the Methodist Church, being a local preacher, and it is difficult to estimate the full amount of good his life and example effected. In politics, he was a Republican.

On November 24, 1881, Mr. Brown was married in Sangamon County to Anna V. Heiss, daughter of M. L. D. M. and Susan (Snelling) Heiss, both of whom died in 1900, only two months apart, the mother at Pleasant Plains, and the father at Mechanicsburg. Mr. Heiss was a nurse during the Civil War, and because of his efforts in ministering to others, took sick and was discharged on account of disability. He and his wife had children as follows: Mrs. Chester Mowray of Pleasant Plains; J. A., of Springfield; Mrs. Helen Edison of North Carolina; Mrs. Charles Wilson of Mechanicsburg; William of Mechanicsburg, and Mrs. Brown. There were several others who died young. Mr. and Mrs. Brown had five children: James, at home; Bruce, Hattie R., Bernice and Charles F., also at home. Mr. Brown died November 2, 1910, after a life devoted to the service of others, filled with Christian deeds and works of charity.

BROWN, George H.—Springfield has long been the Mecca for ambitious men from other States, for here they realized was a promising future for the man willing to work, and many have swarmed to our capital resolved to win a fortune in some line of endeavor. One of the men who accomplished much and has always stood high in the esteem of his fellow-townsmen, both as a business man and public official, is George H. Brown, one time merchant and postmaster. He was born at Georgetown, Ky., May 14, 1835, a son of George D. and Mary (Adams) Brown, both of Kentucky. The father was a merchant, who spent his life in Kentucky, dying there as also did his wife, the latter passing away when George H. Brown was only three years old. There were six sons and three daughters in the family, and of these two of the sons served in the Mexican War. Of this family of nine children, George H. is the only survivor.

Mr. Brown received a good education in the Georgetown schools, and during his boyhood worked on a farm. Leaving home he went to Louisville, Ky., where he worked in a large commission house, but after remaining there two years, then came to Sangamon County, locating in Williamsville, where he operated a general store for several years. During this time, he was appointed Postmaster by President Buchanan, this appointment being renewed by President Lincoln. Later, Mr. Brown engaged in farming near Williamsville, but in 1890, came to Springfield, serving as Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Murray. He was then clerk in the State House for a short time, but later he was elected Constable on the Democratic ticket, serving for four years.

During the Civil War Mr. Brown was general clerk for H. C. Myers at Camp Butler, and has always been ready to give his assistance whenever it was needed for the furtherance of public affairs. Although being a Democrat, he differed form Mr. Lincoln in political sentiment. Mr. Brown was a great admirer of the illustrious President and heard him speak upon many occasions. No one in Springfield has a clearer recollection of the great man, and no one recognizes his worth more clearly. Mr. Brown has long been connected with the Presbyterian Church in Springfield, and gives church affairs especial attention since his retirement in 1908.

On January 24, 1860, occurred the marriage, at Williamsville, of George H. Brown and Sarah Flag. The latter was born in Ohio, October 1, 1837, the daughter of Abraham and Sarah Flag, and was brought by her parents from that State to Williamsville at an early

day, the family settling on a farm which the father operated in conjunction with his blacksmith shop, and there the parents lived until their demise. Mr. and Mrs. Brown became the parents of two children: Frank and Nellie, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Brown owns his residence at No. 541 Elliott Avenue, and is a man of means. He has earned fairly and honorably the respect which his neighbors and associates accord him, and is correctly considered one of the best representatives of the older generation now residing in Springfield.

BROWN, Harmon, an able and well-known business man of Springfield, Ill., belongs to a family that has long been highly respected in that city. He was born at Cairo, Ill., December 21, 1861, a son of John H. and Clara (Stafford) Brown, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of Macon County, Ill. His paternal grandparents were of Scotch-Irish ancestry and, on the mother's side, the grandparents were of English descent. John H. Brown was a druggist by occupation and became an early settler at Cario, Ill., where he engaged in the drug business. In 1862 he established a drug store at Springfield, and for two years occupied a building on the corner now used by the Herndon Dry Goods Store. In 1864 he removed to Grass Valley, Cal., where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in the latter part of that year. His widow is now living in Springfield and has become the wife of Dr. Townsend. They were parents of three sons and one daughter. The two brothers of Harmon Brown are now deceased and his sister, Mrs. Augustus Ayers, lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Brown received his education in the public schools of Springfield and, in 1879, on account of poor health, spent sometime traveling through the West. After returning from this trip he engaged in retail business in Springfield, which he continued several years, then accepted his present position as Superintendent of the Woodside Coal & Mining Company, which he has since ably filled. He is also a member of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and actively interested in public affairs. In his present position he has charge of extensive business interests and is filling a post of considerable responsibility.

Mr. Brown was married in Springfield, in June, 1886, to Mary W. Stebbins, who was born in that city June 16, 1864, daughter of Oscar F. and Sarah E. (Warner) Stebbins, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of New York State. The father was a hardware merchant and for many years carried on a business in Springfield, where he located in 1862. He remained in business until his death in 1906, and the mother now resides in Springfield. There was but one son and one daughter in the family, and the former, M. W. Stebbins, of Springfield, is a clerk for the Hudson Hardware Company. One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Elizabeth, born October 23, 1897. Mr. Brown lives at 712 South Fourth Street and he and his wife are well known in Springfield as people of refinement and culture, and have many personal friends.

BROWN, Jacob, retired barber and farmer, residence near Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County, is a veteran of the Civil War whose military career is of more than common interest. Born in Knox County, Ohio, March 16, 1835, he is a son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Long) Brown. His parents were natives of York County, Pa., where they grew up and married. Nathan Brown's mother, grandmother of the subject of this sketch, had two sons, who were orphaned by her early death. One of them was apprenticed to a wagonmaker, and the other, Nathan, was apprenticed to a blacksmith. Their father soon joined the Mormons and went West as a minister of that faith, and is supposed to have been killed at Carthage, Mo. After having completed his trade, Nathan married Elizabeth Long in their native county. Susan and Abraham, two of their eight children, were born there. She died aged twenty-three years, and he is a well-to-do farmer at Wapello, Iowa. The family moved to Knox County, Ohio, about 1834, and from there to Circleville, Pickaway County, where the father was a teacher of languages. A self-educated man, of many attainments, he was especially proficient in English and German, and became a leader among educators in that part of the State, as well as an influential Democrat of the old school. He passed away about 1848, and his widow in 1852. Their daughter Barbara married J. W. Frost and settled in Worth County, Mo., where she died in 1873; Jacob was next in order of birth; John, now retired, is living at Wabash, Ind.; Nancy J. married John Bird, who enlisted in an Ohio regiment and was killed at Chickamauga, and she lives with her brother Abraham; William, a member of the Thirty-third Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, died in service in the Civil War and is buried in a soldiers' cemetery at Memphis, Tenn.; Elizabeth became the wife of Jonathan Sommins, a farmer, of Worth County, Mo., and is dead; Isaac, third in order of nativity, served in the Civil War under General Logan, as a member of the Thirtieth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and is now living in retirement in Pickaway County, Ohio, after a successful career as a farmer. Another son died in infancy.

Jacob Brown accompanied his parents from Knox County to Pickaway County, Ohio. He began his education at Circleville, and after his mother's death went to work on a farm. In 1854, when he was nineteen years old, he was impelled by the Western fever, as it was manifested in that part of Ohio at that time, to seek his fortune in Illinois, and joined his brother-in-law, J. W. Frost, who was then living on a farm four miles southwest of Pleasant Plains.

In the spring of 1855 he went to work for Edwin Tomlin. Later he was for a time in the employ of Marlina Macy. Meanwhile his home was with Mr. and Mrs. Frost, and in 1857 he found opportunity to attend school for a time. December 15th of that year, he married Miss Frances Elder, born in Cartwright Township, March 19, 1839, a daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Tomlin) Elder, who came from Cape May, N. J., and were among the pioneers in the township named. After marriage Mr. Brown rented a farm in Cartwright Township. The spring of 1858 being wet and unpromising, he entered the employ of J. R. Black, in which he continued, at farm labor, until the outbreak of the Civil War. He then began farming for himself on rented land in Pleasant Plains Township. He was so employed until August 8, 1862, when he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war. The regiment was organized at Camp Butler, near Springfield and sent to Memphis, Tenn. Soon it was involved in the historic sixty-three battles from Jackson, Miss., on to the siege of Vicksburg. Ordered back to Jackson, it was included in the Eleventh Brigade under Colonel Wilkins, which consisted of this regiment, the Seventy-second Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the Ninety-third Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, the Ninth Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and the Ninety-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was engaged in scouting and similar work. In all this service to and including the battle of Guntown, Mr. Brown took gallant part. On June 1, 1864, General S. D. Sturgis started his command, consisting of nine cavalry regiments under Grierson, twelve infantry regiments under Colonel McMillen and four batteries under Major Waterhouse, the entire force numbering more than ten thousand men, whose bravery had been proven on many a hard-fought field. On June 9, Sturgis marched his command to the Hatchie Bottom, east of Ripley, Miss. On the following day occurred the disaster at Guntown, where the Confederate General Forest, with only 4,700 men, defeated Sturgis, capturing his wagon train of 250 wagons, his ammunition and all his infantry arms and accoutrements and about 3,000 men of the infantry division, more than half of whom were starved or shot in Confederate prison pens. The army was routed and Sturgis, with his staff, made a dash for Memphis, and as for the rank and file it was every man for himself. Mr. Brown, after two days' pursuit by detachments of the enemy, was captured near Salem, Miss., and taken a prisoner to Andersonville, Ga., there to undergo experiences that he can never forget. He relates that General Sturgis made no report of this disaster, which occurred just when a Federal victory seemed imminent, but that several reports were made by subordinate officers. In the language of one of these the petitioners represented and declared "that said disaster and all its terrible consequences were attributable to and caused solely by the drunkenness, cowardice and gross incompetency of S. D. Sturgis, commander of the expedition." Mr. Brown was captured June 12, 1864, and kept at Andersonville till September 21 following, when he was removed to Savannah. Later he was taken to Millen Prison, to Blackshear, and to Thomasville, Ga. On December 24, 1864, he was returned to the prison hell at Andersonville. There he remained till April 15, 1865, when he was transferred to Lake City, Fla. There he was put on board a stock train and carried to within twenty-two miles of Jacksonville, that State, where he and many companion prisoners were turned loose. Making their way to Jacksonville, they found the town occupied by Union soldiers and were sent by boat to New York City. Mr. Brown was honorably discharged July 17, 1865, and returned to Illinois.

Until August, 1868, Mr. Brown was employed in the weighing department at a coal shaft. He then opened a barber shop at Pleasant Plains, which he managed successfully until 1907, when he sold it in order to retire from active life. He bought a home in 1866. His present home on Third Street, Pleasant Plains, he bought in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have long been active in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Pleasant Plains. He is an influential Grand Army man and is a well known member of the Pleasant Plains Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. He cast his first vote for Lincoln in 1860, and has acted with the Republican party ever since. In 1864, when he was in a Confederate prison, he and his companions in misery were told that if they would vote for McClellan for President as against Lincoln they would receive double rations; but, although food was very scarce and always gladly welcomed, the result of the vote was two to one in favor of Lincoln. Mr. Brown has ably filled the office of Mayor of Pleasant Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had twelve children, seven of whom are living: Molly E. is the wife of John Dobbert, a farmer in Cartwright Township; George, Jacob and Charles died in infancy; Frances married James Carpenter; William F. lives at Jacksonville, Ill.; James E. is a resident of Chicago; David F. died, aged thirty-four years, and John I., aged thirty-six; Abraham L. lives at Jacksonville, Ill.; Albert lives at Arrowsmith, Ill., and Ray R. is a member of his parents' household.

BROWN, James N. (Vol. I, pp. 61-62.)

BROWN, William.—The mining interests of Sangamon County are of such magnitude that they afford employment for many of the most reliable men of the locality, as well as gilt-edged investment for local and outside capital. A number of progressive men combine mining with farming operations, securing very satisfact-

ory results. One who has been successful as miner and farmer is William Brown, of Clear Lake Township. He was born at Eugene, Vermillion County, Ind., a son of Israel Brown, a farmer who was born in Connecticut, although his wife was born in Pennsylvania. In an early day Israel Brown moved to Indiana and located on a farm, which he continued to operate until his death. During the Civil War he proved a loyal American, serving three years and participating in many of the notable engagements that stained the country's map with blood.

The education of William Brown was obtained in the country schools of his native State, and although the advantages were not such as are enjoyed by the children of today, he there laid a good foundation upon which, by reading and observation, he built a substantial structure. While attending school he worked on the farm, assisting his father and gaining from him a practical knowledge of agricultural life. In 1883 he came to Illinois, attracted by the mines, and located at Dawson, where he worked for two years. Following this he moved to Barclay and for seven years was engaged in mining at that point. Pittsburg, Kan., was his next place of residence, but after a year there he returned to Indiana. For seven years his native State claimed him, during which time he was successfully engaged in farming, then again located in Illinois, buying four acres in Clear Lake Township, which has since remained his home. He is now engaged in mining and farming and is satisfied with the results from both lines of endeavor.

Mr. Brown was married in Springfield (first) to Mary De Costa, born in Springfield who died in 1890. The second marriage of Mr. Brown occurred January 26, 1891, to Lucy Welsh, daughter of A. R. Welsh. Mr. Welsh was one of the pioneers of Sangamon County and has been connected with its development and growth in commercial, political and agricultural importance. Although advanced in years, Mr. Welsh survives, and is an important factor in his community. There is no issue of either marriage.

There are a number of men like Mr. Brown who make their home in Sangamon County. They have not pushed themselves forward in political matters, preferring to exert a quiet influence for good government and moral uplift. Huge corporations do not number them among their officials or heavy stockholders, their work being done in an unostentatious way as individuals. They have not made their mark as professional men, nor sought fame as writers, artists or musicians, yet they have become potent factors in the solid, substantial strata of the county. In private life, as in warfare, it is not the brilliant accomplishments or successes of the few that make for victory, but the achievements of the rank and file. It is the work of the everyday men that counts in the aggregate. Thus it is that in a history of this kind it is important to outline, although too briefly, the life record of those to whom so much is justly due. Mr. Brown owes his success to no chance of fortune; he has not inherited great wealth nor made it through the work of others, but what he has is but the just result of a life of toil, directed by intelligent effort.

BROWNBACK, Charles E., M. D. C., one of the prominent members of his profession in Sangamon County today, and at present serving as City Veterinarian of Springfield, was born on a farm at Tower Hill, Shelby County, Ill., April 15, 1871. He is a son of Edward and Eliza Ann Brownback, and grandson of Henry Brownback, the latter a native of Pennsylvania, who brought his family west in an early day and settled in Shelby County. Edward Brownback was a farmer, grain-dealer and druggist, and now resides at Ashland, Ill., which has been his home for many years. Charles E. Brownback attended the public schools of Pleasant Plains and Ashland, Ill., and in 1896, graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College. He practiced one year at Pleasant Plains, two years at Peru, Ind., two years at Ashland, and three years at Virginia, Ill., and in 1906, located in Springfield, where he has built up a large practice in his line. He is a thorough master of his profession, and his advice is widely sought among his fellow practitioners, with whom he has a high standing.

Mr. Brownback was married to Miss Kate Merele, of Indianapolis, Ind., daughter of Nicholas and Annie Merele. No children have been born of this union. Dr. Brownback has made many warm friends in Springfield during his residence here, and fraternally is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics, he is a stanch Republican and active in expressing his interest in public affairs. He resides at 514½ East Capitol Avenue, and his hospital is located at 320 South Fourth Street. He has for the past two years held the office of City Veterinarian with credit to himself and the position.

BROWNING, Alfred M.—The farmer of today feels justified in retiring from active pursuits at an earlier date than those of his fellows who are engaged in other lines, for not only are the requirements of agricultural life severe, but the profits are of sufficient magnitude to warrant such leisure. One of the substantial residents of Divernon, Ill., now resting after a long and busy life, is Alfred M. Browning. He was born in Greene County, Ill., April 7, 1837, a son of M. and Mary J. (Wood) Browning, natives of Kentucky. The Brownings and Woods were old residents of that State, and prominent in its history during the early days. Michael Browning was a Baptist minister, and an early settler of Greene County, where he died in 1842, when only thirty-eight years old. His widow survived him until 1860, when she too passed away. Of the children born to himself

and wife four sons survive: the eldest of Springfield, aged seventy-nine years; Perry, of Chicago, aged seventy-seven years; George, of Montgomery County, Ill., aged seventyfive years; Alfred M., aged seventy-three years (1910).

The boyhood of Alfred M. Browning was spent in Greene County, where he was educated, and when he was twenty years of age, he commenced farming for himself, having previously gained a knowledge of the work. Until 1885 he remained in Greene County, then moved to Montgomery County, purchasing a farm of 170 acres near Litchfield. This he developed into a fine property, operating it until his retirement in 1908, when he settled in Divernon, Ill., his present home. All his life he has been fond of outdoor sports, and owes his good health to this fact.

Mr. Browning was married in Greene County, December 21, 1861, to Lucetta Marshall, born there, June 6, 1844, daughter of Sanford and Mary (Mulberry) Marshall, natives of Kentucky, the former a farmer who came to Greene County at an early date, dying there. His widow died in Madison County, Ill. The grandparents of Mrs. Browning on both sides lived and died in Kentucky. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Browning: Mariette, born in Greene County (as were all but the youngest), in September, 1862, married John Studebaker, of Indiana, who died in Bond County, Ill., in 1900, issue—Claude, Paul, Mary, John, Earl, Junietta, Pearl, living, and Mildred C. and Lucetta, deceased; Charles K., born March 5, 1864, married Belle Christopher, lives at Divernon, issue—two living and one deceased; Frank E., born in July, 1868, married a Miss Coe, lives in Toledo, Ohio, issue—Justice, Lillian, Coe, and one deceased; Herbert A., born July 12, 1874, married Grace Barnett, lives in Missouri, is a minister of the Christian Church in Queen City, issue—Richard A., Hildegard and Eliza; and Wade, born in Montgomery County, June 6, 1880, married Ethel Kane, lives in his native county, engaged in farming, no issue; and Sanford and Marshall, deceased.

Fraternally Mr. Browning is a Mason. While a Democrat in his political faith, he is broad-gauged enough to realize that at times it is better, in local affairs, to vote for the man rather than for the party. He served as County Treasurer of Greene County, also Justice of the Peace and Highway Commissioner. His religious training and belief make him a Baptist, and he is a liberal supporter of the church. Both he and his wife stand high in their community. Possessing generous dispositions and kindly inclinations, they enjoy doing good and are never happier than when entertaining their friends in their cosy home. The example of their upright, useful lives is one that cannot be overestimated, and to them could be truly said: "Well done, good and faithful servants."

BRUCE, Francis H., a retired farmer living near Springfield, Ill., and a veteran of the Civil War, has been a resident of Sangamon County since 1867. Mr. Bruce was born near Murrayville, Morgan County, Ill., November 27, 1841, a son of William and Mary W. (Gunn) Bruce, both natives of Tennessee, the latter born in Dixon County, that State, May 11, 1808. The parents came to Illinois in 1830, locating on Governor Duncan's place at Jacksonville. The mother came to Springfield in 1881, and lived with her son Francis until her death, in 1889. William Bruce died when Francis was a small boy, and the mother was twice married. Six sons were born to William Bruce and his wife, all of whom are deceased except the subject of this sketch. A half-brother of Francis H. Bruce (Robert C. McAlister) now lives near Camp Lincoln. One brother, Benjamin P., served in the Civil War three years. The mother of Francis H. Bruce was one of ten children, who died at the age of seventy years.

Mr. Bruce received his education in the subscription schools of Illinois, where log buildings were furnished with slab seats. He worked on a farm for his uncle until he was eighteen years of age, and in 1861 enlisted in Company I, Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, being mustered in at Camp Duncan, Jacksonville. They were sent to Quincy, Ill., had a little skirmish at Canton, Mo., and captured Senator Green, then went down through Missouri. The first battle in which they participated was at Shiloh, Tenn., a two days' engagement. They were at Hatchie River one day, participated in the siege of Vicksburg, where the enemy surrendered July 3d, 1863. While in the service Mr. Bruce became a Corporal. After leaving Vicksburg his regiment went to Tennessee and was on duty as guard to supply trains on the Chattanooga & Atlanta Railroad. Mr. Bruce was captured at Moon Station, near Big Shanty, taken to Andersonville prison and held there six months. When released he returned to Vicksburg, arriving there March 28, 1865, and was in that city when President Lincoln was assassinated. He proceeded to St. Louis, obtained a furlough and spent one month at home, then returned, but was finally mustered out at Camp Butler, June 21, 1865.

After the close of the war Mr. Bruce returned to Murrayville, Ill., and in 1867 came to Springfield. In politics he is a Republican and in 1909 was elected Justice of the Peace, also served as School Director of the Ridgely School in 1897. He is a member of Stephenson Post No. 30 G. A. R., and in 1910 made a trip to the scene of the Battle of Shiloh, which occurred forty-eight years before. He says the place bears little resemblance to the scene as he remembers it at the time of the famous battle. In religious views Mr. Bruce is a member of the United Brethren Church. He has spent his life in hard work and at one time owned some land, but has now sold most of it. He was a successful farmer and a good business manager. As the result of an industrious life, he has a most comfortable home at 2402 Peoria Road, adjacent to Springfield, where he has lived for

the last three years in retirement from active business life.

Mr. Bruce was married, October 7, 1880, to Sarah L. Ash, born November 23, 1846, a daughter of Ira and Amanda Victoria Ash. The parents came from Mississippi at an early date, locating in Sangamon County, Ill., where they operated a farm. They had six children of whom three are now living. Mr. Bruce and his wife have had the following children: Ida Bell, born March 7, 1882, married Thomas Davis, a janitor at the State House in Springfield; Emma F., born December 20, 1883, is the widow of Roy Stanton, and is employed at the postoffice in Springfield; Jennie, born April 2, 1886, married Jesse Easton, who owns a sawmill in Sangamon County; Harry W., born October 31, 1888, has for three years been an employe in the meter department of the Illinois Watch Company, but is now employed in the same capacity in Paterson, N. J. Mr. Bruce is much respected as a public-spirited, useful citizen and honored for his service in the Civil War. He stands well in the community and is identified with its progress and welfare.

BRUESTLE, John J.—In the condition of more or less friendliness which characterizes international relations in these early years of the twentieth century, it makes little general difference what country may claim one's birth, but personally it remains a matter of pride and, in every American city, the German looks back fondly to his fatherland, no matter how highly he is esteemed nor how prominent he may have become. Among those citizens who have become representative of life in Springfield, is John J. Bruestle, whose comfortable, attractive and hospitable home is situated at No. 908 North Ninth Street, that city. Mr. Bruestle was born in the Province of Wurtemberg, Germany, May 13, 1854, the son Jacob and Mary (Keck) Bruestle. Their home always remained in the city of Rottenberg, where the father was a man of prominance and served as mayor for thirty-five consecutive years. This record is especially honorable as the law provides that such an official is continued in office during good behavior and a long period of incumbrency proves the honesty and efficiency of the occupant of the office.

John J. Bruestle remained in his father's home in Germany, where he was well brought up, until he came to America and gained an excellent public school education. He then learned the butchering business, and that continued to be his occupation until he retired from business life. Mr. Bruestle has been very active in Republican politics and has served as State Meat Inspector under two State executives, being twice appointed under Governor Yates and again under Governor Deneen. He has held other important offices, having served as Inspector of Weights and Measures, as Deputy Collector and as Assessor. In all these offices his public duties have been performed with efficiency and with an honesty that invites the fullest confidence.

Mr. Bruestle was married at Springfield, Ill., to Miss Elizabeth Mann, who also came from good old German stock. Her parents were Henry and Theresa Mann and both came to America when young, the father from a Prussian province and the mother from Bavaria. They settled at Cumberland, Md., where the father followed the butchering business. In 1880, Miss Mann came to Springfield and on October 20, 1881, she was married to Mr. Bruestle. They have had two children: Mary, who was born December 21, 1883, died December 16, 1906, and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery; and Jacob J., who was born November 20, 1885, resides with his parents. Mr. Bruestle and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and to the Blue Lodge Chapter and Council in Masonry, all at Springfield.

BRUNK, Charles Allen, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Ball Township, Sangamon County, Ill., was born near his present home, in that township, August 26, 1870, spending his boyhood on his father's farm and attending the country schools. He is a son of Jacob and Emily J. (Mason) Brunk, the former of whom was born in Ball Township and there spent his entire life, and the latter a native of Chatham Township. Jacob Brunk was born November 5, 1834, and died May 10, 1891, being buried in Brunk Cemetery. He was a farmer all his life and was a son of David Brunk, a native of Ohio, who came to Sangamon County in an early day and spent the remainder of his life there. David Brunk served in the Black Hawk War and was one of the prominent pioneers of Ball Township. Emily J. Mason was born July 25, 1847, and now lives in Ball Township. Her father was a farmer and a native of Massachusetts, who became an early settler in Sangamon County and there spent his last days.

After leaving school Charles A. Brunk worked on his father's farm, living at home until he was twenty-six years of age. He was fond of hunting and all outdoor sports, and has spent all his life on a farm. His parents had six children, of whom he is the second. Upon leaving home Mr. Brunk located on the farm where he now lives, and owns 150 acres in Section 11. He is well known in the township as a man of good principles, honest and reliable in his dealings with all, and interested in public improvements. He is in favor of modern methods of conducting agricultural operations, and carries on general farming, being much interested in dairying. He has always been a Democrat in politics and is now serving as School Trustee. He is fond of his home and family and belongs to no fraternal organizations.

December 30, 1896, Mr. Brunk was married, in Auburn, Ill., to Mary Ellen Duncan, born in Sangamon County April 21, 1870, daughter of Alexander and Catherine Duncan, the former

born in Scotland and the latter in Ireland. The parents were married in Springfield, having come to Sangamon County in youth, their parents spending their entire lives in their native countries. Two sons and three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brunk, all of whom are living, namely: Catherine E., born January 6, 1899; Helen M., October 25, 1900; Elizabeth, May 13, 1902; Samuel J., July 31, 1904; Alexander, September 23, 1906. Mr. Brunk is not a member of any religious organization, but his wife belongs to the Catholic Church. Both are well known in social circles in their community and have many friends.

BRUNK, Jacob Orange (deceased).—The factories, the mills, the large industries of all kinds, the commercial and financial institutions, the bringing about the flourishing condition of things now existing in Sangamon County. Without them the present state of prosperity could not have been attained; advancement would have come but slowly; but when all is said, it is to the agriculturists that the credit is most largely due, for without the farms that came first and the product thereof, other branches of success would not have been secured. The men who really form the bulwark are those who go to a new and strange country and there spend their lives in cultivating the soil and reclaiming it from the wilderness, and through their efforts the advance of civilization has been promoted. Jacob Orange Brunk, now deceased, was one of Sangamon County's well known agriculturists, and spent his whole life in tilling the soil in Section 11, Ball Township, where he was born November 6, 1834.

David Brunk, his father was born in Ohio, and as a young man came to Illinois, where the remainder of his life was spent in farming. He enlisted at the outbreak of the Black Hawk War and served faithfully throughout that struggle, and after the close of the war served his county as well in time of peace. He married Maria Shoup, also a native of Ohio, and they became the parents of four children, Sarah, Ellen, Ann and Jacob O.

Jacob Orange Brunk secured his education in the common schools of his native locality, and as a youth was sent out to work on the farm during the summer months, his time for attending school coming during the winter months. On reaching manhood he secured a farm on Section 11, Ball Township, Sangamon County, and there spent a long and useful life, passing to his reward May 6, 1891. During the many years Mr. Brunk spent in farming in Sangamon County he witnessed wonderful changes. The crude implements of a half century ago were replaced with more modern and time-saving machinery, crop rotation, tiling and ditching were introduced, and numerous other improvements and scientific discoveries were made. The country flourished, and in the promotion of its progress Mr. Brunk did his full share, contributing cheerfully to each and every movement which he believed would be of benefit to his township, which he served for several terms as Supervisor. He carefully tilled his excellent farm of 370 acres, raised large crops and bred blooded live-stock, and before his death had accumulated a comfortable competency. Mr. Brunk was a faithful member of the Christian Church and his political beliefs were those of the Democratic party.

On January 13, 1867, Mr. Brunk was married, in Auburn, Ill., to Emma Jane Mason, who was born in that place, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Mason, natives respectively, of Boston, Mass., and Louisville, Ky. Thomas Mason came as a mere child from Boston, and spent the remainder of his life in Sangamon County engaged in farming. There were four children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Noah, Elizabeth, William and Emma Jane. To Mr. and Mrs. Brunk the following children were born: Thomas Madison, born April 10, 1868; Charles Allen, born April 29, 1870; Maria Elizabeth, born June 9, 1873; Samuel Walter, born April 9, 1876; Shelby M., born April 26, 1881; and William Mason, born December 13, 1884. Of these children, Thomas Madison married Rebecca J. Boyd, and they have three sons, Charles J., Asa E. and Bruce C.; Charles A. married Mary E. Duncan and they have five children, Samuel J., Alexander, Catherine E., Helen May and Elizabeth; Elizabeth, the only daughter, married Dr. J. M. Duncan (now deceased), of Pawnee, and they had one son, William Thomas; Samuel W. married Edna Thornton, but they have no children; and William Mason married Lydia M. Lawley and they have one daughter, Edith May. The sons all live in Sangamon County and are engaged in farming.

BRUNNER, Fred.—Now that farming is an occupation making large returns for money and work invested, many of those who have been brought up to agricultural employment are leaving other avenues of industrial endeavor to return to the cultivation of the soil. Experience shows that Sangamon County land is the best of investments, and those who want to farm on either a large or small scale are buying some of this high-priced property. One who is returning to the occupation of youthful days, Fred Brunner, of Springfield, is a substantial farmer. He was born in Menard County, Ill., June 27, 1868, a son of Fred and Josephine (Aughauser) Brunner, both natives of Germany.

At a very ealy date the parents came to Menard County, Ill., where they bought 140 acres of land. This farm, which they developed and improved, was their home for forty-three years, and on it the father died, April 10, 1908, but his widow survives. They had eight children, five sons and three daughters, all of whom live in Sangamon County with the exception of one, who resides on the old homestead in Menard County.

The early training of Mr. Brunner was secured on his father's farm, where he remained

until he was twenty-two years old. He then began farming for himself near Ashland, Ill., and for four years made a success of the work. Being needed at home, he returned, and for two years assisted his father. His next change was made when he moved to Perry County, but a year later he came to Springfield, and in 1896 began working at the boiler factory. There for twelve years he was a faithful employee, giving efficient and satisfactory service, but although he was numbered among the most valued assistants in the foundry department, he felt the call of the soil too strong to resist, and in 1908 bought ten acres of land, to which he moved. This has since been his home and he has made it one of the most valuable properties of its size in the township. In addition he owns city realty, consisting of houses and lots, which yield him a good income.

Mr. Brunner was married, December 26, 1895, in Perry County, Ill., to Katie Masbecker, born January 28, 1866. Her parents came to Red Bud, Ill., at an early day, but both are now deceased. They had ten children, eight daughters and two sons, seven of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Brunner became the parents of one daughter, Katie, born July 11, 1903. On April 16, 1905, Mr. Brunner suffered the loss of his wife. She was a lovely lady, devoted to her home and family, and he has never recovered from the blow. Her remains are interred at Salisbury, where a tasteful monument marks her last resting place.

A hard worker all his life, Mr. Brunner has had the satisfaction of seeing his possessions multiply and his investments turn out successfully. Stanch in his support of the principles of Democracy, he has long been considered an important factor in the councils of his party, but has refused to allow his name to be used on the ticket. Nothing he has undertaken has proven too much for him, but he feels he is wise in returning to farming operations, for it is in them that he has made his money. Some men are born farmers, understanding crops and soils and knowing how to make them produce best results. Combined with his ability in this regard, is a careful training secured in youth, supplemented with years of experience as a farmer and business man, so it is no wonder he has been successful and he is ranked among the well-to-do men of Sangamon County.

BRUNS, Frederick.—A number of Sangamon County residents, after years spent in other lines of endeavor, buy small tracts of land, on which they engage in truck farming, reaping large profit from their labor, owing to the richness of the soil, and the immense demand for vegetables and fruits. One of the men thus engaged is Frederick Bruns, now residing in Capital Township. He was born in northern Germany, April 26, 1845, a son of Frederick and Mary (Rollvelt) Bruns. The elder Frederick, who was a farmer, died in his native land. His wife, who was born on a sailing vessel during a voyage her mother took with her husband, who was a sailor, came to America with a sister, in 1865, bringing the subject of this sketch with her. They made the trip on a sailing vessel, landing in New York, and came direct to Springfield. Prior to this Frederick Bruns had worked on a sailing vessel plying between Bremen, German, and New York, and had picked up a knowledge of English, Dutch and French, in addition to that he had of his native language.

After coming to Springfield he began as a brick manufacturer and later worked in the Reisch brewery. He was a very intelligent young man, having earned his own living from the time he was fourteen years old. He had been a news agent in Hamburg and knew men better before he had attained his majority than many double his age. When the old North Shaft was sunk he was one of those who assisted in the work, but after that he went to farming, thus continuing for four years. Returning to Springfield, he once more worked at the old North Shaft, and for eighteen years was lumber boss. The following four years he conducted a saloon, then operated a teaming business for several years, but fourteen years ago he located on his present farm, although he still does a little teaming. While making brick he furnished some of the brick used in the construction of the old Leland Hotel, in the capitol building, in the present State House, and the public buildings, as well as private residences.

Mr. Bruns was married in Petersburg, May 6, 1868, to Mary Fishman, born in Germany May, 8, 1845. Like Mr. Bruns, her father, died in Germany and her mother ventured to America going to Sterling, Ill., in 1871, and there she died in 1905, aged eighty-five years, having spent her declining years with a daughter. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruns, four of whom survive: John lives on a farm in Capital Township; Fred lives in Bradford Station, where he carries on farming; George lives in Capital Township; and Minnie, wife of Daniel Burns, lives in Springfield, where her husband is engaged in mining. There are nine grandchildren in the family, of whom the grandparents are very proud.

The religious connections of Mr. Bruns are with the Lutheran Church, of which he is a consistent member. He belongs to Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., and has been a member of it for forty years. All his life he has been a Democrat and is stanch in his support of the principles and candidates of his party. Mr. Bruns is, like many another countryman of his who has come to this land in his youth, a man of considerable importance in the community in which he makes his home. He possesses many of the sterling traits of character which make Germans so desirable as citizens the world over, and has never hesitated to give liberally of time and money to advance the general welfare of his township. In his work he has always been faithful and trustworthy, and takes pride in the

fact that the bricks he made so many years ago testify to his skill as a workman and his honesty as a manufacturer. He takes deep pride in his family, is very fond of his children, and enjoys gathering them about him at the old home.

BRYANT, William Marion (deceased).—While some of Springfield's representative, solid business men have passed to their last reward, their memories are cherished by family and friends alike, and the good they did lives after them and will continue to do so, for noble deeds never die, sending their influence ever abroad, like the succeeding ripples from a stone cast into the water. The late William Marion Bryant, a thrifty, reliable man and a hard worker all his life, was during his last years a resident of Springfield. He was born in October, 1847, in Whitley County, Ky., a son of Abel and Eliza (Duncan) Bryant. At a very early day the family located in Kentucky, near the Tennessee line. There Abel Bryant grew to manhood, learning the blacksmith trade and following it. Later he removed to Jackson County, Ky., where he became a minister of the Baptist Church. Both he and his wife passed away in this county, having been the parents of twelve children, of whom William Marion Bryant was the eldest.

William Marion Bryant was reared as any normal farmer's boy, and learned the blacksmith trade from his father. Owing to the fact that the schools were poor, his educational advantages were limited, but he made good use of what he had. When still a lad, he enlisted in the Union army as a teamster, serving until the close of the war, when he returned home. In October, 1866, the young hero was married, at Irvine, Ky., to Miss Mary F. Johnson, daughter of William and Polly (Warner) Johnson. She was born near Irvine, Estill County, August 29, 1848. Her father was born in Madison County, Ky., in 1805, and became a farmer and distiller. He volunteered for service in the Mexican War, but before his regiment reached the front peace was declared. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the Fourteenth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, and gave brave service in defense of the Union. His death occurred in Kentucky when he was eighty-four years old. His wife, also a native of Madison County, passed away when sixty-three years old. They had twelve children, of whom Mrs. Bryant was the tenth. The Johnson family was of English origin, the grandfather, John Johnson, having come to America and located along Muddy Creek in Madison County, Ky. There he built a strong stone fort, for protection against the Indians, who were then hostile, and this still stands. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Bryant, William Warner, was also numbered among the pioneers of Kentucky.

Following his marriage Mr. Bryant located in Richmond, Madison County, Ky., where he was a teamster, hauling from Richmond to Irvine and Lexington. After five children were born to him he moved his family to Springfield Junction, continuing his teaming business. There he passed away, on October 1, 1890. During his earlier days he united with the Baptist Church and in politics he was a Democrat. His children were: George W., of Springfield, married Rose Shanley, issue—Marie and May Rose; Delaney, of Chicago, married Ida Manning; William W., of Springfield, married Mrs. Bell Rishel, issue—Claude, Dora, Mary and John William; Charles M., of Springfield, married Anna Judd, issue—Maud A., Mary E., Mabel, William, Susannah, George, Evelyn and Charles; Mary E. married Edward P. Taylor, of Pawnee, Ill., issue—Vaneta, Roy Earl, Nellie and Lester. After moving to Springfield Junction three children were born: Emma B. married David H. Wittmer, issue—William Russell, of Springfield; Eugene married Elizabeth LeGrand, issue—Robert W. (deceased), Nellie, Eva Eugenia, Dolly Pearl; Claude died in infancy. After Mr. Bryant's death (1890) the family moved to the southwest part of Springfield and have since resided there.

Sturdy, honest, hard-working, never shirking a duty, but giving fair treatment to everyone, Mr. Bryant readily commanded the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens, and left behind him a family of whom any man might well be proud.

BUCHANAN, Nathaniel James (deceased).—Scotland is the country that has produced some of the most trustworthy men the world has ever known. No Scotchmen ask for admittance to benevolent institutions, few of them are ever convicted of crimes, and the majority of them are studious and well informed. To come of Scotch parentage is an honor none can afford to overlook, and the family bearing the name of Buchanan in Springfield can lay just claim to such distinction. Nathaniel James Buchanan, now deceased, but formerly one of the best known contracting painters of Springfield, was born in New York City, January 12, 1849, the son of Nathaniel and Jennetta (Brown) Buchanan, both natives of Scotland. The father was a painter and designer, and from him the son learned his trade.

The boyhood days of N. J. Buchanan were spent in New York City where he secured a good education in its most excellent schools. In 1877, Mr. Buchanan came to Springfield where he established himself in the painting and decorating business, and through his excellent work and methods of fair dealing built up a large and profitable trade. Although but a lad during the great struggle between the North and South, he rendered valuable service to his country, and later on was equally active in his endeavors to secure good government and purity in politics, casting his vote with the Democratic party. The Presbyterian Church held his membership, and when he died December 4, 1906, it was with a firm belief in its

teachings. For a number of years he held membership in Springfield Lodge No. 114, Modern Woodmen of America.

On January 17, 1877, Mr. Buchanan married Melissa E. Gonterman, daughter of Green and Elizabeth (Grant) Gonterman. Her parents came to Sangamon County in 1865, there dying, her father on February 14, 1874, and her mother July 5, 1905. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan: Florence N., with her mother; Robert Edward, married and residing in Springfield; Alice I., married; Nathaniel James, Jr., with his mother; Helen May, Dorothy Elizabeth and Thomas, all at home. Mrs. Buchanan owns her pleasant home at (new No.) 142 West Edwards street, where she welcomes her many friends. She attends the same church her husband helped so liberally to support, and is one of its most highly esteemed members.

BUCK, Prof. Thomas J. (deceased).—The death of Thomas J. Buck, which occurred in Springfield, January 8, 1908, removed from the city one of its well-known and highly esteemed citizens, and one who was regarded as an educator of ability. Mr. Buck was born August 20, 1846, in Coshocton County, Ohio, son of Thomas Steele and Eva (Fisher) Buck, natives of Pennsylvania. The father removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio at an early day and in the latter State was engaged in farming until coming to Xenia, Ill., where he purchased land and carried on farming operations until his death. There were eight children born to him and his wife, and of these three are now living: Mrs. Belle Johnson, of the State of Washington; Mrs. Mary Ann Partmess, widow of Dr. Partmess, of Vincennes, Ind., and Elizabeth, who married Frank Hough, a well-known resident of Springfield.

Thomas J. Buck attended the district schools of the vicinity of his home in Coshocton, Ohio, and assisted in the work on the home farm. He graduated from school in Illinois, where he had accompanied his parents, and, having fitted himself for the profession of teaching, at once took up that work. For a number of years he was located in Laclede County, Mo., and for a shorter period near Flora, Ill., but later removed to Springfield, where he was compelled to give up teaching on account of poor health. His death occurred in the family home at No. 1954 South Pasfield Avenue, which residence is now owned by his widow. He was a Republican in political affiliations, but never aspired to public office. His religious belief was that of the Methodist Church.

On February 3, 1881, Mr. Buck was married, at Flora, Ill., to Mary B. Thomas, who was born in Rockbridge County, Va., November 4, 1854, daughter of Fendel and Elizabeth (Kidd) Thomas, the latter of whom was a cousin of the great adventurer, Captain Kidd. Mr. Thomas was a Virginia farmer who came to Ohio in 1862. There he was made a prisoner by the Confederates during the Civil War, and was never heard of afterwards. For about a year after this event the family lived in Ohio, after which they went to West Virginia and five years later settled near Flora, in Clay County, Ill., where a short time later Mrs. Buck was married. Mrs. Thomas continued to live near Flora until her death, which occurred February 22, 1908, and five of her six children are now living: John, a farmer of Clay County; George, proprietor of a clothing store in Flora, Ill.; William, who resides in Springfield; Mrs. O. W. Bradbury, living in Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Ocina McFarthing, living in Odin, Ill., and Mrs. Buck.

Six children were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Buck, and all except one are now living: Lola Alice, the wife of Joseph Leneger, is now living in New Berlin; Marion R., Laura L., Russell R. and Forest L., all living at home. Mrs. Buck is a member of the Christian Church.

BUCKLES, Joseph L.—Most Illinois men are taking a deep interest in the welfare of their communities, feeling individual responsibility for proper local government. One of the men who have always borne their part in all movements calculated to advance Pawnee, is Joseph L. Buckles, a representative citizen of Sangamon County. He is of Kentucky stock, which originated in both Virginia and Maryland, and inherits many of the excellent characteristics of the people of all three states. Mr. Buckles was born in Hardin County, Ky., May 27, 1848, a son of Alfred and Sarah (Boarman) Buckles. The paternal grandfather came from his native State, Virginia, at the age of six years, in 1809, to Hardin County, Ky., where the remainder of his life was passed, dying there at the advanced age of ninety-two years. The maternal grandfather, born in Maryland, also emigrated to Hardin County, Ky., which continued his home until his demise.

Alfred Buckles and his wife were born in Hardin County, he in 1825, and she, May 7, 1829. His death occurred there in 1875, but his widow survived him and in 1882 came to Sangamon County to live with her son John. There she passed away in 1891. Both she and her husband were excellent people and enjoyed universal respect and confidence.

Joseph L. Buckles received his education in a log schoolhouse in his native county, remaining at home until he was twenty-four years old. At that time he left to locate in Warren County, a year later went to Hart County. Following this he was engaged in railroad work at Paducah, Summersville and Princeton, Ky., finally coming to Illinois in 1883, where for a year he alternated between Springfield and the family farm on Brush Creek. In 1884 he came to Pawnee, but two years later moved back to the farm, spending two years there. His next business venture was the conducting of a butcher business at Springfield for fourteen months, but in 1890 he located permanently at Pawnee in the pleasant home he now owns. For many years he was a contracting painter, but is now prac-

tically retired, having accumulated a sufficient competency to enable him to do this in comfort.

The first marriage of Mr. Buckles occurred in Hardin County, Ky., May 27, 1879, to Mary M. Skees, who died in Warren County, November 12, 1880, being buried in Hardin County. Twin children were born of this marriage, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Buckles was married again, in Princeton, Ky., August 9, 1882, to Mary J. Stallins, born in Princeton, February 4, 1864, daughter of Cullen Stallins. The latter was born in Kentucky, and died there in 1902, and his wife, whose maiden name was Polly Barnes in Caldwell County in 1890, and neither ever came to Illinois. Both grandfathers of Mrs. Buckles were natives and live-long residents of Kentucky. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Buckles: Susan A., born in Caldwell County, May 28, 1883, married John M. Cort, a farmer of Christian County, issue,—Regina (born January 8, 1905), Josephine (born January 28, 1907), and Margaret (born April 7, 1909); Lucinda, born in Pawnee (as were the remaining children), April 16, 1885, married John Thompson of Pawnee, civil engineer, issue,—Eloise; John J., born June 27, 1898; George W., born February 4, 1891, married Florence Olson, issue,—Eldon B., born July 12, 1910; Eddie, born August 27, 1892; William R., born April 2, 1896; Laura A., born July 2, 1898; Joseph R., born August 15, 1902, and Mary.

Mr. Buckles is a member of the Modern Woodmen, Camp 578, Pawnee, Ill. As were his forebears, Mr. Buckles is a stanch Democrat, taking a lively interest in the issues of the day, just as they did in the ones which affected them as heavy slave owners. In religious faith he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and is consistent in his adherence to its teachings. Reliable, substantial and public-spirited, Mr. Buckles is an excellent example of the best class of American citizen, proud of the fact that his family dates back to the early history of his country.

BUCKLEY, Henry Peck (deceased).—The late Henry Peck Buckley, of Springfield, was a prominent merchant of this city, for many years, and was identified with several successful enterprises. In 1881, he embarked in the florist business and conducted it until his death, having an office at the corner of Scarritt avenue and Fifth street. Mr. Buckley was born in Shopiere, Wis., May 26, 1851, son of Jacob T. and Mary (Rockwell) Buckley, the former born in Canandiagua, N. Y., and the latter in Wisconsin. Jacob T. Buckley was a successful business man in McGregor and for ten years was engaged in the wholesale feed and livery business in Springfield where he located with his family in 1872. He was also for many years engaged in a hardware business and wholesale grocery trade, and was an able man, well known for his enterprise and his sterling qualities, being successful in anything he undertook.

The childhood of Henry Peck Buckley, was spent in his native State, and after taking a course in the public schools, he entered Oberlin (Ohio) College, from which he was graduated. After leaving school, he joined his father in a mercantile business in Dubuque, Ia.; later going with the latter to Kansas City, Mo., where they engaged in a hardware business for four years. In 1872 they sold out their interests, and came to Springfield, there establishing themselves in the feed and livery business, which they continued until 1881, at which time the father retired and the son turned his attention to the florist business, in which line, he built up a large and profitable trade. Henry Peck Buckley was a keen business man and paid close attention to his financial interests. He cared little for public office or political affairs, but confined his whole attention to his business. He was a Republican in political belief, and was interested in the general welfare of the community, but was a man of quiet tastes, devoted to his home and family, and an active member of the First Congregational Church of Springfield.

Mr. Buckley was married, in Springfield, March 9, 1876, to Miss Ella Conkling, born in Springfield, August 8, 1856, daughter of William Johnson and Olivia Jennette (Holton) Conkling, the former born in New York in 1826, and the latter in Thetford, Vt., in 1828. Mr. Conkling was an eminent lawyer well known in Sangamon County, and both he and his wife were early settlers of Springfield. Seven children were born to Mr. Buckley and his wife, namely: William Thompson, has charge of his father's greenhouse and another greenhouse at Pasfield and Scarrett Avenue, was married October 11, 1905, to Margarette Dwyer; Alice M., wife of Edward B. Britton, who has a farm of 400 acres near Cantrall, Ill., was married April 22, 1903, and they have two children (twins)—Ella and Kathryn, aged six years; Harry M., connected with the Sangamon Coal Company, of Springfield, married Miss Marie Schollser, May 11, 1910; Edgar H., Secretary and Treasurer of the Sangamon Coal Company, married Miss Clara Hollem, August 17, 1905, and they have two children, Ruth, born May 21st, 1906, and Edgar H., Jr., born Nov. 18th, 1911; Ralph Conkling, connected with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of Springfield, married Miss Zelle Shefler, June 26, 1905, and they have two children—Harry, aged four, and Dorothy, three years; Jeanette, was married January 27, 1909, to Volney V. Vandercook, who is engaged in fruit and dairy business in Springfield; Helen Grace, unmarried, living at home with her mother, at 516 East Scarritt Avenue. Mr. Buckley died June 24, 1901, at his home on East Scarritt Avenue, and his remains were interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was highly respected, as an upright, reliable citizen, and his loss was deeply mourned by his many friends and associates. His honesty and probity were

well known, and he sustained a good reputation in business circles.

BULLOCK, William A.—No adequate history of the Civil War can ever be written, for it was traced on the map of the country in rivers of blood, flowing from the wounds of the volunteers. Brave boys these, who sprung up all over the country to answer the call of duty and of country. One of those who did not hesitate when his flag was in danger, is William A. Bullock, a retired farmer of Sections 14 and 15, Cooper Township. He was born in Putnam County, Ind., August 28, 1835, a son of John and Sarah (Hogan) Bullock, natives of Indiana. They were farming people who came to Marshall, Ill., in pioneer days, entering land from the government. Here they died some thirty years ago, having borne their part in the development of the State.

William A. Bullock went to an old log schoolhouse in Indiana, and eagerly absorbed all information he could get, for he was ambitious, but at the same time he kept busy helping on the farm. Mr. Bullock has spent his life in farming, except for the time he spent in the army, and has lived at his present home sixteen years, owning eighty acres. Prior to this he made a number of changes, always being successful in his farming operations, for he knows his business thoroughly. In 1863, he enlisted in Company B, Fifty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving three years, participating in the siege of Vicksburg, and numerous battles in the South, being finally mustered out at New Orleans, and discharged at Indianapolis, Ind., closing his career as a brave and loyal soldier.

On October 28, 1869, Mr. Bullock was married at Springfield, Ill., to Sarah B. Miller, daughter of Henry and Nancy Jane (Mason) Miller, both natives of Illinois. The father died February 3, 1911, aged eighty-five years and ten months being preceded by the mother fifty-six years. Mrs. Bullock was born May 11, 1852. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bullock: Jacob H. of Sangamon County; Ida May, married William Jacobs of Taylorville; William E., at home; Otis L. of Christian County; Stella Pearl, who died September 12, 1892. There are seven grandchildren in the family. Mr. Bullock knew the revered Abraham Lincoln at an early day, and the friendship then formed lasted as long as the great man lived.

BULLOUGH, William (deceased).—Special qualifications are required to govern men successfully. Those placed in charge of a large number of workmen must be men of more than ordinary ability, well versed in every detail of the work, who know how to get good results without imposing upon either the employer or employes. Such a man was William Bullough, foreman of the Woodrich coal mine, who was taken away in the midst of a busy, useful life

Mr. Bullough was born in Bolton, Lancashire, England, July 26, 1843, a son of Peter and Betsy (Portington) Bullough, both of England, where the father was a silk weaver.

Mr. Bullough received his education in his native country, attending a high school, and for years taught school in Bolton, but eventually came to the United States, landing in New York and locating at Monongahela City, Pa. In 1867 he came west to Braceville, Ill., and from there, in 1888, moved to Springfield, which continued his home until his demise, April 16, 1908. Upon coming to Springfield, Mr. Bullough connected himself with the Woodside Coal Company as foreman and bookkeeper, and was thus employed for twenty-three years. After coming to this country he espoused the tenets of the Republican party and for a time served as Alderman in Dawson, but aside from that held no public offices. He was a member of the Maccabees and the American Home Circle, both of Springfield. Holding communion with the Church of England, when he came to America, he transferred his membership to St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral and died in the faith of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Bullough was married at Braceville, April 17, 1869, to Elizabeth Williams, born in Monmouthshire, South Wales, daughter of John and Margaret Williams, who came to America from Wales when she was only four years of age. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bullough: Elizabeth, born March 9, 1870, married James Burns, special agent for the Illinois Coal Company of Springfield; Mary, born November 25, 1871, married Richard Walker, and they live at Dawson; Ellen, born July 14, 1876, married Thomas Lowery, an employe of the post-office at Springfield; Margaret, born May 11, 1880, is married, her husband being a blacksmith by trade; Clara Ruth, unmarried and living at home, chief local operator with the Central Union Telephone Company, was born December 11, 1882; Laura May, born February 8, 1888, also an employe of the telephone company; Harriet Louise, born March 22, 1890, employed in the Ridgley Bank; and William, born June 7, 1893, an employe of the Central Union Telephone Company. Those of the children who are unmarried reside with their mother on South Fifth Street. They have all been carefully reared and have done well in life. Mr. Bullough was a most estimable man, fond and proud of his children, and, although a quiet man, exerted a strong influence among his associates, by whom he is remembered with respect and affection.

BUNCH, David S.—Representative men in any community gain a distinction of their own and control strong influences. Some of Sangamon County's most reliable and substantial men are those who have gained comfortable means through agricultural pursuits, and one of these is David S. Bunch. He was born in Fluvanna

County, Va., July 10, 1850, a son of David P. and Jane (Jones) Bunch. The father was born in Louisa County, Va., in 1820, and the mother born in the same county in 1825. During the Civil War David P. Bunch's sympathies were with the South, and he served in the Confederate Army, and was killed in 1865. He had been a farmer and well-to-do man. The mother died in 1865. Six children were born to these parents, two of whom are now living: Virgil A., residing near Huntington, W. Va., and David S.

David S. Bunch was educated in the public schools of his native county and early engaged in farming. In 1878, he came to Fancy Prairie, Menard County, Ill., at that time being thirty-three years old. In 1909 he came to Springfield and rented his present property.

In 1876, he was married in his native county to Miss Elzira Steward of Loudoun County, Va., born September 18, 1852, a daughter of William and Lizzie (Mcpherson) Steward, natives of that county. She was one of six children: Elzira (Mrs. Bunch), John Clay, Sarah Catherine; Clara, Dixie and Benjamin Franklin. Mr. and Mrs. Bunch had three children: James William, Robert Compton and John Bledsoe.

Mrs. Bunch died in 1889. In 1893, Mr. Bunch married Mary Langston, born near Athens, Menard County, Ill., in 1858, daughter of P. A. and Mary Ann (Tipton) Tilson, natives of Tennessee. By this marriage there are four children: Frank Fulton, Mary Ann, Mary Ella and John Harlow. In politics, Mr. Bunch is a democrat. He is a member of the Fifth Presbyterian Church and gives it a liberal support. A man of industrious habits, never shirking any task before him, Mr. Bunch has made a success of his work, and is a pleasant courteous gentleman with the manners and bearing that constantly suggest his southern birth and training.

BUNN, Jacob. (Vol. I, p. 66.)

BUNSEN, Albert Charles, assistant stationary engineer at the State House in Springfield, and a highly respected citizen of the city, was born six miles east of Belleville, St. Clair County, Ill., January 1, 1868, and spent the first twenty-two years of his life on a farm. He attended the public school until he was seventeen years of age and acquired a good education. His father, Charles O. S. Bunson, was born in Germany, June 6, 1831, and was three years old at the time his parents brought him to the United States. The father of Charles O. S., George Bunsen, a native of Germany, lived at Frankfort-on-the-Main, and emigrated with his family to the United States in 1834, proceeding to St. Louis, where he lived for a time. He subsequently purchased 360 acres of land in St. Clair County, Ill., and his death occurred in Belleville, in 1873. He was a professor of languages in Germany and a highly educated man. He served at one time as Superintendent of Schools in St. Clair County. He was a Lutheran in religion and in politics was a Democrat. His wife was Sophia LeCoque, a native of France. Their third son and fifth child was Charles O. S.

The father of Albert C. Bunsen was reared on his father's farm in St. Clair County and educated in the country school. In early life he followed farming, but, possessing a natural ability for mechanics and having a strong predilection for such work, learned the various trades of a blacksmith, machinist, and wagon-maker, and was able to repair almost any kind of machinery or tools. He was married in St. Clair County, Ill., in 1858, to Charlotte Johanna Ernestine Muenstenberger, who was born in Luebeck, Germany, January 23, 1838, daughter of Herman Muenstenberger, a Lutheran minister. Four children were born of this union, namely: Adolph Douglas, a post-office inspector, living in St. Louis; Paul Herman, of El Paso, Tex.; Albert Charles; Alma, Mrs. Ernst Reener, of St. Louis. Mr. Bunsen spent 1885-86 in Mexico, working at his various trades, and later spent eleven years in the same country, returning in 1898 to Illinois, where he has since lived. In 1908 he and his wife came to Springfield to live with their son Albert Charles. He still owns twenty acres of land in St. Clair County, which has a good deposit of coal. He was reared in the Lutheran faith.

At the age of twenty-two years Albert C. Bunsen went to the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, and worked sixteen years as stationary engineer. He inherits his taste for mechanics from his father and has unusual ability in this line. In October, 1905, he moved to Springfield and assumed the duties of his present position, and resides at 220 West Jackson Street. He has won many friends in the city and takes an active interest in public affairs. In politics he is a Republican and fraternally is a member of the Woodmen and the Knights of Pythias. Though he is not connected with any church, he contributes to various religious organizations, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Bunsen was married, in El Paso, Tex., ovember 10, 1900, to Emma Eicholtz, born in Mexico, daughter of Frank and Emma Eicholtz, the former of whom is deceased and the latter lives at San Antonio, Tex. Both Mr. Bunsen and his wife read and write Spanish.

BUNTING, William C.—Among those who have retired into private life, after years of arduous toil in which they have proven themselves good business men and faithful workers, is William C. Bunting, one of the English-Americans of Springfield, who combined with his loyalty to his own country, has a love for the one of his adoption. Mr. Bunting was born in Norfolk, England, March 2, 1834, a son of Thomas and Charlotte (Young) Bunting, both born in England, he February 8, 1804, and she October 4,

1813. These two spent their lives in England, being farming people, she living to the advanced age of ninety-six years.

When William C. Bunting was but twelve years old he was apprenticed to learn the butchering and meat cutting trade, and worked at it, attending school whenever opportunity offered. In 1870, he came to America, landing first in New York City, from whence he came to Chicago, and after a short time left that city for Springfield. Following his arrival here, he worked on a farm in the vicinity of Springfield, for six years, and then began farming for himself. He became very successful, continuing his farming operations for twenty years, when he returned to Springfield and worked in the rolling mills until 1900. He then felt that he deserved a rest, so retired. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics, he is a Republican.

In 1862, while still residing in Norfolk, England, he was united in marriage with Francis S. Darns, born in Norfolk, England, March 1, 1839. Her father died in England, but her mother came to Ameria in 1871, and died in Springfield. The following family was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bunting: Edmund T., of St. Louis; William S., who married Nellie Jane Woods, issue,—five children, two of them are living; Jessie C. and Francis I.; John W. of Springfield; and Dorcas, wife of Benjamin Hammond, residing in Bloomington, issue,—Edmund, Alfiet and Fleda Hammond. Mr. Bunting owns the home in which he resides, at No. 2038 North Eleventh Street, as well as other city realty, being comfortably well-to-do. His success in life, has been of steady growth, and the result of hard work and thrifty saving. He is universally respected by his associates, who know and appreciate his many excellent qualities.

BURKHARDT, Herman F.—The German-American is classed among the most desirable citizens this country posseses, for he is always hard-working, honest and frugal, while his desire for and appreciation of liberty makes him anxious to support the government, and to be in every way a true patriot. Springfield numbers among its old families some of the best class of these excellent people, through whose efforts the city has been improved and its business interests advanced to their present status. One representative of these families is the one bearing the name of Barkhardt, which was established there in the early 'fifties by Gottlieb and Dorothea (Walker) Burkhardt, natives of Germany. These two came to America on the same boat, and during the long voyage of forty-eight days became so well acquainted that they decided to be married upon their arrival in Springfield. They had four sons and two daughters, the former being William, and Gottlieb, deceased; Herman F.; Henry, a druggist on Fourth and Washington Streets, Springfield.

Herman F. Burkhardt, the direct subject of this sketch, was born in Springfield, April 10, 1857. During his early childhood and boyhood his father was in business, conducting a hotel and grocery, but when Herman was seventeen years of age he met with reverses and the lad was forced to earn his own living. During his period of prosperity Gottlieb Burkhardt was prominent in civic affairs, serving as Coroner for eight years, but after his failure lost heart and did not aspire to public office. Although forced to leave school early, Herman F. Burkhardt secured a good common-school education and has added to his knowledge by application and experience. He commenced working for the Illinois Watch factory, on April 17, 1872, and continued in their employ for thirty-eight years, his service being continuous, with the exception of ten years when he was Superintendent of carriers, to which position he was appointed by President Cleveland. Both in the factory and post-office he gave universal satisfaction by reason of his faithful ,conscientious work, and no man has more reason to be proud of his record in this respect than Mr. Burkhardt.

On September 28, 1880, Mr. Burkhardt married Rose A. Hoffman, of Springfield, daughter of Charles Hoffman, and they had two children, Rose, born August 7, 1881, and Fred, born December 8, 1882. After the death of his first wife Mr. Burkhardt married, June 28, 1893, Kate Speas, born October 7, 1870, in Springfield, daughter of John and Kate Speas, her father an old settler and an engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt have had children as follows: Hazel, born May 25, 1894; Edna, born March 30, 1896; Lester, born June 27, 1897; Evelyn, born September 2, 1898; Ray, born August 12, 1902; Catherine, born December 14, 1904, and Helena and Lorena, twins, born August 14, 1907. The family residence is at No. 933 Tenth Street, Springfield, and there their many friends are made cordially welcome with true German hospitality.

Mr. Burkhardt is a Woodman and is Clerk of Capital Camp, No. 333, of Springfield. He is a Democrat in political faith and has served as Clerk of Election of the First Precinct of the Second Ward for the past three years. In the Lutheran Church, of which he is a member, he is an important factor, and is ever ready to bear his share in its good work. During all his connections, both business and social, Mr. Burkhardt has always tried to do what he believed was his full duty, giving good measure of work and much kindly attention to those less fortunate than he. As a result, he is not only respected and honored, but has friends all over the county, where his true worth is appreciated.

BURKHARDT, John M. (deceased).—The good deeds of many are hidden as long as they survive, but after death has claimed them, these same acts of generosity arise to bear witness to the kindness of heart which was so leading a

characteristic of the man. This is certainly the case with John M. Burkhardt, who for many years conducted a general store on the east side of the square at Springfield. As Senator Cullom, a warm, personal friend of his, often said of him, he was one of the best citizens Springfield ever possessed. A German by birth, he always lent a helping hand to those of his own nationality, and assisted them in becoming useful citizens of the land both had adopted. Mr. Burkhardt was born in the kingdom of Wurtemburg, Germany, January 5, 1807, a son of a well known tavern, or hotel keeper.

Attending school in his neighborhood, Mr. Burkhardt gained a good knowledge of his native tongue, and worked on the farm his father owned, in addition to his tavern. Coming to America, in 1832, Mr. Burkhardt first obtained employment on Pennsylvania farms, but later worked on flat boats, plying along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers clear to New Orleans. Finally, he began working in a store in St. Louis, from whence he came to Springfield. In 1851, he started a general store in the square, operating it until 1859. His beautiful home, one mile east of town, was built by him, and in it he died, August 1, 1868. Although he educated himself in English, Mr. Burkhardt was a man of considerable attainments, and his penmanship was beautifully clear and even. A natural bookkeeper, his books were kept as models of neatness, each figure being perfectly formed. Reared a Lutheran, in later life, he joined the Grace Lutheran Church of this city. From the time he became a citizen of the country, he voted the Democratic ticket.

On August 18, 1843, he married Mary Elizabeth Nagel, who was born in Rhine Preis, Bavaria, Germany, June 24, 1827, a daughter of John and Christina (Goetz) Nagel. Her father was born in Germany, but his wife was a native of France. The latter died in Europe, and her husband then came to America, landing in St. Louis in 1832, remaining there until his death. Mrs. Burkhardt had an uncle Joseph Goetz, who was one of the great Napoleon's picked body guard. She distinctly remembers the bringing back of Napoleon's body from St. Helena. She also recalls many interesting incidents of pioneer days in Springfield, which are valuable as giving a distinct picture of those early times. Her memory is remarkable, and she is exceedingly pleasant in manner, hospitable and genial, a most delightful lady to meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt had children as follows: John; Bertha; Charles; Emma; Annie; Jennie; Ida; Lillie; Mary Ellen, who died August 5, 1846, aged ten months and eleven days; Elizabeth, who died February 22, 1853, aged two years and four months, and Clara, who died August 10, 1866, age seven years. John enlisted when only eighteen years old as a private in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at Gun Town, Miss. Bertha married Walter Swift, but died, leaving two sons, Charles and William. Charles is unmarried and resides at Galesburg. Miss Emma is her mother's dutiful and devoted companion. Annie married Alfred Booth of Springfield, and they have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth. Jennie married Arthur Stericker of Manitowoc, and they have one son, William. Ida married John Davenport of Nashville, Ill., and they have two sons, Adrian and Walter D. Lillie married Frank Miller of Ottawa, Kas. Mr. Burkhardt was a friend of both Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, but he cast his vote for the former, in spite of being a Democrat, because of his admiration for the man and his principles.

BURNHART, William, who has established a good contracting business in the line of painting and decorating, has been a resident of Springfield for about five years. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., March 17, 1868, a son of George and Louise (LeMasters) Burnhart, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Louisville, Ky., and an early settler of Dayton, Ohio. The father was a contractor in the same line as his son William and for many years worked at his trade in Dayton, where he had moved as a young man. The family later moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where the father built up a good business and conducted it until his death. Both parents are deceased but their three sons and two daughters are all living.

After receiving his education in the schools of Milwaukee, William Burnhart became associated with his father and learned his trade, following it several years in his native city. He removed as a young man to Hannibal, Mo., and carried on a business four years, spent a few years at Danville, Ill., moved thence to Dayton, Ohio, and later to Indianapolis, where he conducted his business. He eventually located at Decatur, Ill., where he lived until coming to Springfield in 1906. He has built up a good trade through his ability and enterprise and has the confidence of his patrons and associates.

Mr. Burnhart was married in Milwaukee, April 7, 1889, to Miss Mary Scott, a native of Quincy, Ill., born in June, 1871, whose parents and brothers and sisters are all deceased. One child was born to Mr. Burnhart and wife, a son, George. Mr. Burnhart is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church and in politics is a Democrat. He owns some property in Springfield and also in Milwaukee. He and his wife have won many friends in the city.

BURNS, Barney (deceased), a patriotic Irish-American citizen of Sangamon County, Ill., was a veteran of the Civil War and was much esteemed for his many good qualities. He was born May 27, 1823, son of Owen and Mary (Barnett) Burns, both natives of Ireland, who spent their entire lives there. The father was a farmer and the early years of Barney Burns were spent on the home farm. He was edu-

cated in Ireland and remained with his parents some years after leaving school.

In 1850 Mr. Burns emigrated to the United States and came direct to Sangamon County, Ill., where the remainder of his life was spent. He engaged in farming near Springfield and during the last years of his life became operator of a coal mine. Being energetic and industrious, and having considerable ambition, he made his own way rapidly in his new home and formed many warm friendships among his neighbors and associates. He served three years in an Illinois Regiment during the Civil War and acquitted himself creditably as a soldier. At the close of the war he returned to Sangamon County and there soon afterwards married. He was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church and active in church work. In politics he was a Democrat and, although taking little interest in political matters and caring for no public office, served for a time as School Director. He was a great lover of his home and family and a devoted husband, and also enjoyed the society of his friends.

Mr. Burns was married in Springfield, in 1867, to Miss Mary Irene Janes, born in Sangamon County, Ill., June 15, 1843, daughter of George W. and Carrie E. Janes, both natives of Sangamon County and members of prominent families there. Of the children born of this union four are living, namely: William, John, George and James, all married and living in Springfield. Mrs. Burns has a comfortable home at 2021 Peoria Road, Springfield.

BURNS, John E.—The profits from farming activities are such that those who have spent many years thus engaged, feel justified in retiring to spend the remainder of their lives in the enjoyment of the plenty their industry has accumulated. Sangamon County has a number of these representative men, who, now that they are no longer engaged in arduous toil, are at leisure to give more attention to local affairs and to deliberate carefully upon reforms and improvements. Among these men is numbered John E. Burns, of Illiopolis. He was born in Bath County, Ky., October 16, 1824, a son of Dennis and Catherine (Farmer) Burns, natives of Virginia. His parents moved to Kentucky at a very early day in its history, locating on a farm in Bath County, where they died, having brought up a family of ten children, six of whom were stalwart sons. Of them all, John E., who was the youngest, is the only survivor. Dennis Burns served the Government as a teamster during the Black Hawk War.

After receiving a country school education, John E. Burns worked on the farm, but later bought and sold fine stock. When the war broke out, he enlisted in Bath County in the far-famed Company M, Seventh Kentucky Cavalry, but in less than a year he was discharged on account of disability caused by sickness. During that period, however, he was made Captain of his company by unanimous vote, and participated in several famous engagements. At the close of the war, Mr. Burns came to Illinois, locating first in Logan County, near Mt. Pulaski, where he farmed for a year; but not being satisfied, moved to Lake Fork, near Cornland, and continued farming for three years. Following this, he moved to a farm south of Lanesville, where he farmed for four years, making thereafter several changes until 1891, when he settled on his present place, which he owns. Although eighty-five years of age, Mr. Burns enjoys excellent health and is a well-preserved man. A grateful Government pays him a pension which his military services merit.

Mr. Burns was married in Bath County, Ky., to Martha J. Self, born in Virginia, but brought to Kentucky by her parents, Joseph and Sarah (Gauldin) Self, both natives of Virginia, and members of first families in that State. Mr. Self was a blacksmith by trade, and coming to Illinois with his son-in-law, Mr. Burns, he found work at his calling. Several years later he went to Saline County, Mo., where he and his wife died. Mrs. Burns died on Christmas Day, 1906, having borne her husband five children three of whom survive. Lillian lives at home with her father; Chessella is the wife of Add S. Blair of Mechanicsburg, a farmer; Clay lives in Springfield, where he conducts a feed yard. There are six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren in the family.

The political affiliations of Mr. Burns are with the Republican party. For many years he has been a valued member of Morgan Post, No. 208, G. A. R., in which he takes a deep interest, enjoying meeting his comrades and living over with them the stirring events of the great struggle. Mr. Burns is liberal in his religious views, while his wife was a consistent member of the Christian Church. Loyal, steadfast of purpose, a man who has worked hard and saved wisely of his earnings, Mr. Burns sets an excellent example to the younger generation, and by his earnest life has proven what can be accomplished provided one is willing to exert himself and never shirk a duty which lies before him.

Mr. Burns has seen many changes in Sangamon County, since locating here. Some of these he is proud of, while he believes others do not afford evidence of improvement; but he retains his faith in its future greatness and has never lost his interest in the mighty Commonwealth with which he cast his fortunes after fighting to maintain the supremacy of the General Government.

BURNS, Paul George, engaged in a printing business in Springfield, and serving as Clerk of the Probate Court, is one of the progressive young men of the city. He was born in Springfield, June 20, 1881, son of M. H. and Elizabeth (Schmitt) Burns. M. H. Burns was reared in Columbus, Ohio, but when a young man moved to Springfield, Ill. In 1877 he married Elizabeth Schmitt, daughter of Matthias Schmitt, of

West Carpenter Street, Springfield. Six children were born of this marriage: Matthias M., Thomas N., John (deceased), Paul G., Mary C. and Henry (deceased). During the Civil War M. H. Burns worked as a teamster.

Paul George Burns was educated in the public schools of Springfield, until fourteen years old, when he entered the employ of T. W. S. Kidd, proprietor of the Morning Monitor, later working for Phillips Brothers. For five years he was foreman of the State Printing Company, and then bought the Capital City Printing Company, in conjunction with Charles Gaa. The partners are still conducting the business at No. 323½ South Fifth Street.

Mr. Burns has had but two places of residence during his life. He was born at the corner of First and Mason Streets, Springfield, and when three years old was taken to the present family residence, on West Jefferson Street, just outside the city limits, in Springfield Township. In 1904 he was elected Assistant Supervisor of Springfield Township, and re-elected in 1906, being the only Democrat elected to that office in Springfield Township in over forty years. In 1910 he was elected Probate Clerk of Sangamon County, which important office he still holds. In all the connections he has formed, Mr. Burns has proven himself a man of ability, and his conscientious performance of the duty which lies nearest at hand, has made the people repose trust in him, and indicates that he will be called to higher honors in the future. It is such men as he who prove the contention that this is the age of the young man.

BURNS, Thomas J., one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Sangamon County, and an honored veteran of the Civil War, in which he received wounds the scars from which he will carry to his grave, now engaged in farming and gardening on a snug little tract of land in Section 6, Cooper Township, was born August 25, 1842, in Buffalo Hart Grove, Sangamon County, Ill., a son of Benjamin F. and Eliza (Ridgeway) Burns, both of whom were born in Kentucky in 1816. The parents of Mr. Burns came to Sangamon County some time before the "Deep Snow," and Mr. Burns purchased a tract of land in Buffalo Hart Township, where he engaged in farming until his death in April, 1870, the mother having passed away in 1865 while her son, Thomas J., was in the army. Of their seven children but two are surviving, Thomas J. and a sister, Mrs. Parthenia Sensenabaugh of California.

During his boyhood days Mr. Burns worked on his father's farm, and on November 22, 1862, when twenty years of age, enlisted for service in the Union Army, becoming a member of Company K, Eleventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Col. Nevins, who was later killed in the battle of Vicksburg. Mr. Burns served three years, during that time taking part in the battles of Grand Bluff, Miss., Champion Hills, Black River, the Siege of Vicksburg for forty-eight days and nights, during which time three charges were made; also in skirmishes or on post duty at Natchez, Canton, Jackson, Yazoo City (for seven days) Port Hudson, back again to Vicksburg for forty days and nights with a skirmish nearly every day; also took part in operations at New Orleans, Spanish Fort, Fort Blakeley and Mobile, Ala., where he was stationed at the time of the close of the war. The Eleventh was mustered out at Baton Rouge, La., July 14, 1865. It had a record of which no member need be ashamed, and Mr. Burns always proved himself a brave, gallant and faithful soldier, and that he was a hard-fighting man and always to the front is borne witness by his scars received in battle. He served as Corporal of his company and during its long, wearisome marches was one of the most cheerful of the boys in blue.

After his services to his country were ended, Mr. Burns returned to the old homestead in Buffalo Hart Grove, and for the next ten or twelve years alternated between there and a farm in Jewel County, Kan., two years at a time, and he still owns property in the latter State, in addition to his tract of land in Cooper Township, where he has resided since 1903. He is a Republican in political belief, and both he and Mrs. Burns are members of the Methodist Church.

On January 17, 1866, Mr. Burns was married to Martha A. Sensabaugh, who was born May 16, 1845, in Columbus, Ohio, the daughter of Joseph A. Sensabaugh, a native of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Burns' mother was a native of New York, and married Mr. Sensabaugh in Ohio, whence they came to Illinois and engaged in farming until their removal to Jewel, Kan. There Mr. Sensabaugh was following agricultural pursuits at the time of his death, while his widow survived him until February, 1909. They were the parents of five daughters and four sons, all of whom are now living.

To Mr. and Mrs. Burns have been born nine children, the oldest and youngest of whom are dead, the others being: Laura, the wife of Charles Leydig of Formosa, Kan.; Ida, the wife of George W. Burke, living in Springfield; Effie B., the wife of C. M. Smith, of South Dakota; Minnie, the wife of Charles Ayers, also of South Dakota; Mattie, the wife of Paul Walker, of the same State; Mabel, who married Louis Richards, of Kansas City, Mo.; Thomas H., living in South Dakota; and Robert W., who lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have nine grandchildren.

BURR, Thomas, one of Sangamon County's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, who is in good health and still looks after his truck garden on the edge of Springfield, Ill., has been engaged in his present business for about thirty-five years, and is now eighty-three years of age. Mr. Burr was born in England, May 2, 1828, a son of William Burr, also a native of England,

where he spent his entire life and lived on one farm over fifty years. William Burr died at the age of ninety-six years. He had a sister who lived to be one hundred two years old and had seven brothers who served in the British Army during the Revolutionary War, also in the war with France, taking part in the Battle of Waterloo, and died in England. His wife, Elizabeth Kemsley, spent her entire life in England, and both her parents and those of her husband were natives of England.

Thomas Burr received a meager education in his native country, leaving school to go to work at the age of twelve years, and when he was but nine years old he worked for a time on a farm at twelve cents per day. As a young man he emigrated to the United States, sailing in the ship "Southampton," from London Docks, on Thursday, March 24, 1853, and arriving in New York City May 2nd. His only sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, lives in Springfield, and he has one brother, James, living at Raneham, England. He has a distinct memory of Queen Victoria as she looked upon the day of her marriage, and also remembers the death of the Duke of Wellington. After locating in Springfield he saw several illustrious men, including Douglas, Grant, Lincoln and Blaine.

After coming to America Mr. Burr spent three years in Ohio, then worked for a time on a cattle ranch, and after spending three years in Springfield, Ill., returned to Ohio. In 1863 he located permanently in Springfield, and has since carried on farming and gardening. He has been successful in truck gardening and is naturally industrious and thrifty.

Mr. Burr was married in Ohio, in 1857, to Miss Martha Young, a native of Ohio, who lived but four years after her marriage, dying at Woodside, Ill., in 1860. She bore her husband one daughter, Amy, who married Amos Young, of Springfield, and had six children, three of whom survive: James, Minnie and Edward. Mr. Burr married as his second wife his first wife's sister, Nancy Young, in Columbus, Ohio, August 1, 1860. They at once located in Sangamon County and became parents of one daughter, Belle, born in Woodside Township, Sangamon County, who married John Dexheimer, of Springfield, and had eleven children, of whom two daughters and seven sons survive: Theodore, Mabel, Harry, Roy, Grace, Johnnie, Orlin, Maynard and one other. The second Mrs. Burr died May 29, 1899, and Mr. Burr lives with his daughter, Mrs. Dexheimer, at the old home, 1710 South Fifth Street, Springfield. Mr. Burr has seven great-grandchildren: Charles and Thelma King; Merle Dexheimer; Norman, Esther, Amy and Bertha Gagnon.

Mr. Burr was stopping at the old American House in Springfield when Buchanan was elected President. He met Abraham Lincoln many times and holds pleasant memories of that great man. He is well known among the old settlers of Sangamon County and remembers many events of the earlier history of the region. He is public-spirited and enterprising and ready to support any worthy object which comes to his notice. He has a comfortable home at Laurel Avenue and Fifth Street and is in good financial circumstances as a result of hard work and careful management. He is a faithful member of the First Methodist Church and is a warm supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

BURT, Alfred Hall, who, for the past forty years, has served as Constable of Rochester Township, Sangamon County, Ill., is a native of California, Branch County, Mich., born December 29, 1847. A son of John V. and Orvilla (Teyrell) Burt, both natives of New York, the former born at Mt. Morris, that State. The father was a blacksmith by trade and in 1835 moved to Branch County, Mich., where he continued his trade until his death, his wife also dying there. They were parents of four sons and four daughters, of whom three sons and two daughters survive. Three of his sons served in the Civil War.

At the age of four years Alfred H. Burt accompanied his mother's sister to Swanton Falls, Vt., and three years later came with her to Rochester, Ill., where he received his education. Later he was adopted by a man named Levi St. Clair, on whose farm he worked until twenty-three years old, when he engaged in teaming on his own account. Three years later he found employment as tiler in the brick yards at Rochester, and two years later left this occupation to accept the office of Constable, to which he was elected in 1870 and which he has since held. He has served seventeen terms as Constable of the village, and served as Special Deputy Sheriff under Sheriffs Samuel Shoup, Campbell and Charles Werner. He has rendered efficient and faithful service in his various offices and has won an excellent reputation in the community. He is active in public affairs and in politics is a Democrat. He is a member of the Christian Church and ready to advance the cause of that organization.

May 3, 1871, Mr. Burt was married in Rochester, to Margaret Money, born in Fairfax County, Va., June 6, 1854, a daughter of P. A. Money. Both parents were natives of Virginia and came to Rochester with their family in 1855, spending the remainder of their lives there, where the father worked at his trade of carpenter. The Money family included two sons and six daughters, and of these the following survive: Louis A., of Denver, Colo.; Henry, of Indiana; Elizabeth, wife of William Campbell, of Rochester; Susan, wife of Frank Miller, of Decatur, and Mrs. Burt. Ten children were born to Mr. Burt and wife, namely: Alfred S. (the oldest), Ida B., Alice H., Lillian M., Margaret M., John H., Daisy M., Charles E., and two who died in infancy. Mr. Burt had a warm regard for Abraham Lincoln, with whom

he was personally acquainted. He owns a pleasant home at Rochester and some farm land.

BURTON, John David.—Sangamon County is noted for its men who know the business of farming in all its details, and of the townships Loami has its full share, prominent among them being John David Burton, who carries on agricultural and stock-raising operations, on Section 14. Mr. Burton was born in this township, August 14, 1855, and has been a resident here all of his life with the exception of eight years. He is a son of David S. and Elizabeth (Tharpe) Burton, he a native of Ohio and she of Lawrence County, Va., just over the Ohio State line.

After their marriage these parents came to Illinois, settling in the southern part of the State, in what is known as the American Bottoms, but the overflow of the river caused them to leave that section. Mr. Burton made a sort of trough or canoe out of a large log and moved his family and his household goods to a higher spot until he could find a place to locate permanently. Subsequently, he came to Sangamon County on foot, and purchased a fifteen-acre tract at the Half Way Place, between Loami and Springfield, on which he built a log house. Purchasing a team of oxen, he returned to the southern part of the State and brought his wife and child, Jincy Ann, who had been born at that place, to the new home in Sangamon County. He began at once to clear away the timber on his place, hauling it to Curran, where he sold it to the Wabash Railroad. A very handy man with an axe, he was able at times to chop five cords of wood in a day, and he also made rails, hauling them at night, thus being able to rapidly clear his farm of the timber as well as indebtedness. Having secured enough money to clear off all of his obligation, he started to Springfield in the snow with his toes sticking through his shoes. It happened that Mr. Burton's currency was old State Bank money, and gold at that time was at a twenty-five per cent premium; consequently the man refused to accept the money in payment for the land, and being an uneducated man, Mr. Burton did not know what to do. Governor Yates, the great War Governor happened to hear the conversation, and, stepping into the office said: "Young man, let me see your money." Looking it over, he said to the man; "Sir, this is legal tender and good money. You take it." The latter wished to know what the old governor had to do with the matter, but Governor Yates only replied: "This young man wants to pay for his land. You take that money, for you can't beat him while I'm here." After receiving the deed, young Burton wished to give five dollars to the governor for helping him out, but the latter said: "No sir, you take that money and get yourself a pair of shoes. My bill is paid." From that day to this, the memory of Governor Yates has always been kept green in the hearts of the members of the Burton family.

Mr. Burton after returning to his home, settled down on his farm, but subsequently sold it and purchased a tract of eighty acres on Section 2, Loami Township. To this, he added from time to time, until at one time he had 200 acres under good cultivation. When the Civil War broke out, he entered Company I, Seventy-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, becoming Regimental wagon master, serving three years and nine months. He was known throughout the regiment as "Lucky," but this was evidently a misnomer, as his horse fell with him and he was a cripple during the remainder of his life, in addition to having his hearing considerably impaired by the heavy cannonading during his service.

In 1870, he sold his farm on Section 2 and purchased 320 acres on Section 4, Loami Township, in 1873, selling 120 acres, buying 260 acres on Section 16. In 1882, he traded this 380 acres of fine land to L. W. Massie for 640 acres in Cass County, Mo., taking the difference in cash. That year, the family moved to Cass Co., Mo., and Mr. Burton gave to each of his sons a tract of eighty acres. His daughter, Jincy Ann, is the wife of Frank McCarthy and has a fine home in Kansas City, Mo. In 1898, Mr. Burton sold and traded land in Missouri, for land and city property at Eureka Springs, Ark., and 200 acres of land near the city. There his wife passed to her final rest, December 16, 1899, aged seventy-eight years, he following her to the grave May 3, 1909, aged eighty-seven years. Both were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To them there were born: Jincy A.; James W., a resident of Kansas City, Mo., who married Lou McCleod; John David; Louis B., who went West and has not been heard from in some time; and Reuben E., a resident of Kansas City, Mo.

Like the other members of his family, John David Burton was given excellent educational advantages, his schooling starting at the old Dutcher school district, two miles from his home. While still attending school, at the age of six years, he engaged in herding sheep, and as soon as he was able and strong enough, he took his place and did his share of work on the farm. He next attended the Maple Grove school, later the High Water Mark school, the Huffaker school, and two terms at Loami, and part of a course at the Masonic Institute at Grapevine, Tex., whence he had gone on account of ill health. In the fall of 1872, he returned to his home in Illinois, again attending the High Water Mark school, but in 1875, he went to Kansas where he was for a time engaged in checking tobacco and cigars

In the fall of the same year, he again came back and on February 7, 1878, he was married to Sarah Carson, of Maxwell Township, daughter of William P. Carson. During 1881 and 1882, Mr. Burton taught the Hong Kong school

located on Section 14. During 1881, he had moved to his present home in Loami Township, but in the spring of 1883, he moved to Cass County, Mo., settling on the eighty acres his father had given him there. In 1888, he came back to his farm in Loami, where he remained until 1893, at which time he went to Macoupin County, but two years later, he again returned to Loami Township. On June 5, 1897, Mr. Burton met with an injury in a runaway accident, and on August 5, his leg was amputated ten inches below the knee. This misfortune, Mr. Burton has not allowed to interfere with his operations in any way, as he exchanges work with his neighbors, is looked upon as one of the best hands for any farm work, and is much sought for when threshing is to be done.

Mr. Burton resides in a Republican township, but has been elected to public positions on a Democratic ticket four times out of six. In the spring election of 1897, he was elected Collector by a majority of twelve votes, and collected the taxes that winter in spite of his accident. He was elected Assessor, in the spring election of 1910, defeating his opponent by about seventy votes, and he has also served as Judge of Election and as delegate to County conventions, in addition to being School Director. Fraternally, he is connected with Camp No. 848, Modern Woodsmen of America, and Loami Lodge No. 901, I. O. O. F., which he joined as a charter member May 30, 1903. He has passed through the chairs of the latter lodge, and is now a Past Grand, in addition to having been representative to the Grand Lodge and Deputy Grand Master. With Mrs. Burton, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and both are much interested in church and charitable work.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton have had the following children: Norval E., born January 24, 1879, a teacher in the Loami High school, married Myrtle Gustine, one child, John D.; William D., born July 29, 1881, at home; Lee R., born September 24, 1884, married Elizabeth Simms and resides in Loami; Mabel A., born August 30, 1887, married Leslie Butler; Rollin, born August 24, 1889, married Lena Lynn; and Laurice born June 21, 1893, at home; Minerva, who died in infancy; and Nancy, born June 13, 1897, died September 16, 1906.

BUTLER, Isaac E.—A number of men appreciate the changes which have been effected in Sangamon County since the days when Lincoln and Douglas were the shining light of Springfield and slavery was the burning issue of the day. Those who lived through those exciting times scarcely recognize the Sangamon County of today, as contrasted with what it was in the latter 'fifties and early 'sixties. Some of them feel that, while much has been gained, something has been lost—appreciation of benefits enjoyed. One who for years has been numbered among the successful farmers of Sangamon County is Isaac E. Butler, born in Old Berlin, January 27, 1846, a son of Stephen H. and Nancy (Coates) Butler, natives of Kentucky and Menard County, Ill. The father, who was a farmer, came to Sangamon County in 1824, being among the very early settlers there, and located on a farm at Old Berlin, where he remained for a good many years. He then moved near Fairfield, Jefferson County, still being engaged in farming operations. After eleven years in that locality, however, he returned to Sangamon County, locating on the farm now owned by Isaac E., and there his death occurred in 1880. His wife passed away in 1874, having borne her husband twelve children, evenly divided as to sex, but of whom only four survive: William; Julia, wife of James Simpson, a blacksmith of Pleasant Plaines; Mary, wife of Joseph Donner, and Isaac.

Isaac E. Butler was educated at Old Berlin, and later in Jefferson County, but returned with his father to Sangamon County, which has since continued his home. In 1865 he located on his farm of fifty-five acres of fine farming land in Clear Lake Township, which he has developed into a very valuable property, devoting it to general farming and the raising of high-grade stock.

His marriage occurred in Clear Lake Township, in February, 1875, to Emma J. Clerk, born near Rochester, Ill., May 5, 1848. Her father was a native of England, who came to the United States in 1831, settling on a farm in Sangamon County, where he lived for some years. During the war he served as a soldier, and at its close moved to Missouri, where he farmed for several years, eventually returning to Rochester, which is still his home, he being now ninety-one years of age. His wife was a native of Sangamon County, who died in 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Butler became the parents of seven children, five of whom now survive: Jennie, wife of John King, a transfer and expressman, of Springfield; Fannie, wife of Henry Jabusch, bookkeeper for the Racine-Sattlery Company, of Springfield; Stephen, of Springfield; and William and Emma, at home. There are seven grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Butler is a consistent member of the Christian Church. In politics he is a Republican and has served as Highway Commissioner of Clear Lake Township several terms. It is a source of great satisfaction to him that he can recall the great Abraham Lincoln and remember many interesting incidents of his life in Sangamon County. Being a good conversationalist, Mr. Butler is very entertaining as he talks of former days and draws a vivid contrast between conditions then and now. He has borne his own part in effecting some of the changes he is proud of, and can take credit to himself that he has never failed when duty called him. Sangamon County owes much to those sturdy men who built it up to its present proportions, and who, while carving their own fortunes, did not

forget their obligations as citizens or their duty to the children who were coming after them.

BUTLER, William. (Vol. I, p. 70.)

BUTLER, Colonel William Joseph, of Springfield, Ill., whose able article on the "Military History of Sangamon County" in this work, will be read with deep interest, was born in Springfield, May 13, 1868, a son of Henry Wirt and Helen (McClernand) Butler, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Butler is a grandson on his father's side, of William Butler, State Treasurer during the Civil War, and a grandson, on the maternal side, of the distinguished General John A. McClernand. The education of Mr. Butler, was secured in the city schools, after which he attended High School two years, and then took a course at a business college, finishing which, he studied law under Connolly & Mather, and was admitted to the Bar. He then attended Harvard Law School, at Cambridge, Mass., following which, he entered the office, and became a partner of his grandfather, Gen. Jno. A. McClernand, there remaining until 1894, when he was elected a member of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, on the Republican ticket, and represented the Thirty-ninth District, which at that time was made up of Sangamon County alone. During his term in this responsible office, Mr. Butler was instrumental in securing appropriation for $225,000.00 for the State Fair, the expenditure of which at Springfield, permanently fixed the Fair at that place. Although a member of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, which came in for much adverse criticism, Mr. Butler was without stain or criticism of any kind, and his record is one of which his constituents, as well as himself, can be proud.

He is very active in politics, and has been called upon more than once, to represent his party in positions of trust, serving as a member and chairman of the City and County Committees, and also as a member of the State Central Committee. Mr. Butler has had a very great experience in business affairs, and has developed a high degree of executive and organization ability. He served as a Receiver of national banks in Macon, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla., Butler, Mo., and Dresden, O., from 1904 to 1908, during which time, he also handled as receiver, a large insurance society in Illinois, and an extensive saw mill plant in southern Georgia. In 1908 and 1909, he was appointed by the Comptroller of the Currency, an Examiner of national banks, but resigned on account of his health.

In 1896, Mr. Butler was married to Bessie Gross, daughter of Eugene L. Gross. They have four children: Henry Wirt, Susan Louise, Salome Elizabeth and McClernand Butler. Mr. Butler belongs to the Odd Fellows, Elks and is a member and was commander of Camp No. 4, Sons of Veterans. He is a young man of more than average ability, and has demonstrated his fitness to occupy high positions. His political influence, and his knowledge of public matters, are of such a character that without doubt, he will be called upon to give more of his time and attention to them in the future, for it is just such men as he, that are needed to intelligently conduct the affairs of the government.

BUTTERLEY, Stephen, now living retired from active life, at 1928 South Sixth Street, Springfield, was born in County Louth, Ireland, in 1849, son of Stephen and Katherine (Murphy) Butterley, both of whom were natives of Ireland and spent their entire lives in that country, dying in comparatively early life. Stephen Butterley, subject of this sketch, has a brother and sister living in Springfield, who came to the United States about ten years after he did. He was educated in the public schools in County Louth and remained on his father's farm until he was seventeen years old, then began working at farming for others. In 1870 he came to America, locating in Sangamon County, where he became interested in coal mining, and spent thirty-eight years in this occupation. He has worked in several different shafts and has been employed in various capacities, as he has learned many branches of the work and has always been a reliable and conscientious worker.

In 1872 Mr. Butterley moved to Iles Junction and lived there thirteen years, then located in his present home, where he has resided twenty-six years. He has a fine house and owns 100 feet front, with a depth of 160 feet. He has been a member of the Mine Workers of America for the past seven years and is connected with Local No. 999, of Springfield. He is an enterprising, public-spirited citizen and in politics is a Democrat. He is a member of the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Mr. Butterley was married, in Springfield, in November, 1872, to Miss Julia, daughter of James and Mary Matthews, born in Ireland, in 1843. Both Mr. Matthews and his wife died in Ireland, in 1875. Two brothers of Mrs. Butterley came to America in 1869 and one of them is now living in California. Mr. Butterley and his wife have children as follows: Peter J., employed by the Marquette Cement Company, at Oglesby, Ill.; Katherine, a clerk with the Capital Coal Company; James, a coal miner; Mary, living at home. Mr. Butterley has two grandchildren: Stephen Butterley, born in 1907, and Robert Butterley, born in 1908. Mr. Butterley is a man of honest and upright character and generally respected. His wife died October 9, 1908, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Springfield. She had been a faithful and devoted wife and mother and was mourned by many friends.

BUTZMAN, Charles F., an intelligent and enterprising citizen of the city of Springfield, Ill., is a good example of the high position and success which reward the work of a young man of ambition and ability, when his efforts are wisely

directed. Mr. Butzman has served his fellows in various offices and it is expected he will render further valuable service to the municipality. He was born in Germany, July 5, 1881, but was brought to America at the age of one year. His father, Charles Butzman, was born in Germany and there married Miss Gertrude Alwell. They came to the United States in 1882, landing at New York, whence they came direct to Illinois and spent two years at Troy, that State. Then coming to Springfield, they established the family home at 700 North Fourteenth Street, but the father now lives at 1411 East Washington Street. Upon coming to Springfield Mr. Butzman followed the occupation of mining, which had been his occupation for some time before leaving his native country, but a few years ago became employed as a janitor at the City Hall. Mrs. Butzman died November 25, 1910. She and her husband had children as follows: Mrs. Gertrude W. Singer of Springfield; Charles F. and John, Mary, Annie and Margaret, at home. The family are members of S.S. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

Until he was fourteen years of age Charles F. Butzman attended the parochial school connected with the parish to which the family belonged, then for a short time worked in the mines as his father's helper. Not being satisfied with this position he soon afterward found employment at a carriage factory, where he remained two years, and then began work for the Holcomb & Green Electric Company, remaining there nine years, but since then has been in the employ of the Springfield Light, Heat and Power Company. He worked first in the meter department, but since 1907 has been holding the position of electrician. He is progressive in his ideas, energetic and industrious, and has the entire confidence of his employers and associates.

Mr. Butzman is a member of S.S. Peter and Paul's Church and a consistent Republican. He served two years as member of the City Council from the First Ward, one year under Mayor Reece and one year under Mayor Schnepp, and was a candidate for nomination for Commissioner under the new form of government. He is well known in the city and has many warm personal friends. Mr. Butzman was married in Springfield June 21, 1905, to Miss Lydia Reilly, daughter of W. F. and Lydia (Eddy) Reilly, and they reside at 1405 East Washington Street, where Mr. Butzman owns a very comfortable home

BYERS, Jacob C. (deceased).—One of the representative citizens and practical agriculturists of Sangamon County, Ill., was the late Jacob C. Byers, who for a number of years carried on operations on Section 30, in Cooper Township. Mr. Byers was born at Shepherdstown, W. Va., November 7, 1839, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Snyder) Byers. Jacob Byers, who was a native of Germany, came to America as a child, and in West Virginia became a farmer, continuing in that occupation throughout the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife died in West Virginia. Of their nine children two are still living, Mrs. Sarah Hensel and John M. Byers, both residents of Pawnee, Ill.

Jacob C. Byers attended the public schools of West Virginia and the College of Mt. Morris, Ill., to which place he had come as a lad to live with a sister, and after completing his schooling he engaged in farming in Ogle County. On February 15, 1859, Mr. Byers was married to Mary Ann Blecker, a native of West Virginia, who was born November 20, 1833, and after their marriage they located in Ogle County, where Mr. Byers again engaged in farming. Seven children were born to this union: Anna E., the wife of Brayden Carswell of Springfield; Charles B., a farmer living in the Southwest; George E., a farmer of Macoupin County; Elmira C., the wife of Walter Whitecraft of Springfield; Lillie B., connected with the Newman Dry Goods Company, in Springfield; and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Byers died September 2, 1889, in Christian County, Ill., whence the family had moved in 1880 to locate on a farm near Edinburg. On September 15, 1891, Mr. Byers was married (second) to Nancy M. Burchell, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, March 26, 1847, a daughter of Robert C. and Jane (Morris) Burchell, the former of Alexandria, W. Va., and the latter of New York, their marriage taking place at Jeffersonville, Ind. Mr. Burchell, who was one of the distinguished men of his day, and with whom it is related President Abraham Lincoln visited, was a well known lawyer of Burlington, Iowa, where he practiced with Judge Springer, and later at Mt. Morris, Ill., but later went to Oregon, Ill., where he established and conducted the "Ogle County Reporter," which is still being published under same name. Here he continued to live and practice law until his death, having served as State's Attorney and County Judge and as Mayor of Oregon. As a candidate for State's Attorney, his name was on the same ticket running for State's Attorney as Richard Yates. Mrs. Byers has a brother, Robert, living in Erie, Whiteside County, and a sister, Catherine Jones, the wife of Adolphus Jones, a prominent banker of Iowa. Another sister, Mrs. Virginia Wales, died at Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Byers is the owner of a home in Berry, Sangamon County, and has an interest in valuable property in Oregon, Ill. She is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, to which her late husband also belonged. The latter was a Republican in his political views.

BYRON, W. D.—The number of self-made men in Springfield is great, and their presence contributes largely towards the thrifty management of municipal affairs, for through example and practice these self-reliant citizens endeavor to inculcate the principles of economy and hard-working industry which have proven of such

value to them individually. Among the men who have risen from poverty to affluence through their own efforts, W. D. Byron is a notable example. He was born in Auburn, Sangamon County, May 19, 1880, a son of Jesse and Eliza (Adams) Byron, the former born in Little Rock, Ark., January 1, 1868. Jesse Byron is a railroad man, who came to Illinois in 1872, and has made the State his home ever since.

W. D. Byron attended the schools of Auburn and Springfield and began working on the Illinois Central Railroad as brakeman, continuing in that capacity for eighteen months. For the following three years he was engaged in street car work in St. Louis, but returned to Springfield to accept a good position with the Illinois Traction System. During this period he has worked hard, saved his money and invested it in city realty that has steadily advanced in value, until now he is ranked among the prosperous residents of the city, although barely thirty. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and to the Brotherhood of Interurban Trainmen. His religious affiliations are with the Christian Church, of which he is a member. Politically he is a Republican and is interested in party work.

On July 14, 1901, Mr. Byron was married in Springfield, Ill., to Pearl Clements, no issue. He is one of the live, progressive young men of Springfield, and takes a deep interest in the city's welfare and advancement.

CALDWELL, Hon. Ben F., ex-Congressman, has been associated with business and banking circles in Springfield for many years, and has been prominently identified with political interests in his city, county and district, since attaining his majority, having long been recognized as one of the leaders of the Democratic party in his part of Illinois. Mr. Caldwell has always enjoyed the highest confidence and approval of the public and has a reputation for business and political honor and integrity. He is held in high honor and esteem by his fellow citizens, with whom most of his life has been spent, as he has been a resident of Curran Township since 1853—fifty-eight years. He is popular with a large circle of warm friends and is also prominent in fraternal circles, and is in all respects a representative of the highest type of American citizenship. Mr. Caldwell was born in Greene County, Ill., August 2, 1848, son of John and Mary J. (Davis) Caldwell, both natives of Kentucky and the latter born near Danville.

The Caldwell family is of Scotch-Irish descent and the emigrant ancestor, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Thomas Caldwell, was born in Ireland and there married Betsy Harris, a native of Wales, soon after which they emigrated to the New World and located in Virginia, which they reached before the Revolutionary War. They subsequently removed to Jessamine County, Ky., spending their last days with their son William. William Caldwell was born in Virginia, December 15, 1779, and as a young man moved to Kentucky, becoming prominent in public affairs in that state, and being several times elected to the State Legislature, where he made his presence felt and took an active part in that body. He also served as Sheriff of Jessamine County. He was married, in Kentucky, to Nancy Robards, a native of Virginia, and their children were: George L., Jane R., Elizabeth, Charles H., William and John, the last-named being the father of Hon. Ben. F. Caldwell. In 1831 William Caldwell left Kentucky and came to Greene County, Ill., where he remained five years, then located in Sangamon County. He lived first in Auburn Township, but later removed to Curran Township, where he became prominent in public affairs. He served one term as the representative of his party in the Illinois General Assembly. While a resident of Kentucky he had served in the War of 1812, with rank of Captain. He was prominent in organizing the church now known as "Bethel" in Woodside Township, which for several years met for divine worship in his house, which he had erected (with this end in view) with a large central room suitable for such meeting, and with three other rooms opening into it. When plans were made for erecting a new building for the church he requested that it be called Bethel, and this request was granted, although he did not live to see the plans realized. William Caldwell died August 1, 1844, and his widow survived until 1858, also dying in Curran Township.

John Caldwell was a native of Kentucky, born January 21, 1807, the second son of his parents, and came to Illinois in 1832. He was married in Greene County, January 23, 1834, his wife being a native of Kentucky, who was born Jenuary 16, 1815. Their five children were: William C., born March 15, 1835, came with the family to Sangamon County in 1853, and died at Loami, June 3, 1901; Jane, Betsy and Henry C., deceased; Ben F. John Caldwell located with his family on Section 36, Curran Township, in April, 1853, this land having been purchased by his father several years prior. He devoted himself to the improvement and development of his farm until his death, August 1, 1863, after which his widow resided on the farm with her son Ben F. for some years. Her death occurred January 4, 1895. In 1876 she and her son had erected one of the finest country homes then to be found in central Illinois, supplied with all available conveniences and luxuries.

Ben F. Caldwell received his education in the country schools and the public school of Chatham, and was but fifteen years of age when deprived of a father's care and counsel. Thus being early forced to think for himself in business matters, he began his career with remarkable judgment and foresight, and soon became active in the business life of his community. He cared for his mother's interest in an able manner and managed the farm himself until

1871, then rented it in order to give the needed attention to various other enterprises in which he was interested, principally in loaning money and dealing in western lands. He operated largely in Kansas and Missouri, but helped organize and promote many enterprises in Sangamon County and the surrounding country. He embarked in mercantile business in Chatham in 1878 and in 1879 organized a bank there, being chosen its President. He served thirteen years as President of the Farmers' National Bank of Springfield, and in 1898 resigned this position, on being elected to Congress. He subsequently accepted the Presidency of the Caldwell State Bank, of Chatham. He has very materially advanced the interests of every institution of which he has been the head, and has conducted every private enterprise with energy and zeal such as insured success.

Mr. Caldwell's political career began in early life. He served two terms as a member of the County Board of Supervisors, being Chairman his second term; was first elected to the State House of Representatives in 1882; was elected to the State Senate in 1890; and was elected to Congress in 1898, 1900, 1902 and 1906. He has for several years paid close attention to the political situation and given less time to his personal interests, thus serving faithfully in the interests of his constituents.

Mr. Caldwell was married, May 27, 1873, to Miss Julia F. Cloyd, born in Curran Township, March 7, 1856, daughter of Matthew Cloyd, and they left for a wedding journey of about 14,000 miles, sailing from New York to Belfast, visiting Scotland, England, Holland, Belgium, many parts of Germany, and spending a short time in Berlin, after which they attended the Vienna Exposition and then crossed the Alps and visited Geneva and Paris, thence back to London, and to Liverpool, where they took a steamer for Boston. During this trip they were accorded the pleasure of an audience with Pius the IX. Two children blessed this union, namely: Mary Jane and John Harvey. Mary Jane, born March 20, 1874, was married, May 6, 1901, to ex-Congressman Oscar Turner, of Louisville, Ky., who died July 17, 1902, leaving one child, Oscar Jr., born May 3, 1902. She remained a widow until August 17, 1909, when she was married (second) to Judge William Cottrell, of Chicago. To her latter marriage, one daughter, Julia, was born February 9, 1911. John Harvey Caldwell, born September 9, 1877, was married, November 21, 1900, to Miss Laura Blossom Hickox, of Springfield, and they have six children: John Franklin, Katherine Josephine, Julia Frances, Charles Hickox, Eunice and Thomas Harvey. Mr. Caldwell is a member of the Masonic Order, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. At the present time (1911) Mr. Caldwell's name is being freely discussed in connection with the nomination as the Democratic candidate for Governor. His record and wide acquaintance as a Member of Congress, and his prominence as a local business man of Central Illinois, have won him a cordial support from different factions of the party, and there is reason to believe, when the final vote is taken, he will occupy a favorable position for securing the nomination.

CALDWELL, David (deceased).—The work of the carpenter and builder is of such a nature that in the natural order of things it lives after him, standing as a monument to his fidelity to contract, skillfulness as a workman, and energy as a man. The men of this class in Springfield have had a wide scope for the exercise of their ability, owing to the location in that city not only of the State buildings, but others of substance and architectural beauty. One of the well-known men in this line, was the late David Caldwell, who in life resided at No. 412 South Eleventh Street, this city. He was born near Indianapolis, Ind., October 18, 1840, a son of John and Sarah (Mangee) Caldwell, natives of New York and Germany, respectively. The father was a sailor early in life but later became a farmer, dying, however, in 1842. He was buried in a private burying ground in Indiana. His widow brought her son to Clinton, Ill., where she joined a brother, and there she lived until her death in 1858, when she was buried in a private burying ground near Belleville, Ill.

The boyhood of David Caldwell was spent in Clinton County, where he assisted his mother and uncle, and at the same time diligently pursued his studies at the country school. After leaving school he farmed for some time, then, learning the carpenter trade, followed it the remainder of his life, gradually branching out into contracting. His work was reliable and he took a pride in carrying out his contracts exactly as they were made. In 1865 he moved to Springfield, which continued to be his home until his death, April 15, 1897. Mr. Caldwell never cared to belong to any secret societies, but gave his time and attention to his church, belonging to the Baptist congregation and to the Republican party. He has known and loved Abraham Lincoln, and was proud to follow in the footsteps of that great and good man.

Mr. Caldwell was married in Springfield August 23, 1866, to Margaret Jane McCormick, born in Springfield, a daughter of Andrew and Annie (Short) McCormick, natives of Tennessee. Her father was born January 27, 1837, and died in 1857, his widow surviving him until June 30, 1897, when she too passed away, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Oak Ridge cemetery. Andrew McCormick represented Sangamon County three times in the State Legislature and was one of the "Long Nine" (Abraham Lincoln being another), and was Mayor of Springfield in 1843-44. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell had children as follows: John A., born October 28, 1867, connected with the theatrical profession; Ida May, born May 19,

1869, died at the age of four months; Ransom, born October 17, 1873, died at the age of four months; George D., born March 21, 1875, is connected with News Publishing Company. Both sons live with their mother at No. 412 South Eleventh Street.

Mr. Caldwell was not only a good workman and business man, but a true patriot, for when his country had need of his services, although he had barely attained his majority, he enlisted July 25, 1861, in Company D, Twenty-sixth Indiana Infantry Volunteers, was taken prisoner at Point Capee, La., about the 29th of August, 1863, and was held prisoner at Fort Tyler, Texas, until exchanged July 26, 1864, at Mouth of Red River, La. He was a member of The Illinois Association of Prisoners of War. He was in a number of hard fought battles, and smaller engagements and was shot once, but not seriously wounded, though he suffered in prison and weighed only ninety-eight pounds when exchanged. He was a member of Stephenson Post G. A. R., and was a member of the Carpenter's Union. He served bravely until the end, when he was honorably mustered out September 25, 1864. His life was a quiet, unassuming one, yet it taught many an excellent lesson, and left an honorable name to live after him.

CALDWELL, James E., of the law firm of Caldwell & Caldwell, of Springfield, Ill., has won a reputation in his profession for ability and integrity, and is well known in Sangamon County, where his entire life has been spent. Mr. Caldwell is a self-made man, having acquired his legal education through his own efforts, and has acquired professional success through natural ability and fitness for his chosen field of work. He was born on a farm near Williamsville, Sangamon County, August 14, 1871, and is a son of George M. and Kitty (Robards) Caldwell, the former born near Lexington, Ky., in 1833, and the latter born in Lexington in 1837, daughter of Otho L. and Catherine Robards. George M. Caldwell was married in Kentucky and soon after came to Illinois, where he purchased a small farm near Williamsville, and became one of the successful and prominent men of that vicinity. He carried on general farming there and added to his possessions from time to time until he owned 320 acres of land, which he developed to a high state of cultivation. He became well known for his fine shorthorn cattle and Berkshire hogs and found their breeding very profitable. He is a strong Democrat and has held several township offices.

Children as follows were born to George M. Caldwell and his wife: George R., of Sangamon County; Otho L., a successful attorney, who has held the office of Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Sangamon County; John Young, a farmer of Logan County; James E.; Elizabeth, died young; C. Mae.

In boyhood James E. Caldwell attended the district schools of Sangamon County, where he applied himself with good results, being fond of study. He afterwards followed teaching in the district schools for four years, then entered the law office of Patton, Hamilton & Patton, where he continued several years, being admitted to the Bar before the Supreme Court at Springfield, June 7, 1899. The following September Mr. Caldwell opened an office in Springfield, where he soon established himself in the confidence and good-will of the people and built up a good practice. He has bright prospects for his future career and is recognized as a man of sterling qualities and high character.

Mr. Caldwell married Bessie, daughter of Wesley and Martha (Wigginton) Council, of Williamsville, and this union has been blessed by children as follows: George Ernest and James E. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have many friends in Springfield, where they have established themselves in the respect and esteem of all with whom they are associated.

CALDWELL, Otho Louis, a successful and prominent attorney of Springfield, was born at Williamsville, Ill., January 14, 1867, son of George McDowell and Kittie (Robards) Caldwell, both natives of Nicholasville, Ky., the father born July 16, 1835, and the mother October 15, 1835. The parents were married in Kentucky, January 6, 1864, and soon afterward moved to Illinois. The father was engaged extensively in stock raising. The ancestors of Mr. Caldwell on his paternal side, lived in America before the Revolution and some of them participated in that struggle.

The early education of Otho L. Caldwell, was acquired in the schools of Sangamon County, and he afterward attended the Northern Indiana State Normal School, beginning to teach at the age of seventeen years. He read law with the well-known legal firm of Patton, Hamilton & Patton, of Springfield, and was admitted to the Bar in October, 1898, since which time he has been engaged in active practice. He made his home at Williamsville until November 18, 1896, the date of his removal to Springfield. He has been active in the interests of the Democratic party, and in 1898, was appointed Assistant County Superintendent of Schools in Sangamon County, in which office he served eight years. He is a prominent Mason, being a Knights Templar, a Thirty-second Degree Mason and a Shriner. He joined the order at Williamsville, when he became affiliated with Lavely Lodge No. 203, in January, 1890, and served as Worshipful Master of his lodge; first Worthy Patron of Hawthorne Chapter, O. E. S., at Williamsville; Royal Vizier of Medinah Temple No. 99, D. O. K. K., and at the present time is Conductor of work in Springfield Council No. 1; is Senior Warden of Elwood Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, and Grand Architect of Springfield Consistory, S. P. R. S., Thirty-second Degree. Mr. Caldwell joined Hyperion Lodge No. 471, Knights of Pythias, at

Williamsville, in June, 1895, and has served as Chancellor Commander of the lodge. He is fond of society and has formed many warm personal friendships; is cheerful and amiable in disposition and stands well with all who have had business or social dealings with him. In religious belief, he is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Caldwell was married at Belleville, Ill., November 18, 1897, to Nellie Council, a native of Williamsville, Ill., born March 20, 1871, daughter of Wesley and Martha Council, natives of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have no children.

CALHOUN, John. (Vol. I, p. 73.)

CALHOUN, William J. (Vol. I, p. 73.)

CALKINS, Hiram C., now retired from active life and living in Springfield, was born in Scioto County, Ohio, March 12, 1845, a son of Ephraim and Armenia A. (Clark) Calkins, natives of New York State. Ephraim Calkins was brought by his mother from New York to Ohio when he was three years of age, and after reaching manhood engaged in farming in the latter State. He brought his family to Illinois and located in Champaign County. He carried on farming there many years and then moved to Adams County, where he continued farming until his death, in 1881. His parents were from Vermont and those of his wife from Connecticut. Seven sons and three daughters were born to Ephraim Calkins and wife, of whom Hiram is the oldest, the others who survive being: Urias R., of Hancock County, Ill.; Miles C., of Furnas County, Neb.; Mary E. Hannans, of Kansas.

Mr. Calkins was educated in the country schools of his native State, and in boyhood worked for his father on the farm. He came with the family to Illinois and also worked for his father on the latter's farms in Champaign and Adams Counties, respectively. After his marriage he carried on farming many years in Morgan County and in 1895 came to Springfield. He now lives with his daughter at 155 North Lincoln Avenue. He is a man of stability and reliability and has many friends. He comes of a family whose members have been identified with the pioneer history of various States and have represented the best interests of any community where they have lived. Mr. Calkins is a member of the Baptist Church and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Calkins was married in Morgan County, Ill., October 29, 1884, to Ethelder J. Rickey, who was born in Greene County, Ill., July 2, 1850, daughter of Jacob Rickey. Her father was a native of Ohio and her mother of Greene County. There were two sons and five daughters, and the only one member of the family who now survives lives in Texas. To Mr. Calkins and wife six children were born, all of whom survive: Mary, wife of Greenbury Cloud, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Armenia, wife of George Roberts, a carpenter of Springfield; Ira A., and William C., of Springfield; Minnie P., wife of Garrett A. Gill, of Springfield, who is engaged in mining; Hiram E. There are three grandchildren in the family.

CAMPBELL, Alexander (deceased).—The many excellent qualities of the people of Scotland are historical, and because of this they make good citizens whenever they are induced to settle in a community. Hardworking, simple in habits, and thrifty in their saving, they soon acquire property and are never without work. Such a man was the late Alexander Campbell, who was born in Perth, Scotland, January 29, 1842, being a son of Robert and Janet (McIntosh) Campbell, natives of Scotland. Like many of their countrymen, the Campbells came to Canada, where Robert Campbell located in 1855, buying land and engaging in farming.

Alexander Campbell was educated in Scotland and remained with his parents until he came to Springfield, in 1864. After coming here he secured employment as shipping clerk at the woolen mills, and was faithfully discharging the duties of that position when he passed away, June 13, 1898, his remains being interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was a quiet, unassuming man, devoted to his family, and never cared for public office. He was a Republican in political sentiments. He belonged to the Masons and Odd Fellows, and enjoyed his associations with those orders. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian.

On October 14, 1870, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage in Springfield, with Mary Hallowell, born in Blackstone, Mass., daughter of Joseph and Mary (Sloan) Hallowell, natives of England, who came to Massachusetts and later to Springfield. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell: Mary Janet, Elizabeth, Robert, William, and Helen. Elizabeth and Helen are now living with their mother, and three are deceased. Mrs. Campbell resides at No. 829 South Third Street, where a pleasant hospitality is shown the many family friends.

CAMPBELL, Antrim. (Vol. I, p. 76.)

CAMPBELL, Ernest Lee, a sterling young farmer of Sangamon County, residing on Section 26, Loami Township, is one of the best representatives of the agricultural class in this section of the State. He was born in Talkington Township, December 25, 1867, on the farm purchased by his grandfather, William Campbell. The latter was born in Chatham Township in 1823, and died in this county at the age of forty-eight years. He was a son of John and Lavina (Parkinson) Campbell, both natives of Tennessee. John Campbell came to Illinois about 1818 and soon afterward settled in what is now Chatham Township. William Campbell served in the Mexican War for a year. He was the father of fourteen children, eight of whom grew to maturity: Jerry, William and James are deceased; Simon Peter of Eureka

Springs, Ark.; Isaac, of Idaho; Jackson is deceased; Lonely married James Workman, a farmer of Christian County, Ill.; Beatrice, wife of George Dodd, a farmer of Loami Township.

Of the above named children, Jerry was the father of Ernest Lee Campbell. He married Mary Wheeler, on January 1, 1866, she being a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Thorp) Wheeler, both natives of Ohio, the latter of whom died in 1901. After their marriage, in Fulton County, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Campbell settled on a 100-acre farm in Talkington Township, where they became well-to-do, bringing up their two children in plenty. In addition to Ernest Lee they had another son Earland Ray, a farmer of Brown County, Ill. The latter married Miss Hattie B. Belamy, a daughter of John Belamy. Later Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Sr. moved to Loami Township, where Jerry Campbell bought a farm, and there his widow survives. She spent five years in Oregon, caring for her father, but after his death, in 1907, she returned to her homestead. Both she and her husband early joined the Methodist Church, and he died in its faith.

Earnest Lee Campbell was born on a farm and brought up to work on it, attending the district school. As his father was well educated, he took a strong interest in his son's training and taught him many things. The young man remained with his parents until he was twenty years of age, when, in February, 1888, he took a trip through Missouri and Kansas on to Oregon, where he worked on a farm and in a saw-mill. In that State, on December 25, 1889, he married Tirzah Large, born near Fort Scott, Kan., August 3, 1867, a daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Workman) Large, natives of Tennessee and Illinois. In 1891, Mr. Campbell returned to Illinois, renting land in Loami Township until 1893, when he bought fifty and one half acres in Loami Township, paying $60 per acre. In 1905 he sold thirty and one-half acres of that farm for $110, per acre, and twenty acres at $90 per acre. In the same year he bought sixty-nine and one-half acres, paying $80 per acre for a part and $50 per acre for the remainder. In 1907 he bought seven acres, for which he paid $90 per acre. In 1909 he bought forty acres, paying $125 per acre. At present he owns 118 acres, which he holds at $150 per acre. Mr. Campbell was left $2,000 by his father, which gave him a start, and from that small beginning he has increased his holdings until he is now one of the wealthy men of his township. On his land he has been breeding Poland-China hogs and shorthorn cattle, and has been successful in all of his operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell became the parents of three children: two who died in infancy; John William, born November 10, 1889, in Linn County, Ore., married, January 13, 1910, Ada Fitzhugh, born near Ashland, Ill., daughter of Charles and Florence Fitzhugh. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors, while he belongs to the Odd Fellows, No. 901, Loami. Politically he is a Democrat and served as Constable one term. He is proud of the fact that he has never had to sue anyone or been forced to pay his debts through legal proceedings. The Campbell family is of Scotch origin and its members inherit some of the shrewd traits of character which belong to people of that thrifty nation. It is a well-recognized fact that none of this family have failed to prosper, and Ernest Lee Campbell is no exception to the rule.

CAMPBELL, George Bunn.—To many who have never had the opportunity of visiting a modern Illinois farm the mention of farming brings to mind a team of hot, tired horses, a hand plow and a horny-handed, dusty son of the soil toiling ceaselessly from sunup to sunset. Those who have such ideas would be considerably surprised should they visit the excellent farm of George Bunn Campbell, of Section 28, Cartwright Township, Sangamon County, where they would find powerful machinery taking the place of the ordinary plow of former years, and comfort and recreation in plenty for the agriculturist and his family. Mr. Campbell was born on his present farm and in the residence in which he now lives, April 20, 1856, a son of Robert and Cynthia S. (Penny) Campbell.

Robert Campbell was born August 13, 1823, in Cartwright Township, a son of Maxwell Campbell. He was reared to the life of a farmer, but educational advantages being limited at that time, he was forced in after life to study by reading after his day's activities on the farm were over. He was married in Cartwright Township to Cynthia S. Penny, who was born October 26, 1826, in the eastern part of Cartwright Township, whence her parents had settled after coming from Kentucky. Immediately after their marriage in 1847, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell settled on the farm now occupied by George Bunn Campbell, and here spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Campbell became one of the leading men, not only of his section, but of the entire county. He was elected Constable, and in order to supply himself with the proper education, studied and read after his farm work was done and then attended to the duties of his office. First a Whig and later a Republican, he always devoted much of his time to forwarding movements which he felt would be of benefit to his community, and at the time of the Mormon disturbances at Nauvoo was one of those to go to that point to oust the disturbers. He was a stanch Union man during the Civil War and fearless in standing up for what he thought was right. He and his wife were stanch members of the Methodist Church, and charitable and kindly to all, and it has been said of them that no one was ever turned away from their door with a harsh or unkind word. During the early days Indians were often seen in the

vicinity of Mr. Campbell's home and at one time for a week a party camped on his farm. He was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, later to become President of the United States, when the latter was a clerk in the store of Mr. Moffet at New Salem. Mr. Campbell died March 12, 1910, his wife having passed away October 22, 1899, and both were buried in the Richland Baptist burial ground. Mr. Campbell's funeral was largely attended and his pallbearers were his grandsons, Forrest, Guy, Ralph and Horace Campbell, Robert Sayer and Henry Sorenson. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were as follows: Samuel H., born March 14, 1849, who died in St. Joseph in 1904, leaving a widow and two sons, Robert T. and Roy; Nancy C., born July 25, 1851, who married Jacob J. Harnsberger, a farmer of Cartwright Township; Matilda C., born November 8, 1853, residing in Tallula, is the widow of C. C. Sayer, and has had three children, Maude, Irene and Robert; Lloyd C., who is deceased; George Bunn; Peter A., born September 13, 1858, a resident of Tallula, who married Laura Grider and has two children, Forest and Ralph; Elizabeth, born August 18, 1860, who died in infancy; William J., born September 24, 1862, who also died in infancy; Ida J., born December 13, 1863, who married Charles H. Bell, residing in Springfield; John D., born October 24, 1866, who is living in Colorado, married Nancy Smith, two children, Margaret and Lucelle; and Charles A., born December 14, 1868, who is engaged in farming and stock breeding near Tallula, Ill., married Cora Beck, one child, Horace.

George Bunn Campbell, familiarly known as Bunn, received a good common school education in the district schools of Cartwright Township and at the age of nine years started to work on the home farm, taking his place behind the plow and working with diligence at home until his marriage, October 11, 1877, to Miss Jenny Dobson. She was born in Athens County, Ohio, January 2, 1856, daughter of Richard and Susan (Craig) Dobson, the former of Athens County and the latter of Morgan County, Ohio. The Dobson family emigrated to Illinois and settled in Morgan County, but in 1874 removed to Cartwright Township, Sangamon County, where Mrs. Dobson died in 1879. The father then went to make his home with his son, P. L. Dobson, at Woodstock, Iowa, where he died in November, 1876, when he was brought back and laid to rest beside his wife in the Jacksonville Cemetery, the town in which the family had first settled on coming to Illinois. They were parents of these children: Anna, wife of D. C. Warner, of Decatur, Ill.; Lizzie, who is making her home with Mrs. Campbell; P. O., of Dobson, Tenn.; Matilda, deceased, who was the wife of John W. Laird, was married in Ohio, came to Illinois, and went thence to Kellerton, Iowa, where her husband is still living; Mrs. Campbell; and four children who died in infancy.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Campbell rented a farm in Menard County, Ill., where they made their home until 1879, then located in Richland and followed farming there until 1885. At this time they removed to the vicinity of Stanberry, Gentry County, Mo., Mr. Campbell buying some land and renting other property, and bought and sold two farms. He remained there seventeen years, engaging in farming, mostly grain raising, and being reasonably successful in his enterprises. In 1903 his father became seriously ill and desired that the son return home to take charge of the farm and nurse him through his last illness and from that time until the father's death Mr. Campbell cared for him tenderly.

Mr. Campbell has remained on the home farm and has spent much of his time in stock breeding, having inherited from his father a love for fine stock. He recently purchased a fine jack, "Blue Jim," fifteen hands high, weight 950 pounds, seven years old, bred in Calloway County, Mo., and he also has one of the best-bred animals of Missouri. Mr. Campbell has made his own way in the world since attaining his majority and his farming and stockraising enterprises have been uniformly successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have had two children: Guy A., born July 17, 1878, an electrician residing at Puxico, Mo.; and Lottie B., born May 17, 1882, wife of Henry Sorensen, residing in Tallula, Ill., by whom she has had four children,—Guy, Lorene, Georgie and Bernice. Mr. Campbell has always been a Republican and for a number of years has been a member of the district school board. Socially he is connected with Pleasant Plains Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife have long been active members of the Richland Baptist Church.

CAMPBELL, John H.—Each year finds the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic thinning; each year finds fewer of the gray-haired veterans who as boys marched away from home and loved ones to fight their country's battles; each year many answer their last roll-call, and it will be at a not far distant date that the last of these brave and gallant men have gone to their rest. Invariably it has been found that those soldiers who had the best records during their army service have been the ones to whom success in after life has come, and it is certainly a fact that the strict discipline and severe training they received has had much to do in fitting them to fight the battles of peace, and making them as good citizens as they were soldiers. An honored veteran of the Civil War who has achieved success as an agriculturist, and who also has the distinction of being a pioneer of Sangamon County, Ill., is John H. Campbell, carrying on operations on Section 27, Cartwright Township, who was born in this township, May 19, 1828, a son of Maxwell Campbell, who settled in Sangamon County in 1823.

In John H. Campbell's youth there were no free schools, and his education was secured in the subscription schools of that day, taught by

teachers who boarded around among the patrons of the district and who received from the parents a certain sum for each pupil. As soon as he could swing an axe or hold the plow-handles Mr. Campbell started to work on the home farm and often in the early days while at work on the place he would see bands of Indians, who at that time were just leaving this part of Illinois. Helping to clear away the timber, break the prairie and drain the swamp-land, Mr. Campbell enjoyed both the pleasures and hardships of pioneer life and can now look back over the marvelous changes that have been wrought since those early days. He often hauled goods from Beardstown, five yoke of oxen being used, and drove the hogs to market overland.

On February 27, 1851, Mr. Campbell was married to Minerva E. Bumgardner, daughter of Joseph Bumgardner, whose wife died when Mrs. Campbell was but a child. These children were born to this union: Alonzo, died at the age of two years; Isabella M., born November 24, 1853, was married February 2, 1871, to Aaron Thompson, who died, leaving her two daughters, Sarah N. and Rose, and she married (second) a Mr. Butcher; Nancy E., born August 5, 1861, married John McHenry, a resident of Billings, Mo.; William J., born April 25, 1867, married Miss Jennie Grider and is farming in Menard County, Ill. The mother of these children died February 4, 1883, having been a kind and indulgent mother and a devoted and active member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Campbell was married (second) to Miss Rose Bassett, September 30, 1884. She was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, February 13, 1844, daughter of John D. and Amanda M. (Marshall) Bassett, the former born in New York State and the latter in Canada. They were married in New York and both died in Ohio, and to them there were born the following children: Nicholas H., of Coshocton, Ohio, enlisted in Fifty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served until 1865, when he was honorably discharged; Jesse A., a member of the Eightieth Ohio Volunteers, died while in the service; Mrs. Campbell; James E., of Coshocton, Ohio; Anna M., wife of James Sargent, of East St. Louis; Gertrude, wife of James Webb, of Coshocton, Ohio; Mary, wife of Lewis Call, also of that place; and Harry F., who was last heard of in North Dakota. The mother died in 1854 and the father about 1900. After the death of Mrs. Bassett the family was broken up and Mrs. Campbell went to Jacksonville, Ill., to visit a sister, and while there accepted a position as nurse in the insane hospital, a position she held for five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Campbell one daughter has been born, Clara G., who married Frank C. Houghton, January 6, 1904, and they have had three children: Gladys H., born April 16, 1905; Florence M., born May 22, 1907; and John Harry, born December 3, 1909. Mr. Houghton is a farmer in Panhandle, Tex.

John H. Campbell comes of military stock, his grandfather, Robert Campbell, having served in the Revolutionary Army, and the battle of Cowpens having been fought near the old Campbell home. Mr. Campbell remembers his grandmother's telling of a woman who during this battle rushed out to rob the dead soldiers, only to be instantly killed herself by a cannon ball. In 1862 John H. Campbell enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war, and served until his honorable discharge in 1865, participating with his regiment in all the struggles of the war and gaining for himself an honorable and distinguished record. Among his most notable engagements were Vicksburg and the surrender of Richmond. He remembers an amusing incident after he had been transferred to the Eastern Army under General Grant. It seems that the ammunition had been landed at City Point and General Grant had given strict orders that there should be no smoking around the landing. Eventually the General himself, who was an inveterate smoker, approached the supplies with a lighted cigar in his mouth, when he was hastily approached by a negro soldier who ordered him to throw the weed away, and the general, with a grim smile, recalling his own orders, had to do so. At one time the army corps of which Mr. Campbell was a member captured an English vessel at Fortress Monroe, loaded with arms and ammunition for the South, and one of Mr. Campbell's most highly prized relics is an old Enfield musket that was taken from the vessel. Mr. Campbell's regiment, at the time of the Grand Review at Washington, was unable to participate in that great spectacle, as it was at that time stationed at Baltimore, Md. Immediately after his discharge Mr. Campbell returned home and took up farming again, eventually purchasing the property adjoining the old home place on Section 27. He has become one of the successful farmers and stockraisers of his section and now has a fine property of 110 acres, although in his latter years he has not been so actively engaged in farm work, owing to a stroke of paralysis suffered several years ago.

For many years he and his good wife have been active in the work of the Richland Baptist Church, and Mr. Campbell has also been very active in his work for matters of an educational nature, casting his first vote for a free school in 1851. He is a popular comrade of Dick Johnson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Tallula, Ill., of which he is serving as Chaplain.

CAMPBELL, Maxwell McClellan.—The younger farmers of Sangamon County are rapidly revolutionizing agricultural methods. They have increased land values so materially that few farmers are now willing to part with their holdings at any price. Under the present scientific methods Sangamon soil is yielding prolifically, and the returns are correspondingly large. One

of the foremost farmers of the later generation is Maxwell McClellan Campbell, born November 21, 1862, on the farm he is now operating with his father, on Section 27, Cartwright Township. He is a son of William V. Campbell, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Campbell was married on May 27, 1886, to Ida L. Craig, of Menard County, Ill., born September 4, 1867, near Jacksonville, Morgan County, Ill., on the Jacksonville and Springfield Road. She is a daughter of John H. and Anna (Spurgeon) Craig, the latter being related to the celebrated divine, Rev. Charles Spurgeon, of England. Mr. and Mrs. Craig were both born near Athens, Ohio, but were married at Tuscola, Ill. Mrs. Craig grew up in Douglas County but in 1870 removal was made to Menard County, where Mr. Craig purchased land and died in 1877, his widow surviving until she too passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maxwell Campbell, September 17, 1903. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Craig: Francis Craig, a farmer near Virginia, Ill.; Mrs. Campbell; Larkin H., born in May, 1869, and died December 20, 1870; William D., born April 28, 1874, is a stock and grain dealer of Woodstock, Iowa, and Charles Hammond Craig, born January 23, 1877, now of Los Angeles, Cal.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Campbell settled on a farm south of Pleasant Plains, but in 1887 they began operating a portion of the old home. Mr. Campbell, while giving much of his time to agricultural matters, finds time for other enterprises. In 1901 he joined with five others in establishing the Boynton Telephone Company, and in 1907 Mr. Campbell, E. D. Boynton and John N. Howard bought out the interests of the other stockholders, and Mr. Campbell was made its President, still holding that office. This company has about one thousand patrons, and as the system is operated under the best of conditions, the equipment being entirely modern, an almost perfect service is given. In 1906 Mr. Campbell, with eight others, incorporated the Pleasant Plains State Bank, he being on the first Board of Directors, and he still holds that office. The bank is one of the most solid in the county, owing to the conservative management of those in control, and it handles a large amount of business. He has served 12 years on the board of directors of the Springfield Mutual County Fire Insurance Company which carries over four million dollars of insurance in the County.

After the death of his mother Mr. Campbell and his wife came to the old home, where they have since lived, Mrs. Campbell assuming charge of the household. One child, Ethel Cordelia, was born to them on July 21, 1887. She is a very talented young lady, who has been given a fine musical education by her affectionate parents, so that there is no lack of entertainment in their pleasant home. Mr. Campbell is a member of the Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 770, and the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 139, as well as to the District Court of Honor. His political affiliations are with the Republican party and he has held many of the township offices. For thirty-five years he has been a member of the Richland Baptist Church, to which his wife and daughter also belong. This church was organized in 1839. Mr. Campbell is very active in church and Sunday School work and has for years been interested in the uplift of his fellow men, and he has accomplished much good among his associates. He and his father seem more closely bound together than many occupying the same relationship, and their devotion to each other is very touching. The younger man is proud of his father's record, and long and useful life, with the vigor he still displays, while the elder looks with pride on the business acumen and enterprise of his son. The two are universally respected and their home is one always happily visited, for a hospitable welcome awaits anyone who comes within their doors.

CAMPBELL, William, who owns an excellent farm in Springfield Township, Sangamon County, was formerly a machinist and worked at his trade thirty years in Springfield. Mr. Campbell was born in the Highlands of Scotland, May 30, 1845, and is a son of Robert and Jeanette (McIntosh) Campbell, the former born in 1818 and the latter in 1820, both in Perthshire, Scotland. The father brought his family to Ontario, Canada, in 1856, and there engaged in farming until his death, in 1861. His widow died in 1889. There were five sons and three daughters in the family, of whom three sons and one daughter survive.

William Campbell received his early education in the schools of his native country and finished it at the schools in Ontario. As a boy he worked on a farm and in 1866 moved to Springfield, Ill., where he learned the trade of machinist and followed same until 1890, when he moved to the farm he now owns northwest of the city of Springfield. He was an excellent mechanic and is an energetic and successful farmer. He owns twenty acres of excellent farming land, which he devotes principally to fruit raising.

June 7, 1870, Mr. Campbell was married, at Springfield, to Miss Elizabeth Hedley, who was born in Springfield, May 9, 1847, daughter of Daniel and Nancy (Simpkins) Hedley. Mr. Hedley, a carpenter by trade and a native of Pennsylvania, came to Sangamon County in 1830 and there worked at his trade until his death. His wife was from South Carolina. He enlisted in 1861 in the Tenth Illinois Cavalry, served as a nurse in the hospital corps, and was killed in Missouri, in 1862. He and his wife had six daughters and four sons, of whom all survive save two daughters. Seven children were born to Mr. Campbell and his wife, of whom six survive: Edith, wife of O. H. Dake, a lumber dealer of Illiopolis; Cora, a teacher in the Converse School in Springfield;

Jessie, wife of B. F. Woodruff, who is engaged in farming near Springfield; Robert, in livery business in Ephrata, Wash.; Emma, a teacher in the Converse School; Herbert at home. There are four grandchildren in the family. Mr. Campbell has the good-will and esteem of his neighbors and is a man of unquestioned principles of honor. He served three terms as Justice of the Peace of Springfield Township. He is a stanch Democrat in politics and actively interested in public affairs. He is a member of the Congregational Church.

CAMPBELL, William (deceased), one of the prominent farmers in his part of Sangamon County, whose widow occupies a beautiful home at Buffalo, was born in Ireland, March 15, 1823. He was one of four children and, his father being a farmer, he was brought up to a practical knowledge of agricultural operations and methods. He was educated in his native land and remained there until some time after the death of his parents, being the only member of his family who came to America. Locating first in Canada, he farmed there several years. Thence he moved over into New York State and farmed in Saratoga County until 1858, when he came west to Sangamon County, Ill., where he farmed till the Civil War began. Then he served by enlistment one year in Company L, Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, participating in several battles and accepting a discharge only on account of sickness which disabled him from further duty, as is shown in government records. Returning to Illinois, he lived at Peoria until his death, which occurred in 1873. His widow and her family soon afterward came to Buffalo, where she is now living with her two sons.

Mr. Campbell married in Orange County, New York, March 3, 1844, Miss Martha Sargent, born in Lancashire, England, December 17, 1833, daughter of George Sargent, a farmer, who came to the United States and farmed in Orange County, N. Y., until 1856, then settled in Sangamon County, where he lived out the remainder of his life. Mrs. Campbell is of a family of seven sons and three daughters. Her brother, George Sargent, lives in Dawson, Sangamon County, a retired farmer; her sister, Mrs. Emma Alexander, lives in Cornland, Ill., wife of a farmer. Mrs. Campbell is a member of the Christian Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were born nine children, seven sons and two daughters. Three of the sons have passed away, and the others are as follows: William H. and George S., live with their mother; John H., is a citizen of Oklahoma; Alexander lives in Decatur, Ill., employed as a foreman in the operation of the Illinois Traction System of electric railways; Martha J., is the wife of Norman Murphy, a farmer of Christian County, Ill.; Cora A., married Charles McMullen, of Montana, who is winning success as a farmer. Mrs. Campbell has seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

CAMPBELL, William Lee, a retired farmer living at Rochester, Ill., is a member of an old family of Sangamon County. He was born at Pleasant Plains, April 15, 1843, a son of Hugh and Susan (Schreves) Campbell, both natives of North Caroline, where their first four children were born. The family came to Illinois and were early settlers of Cartwright Township, locating on the farm which formerly belonged to the pioneer minister, Peter Cartwright. Four children were born to the parents after they came to Sangamon County. Those of the children who now survive are: William L., of this sketch, and Nelson, also of Rochester. The family lived in Cartwright Township seven years, five of which were spent on the Cartwright farm, then moved to the farm of Judge Taylor, where they lived ten years, after which they came to Rochester and the father purchased a farm in the neighborhood, where he died in 1863 and his widow in 1868.

As a boy William L. Campbell went to school in a log building, fitted with slab benches and poorly furnished, one of his early school-mates being DeWitt Smith. He worked on the farm for his father many years and after the latter's death continued agricultural operations until his retirement a few years since. He was an enterprising and industrious farmer and won success in this line. He now has a comfortable home in Rochester. The family is one of the older ones of Rochester and its members are prominent in local affairs. Both Mr. Campbell and his wife are useful members of the Methodist Church and ready to forward any object which has in view the metterment of the community. Both were personal friends of Abraham Lincoln, whom they remember with great regard.

Mr. Campbell was married at Springfield, June 14, 1867, to Elizabeth Money, born in Loudoun County, Va., May 8, 1848, daughter of P. A. Money, a carpenter by trade. Both the father and mother were born in Fairfax County Va., and the latter's maiden name was Margaret James. Mr. Honey followed his trade in his native State until he came to Illinois in 1855, at which time he had three children. He located at Rochester and there followed his trade until his death, helping to erect many houses and other buildings in the vicinity and becoming owner of considerable property there. He and his wife had six daughters and two sons, of whom the following survive: Louis A., a carpenter living at Denver; Henry Tyler; Margaret, wife of Albert Burk, of Rochester; Mrs. Campbell; Susan, wife of Frank Miller, a machinist living at Decatur, Ill. Five children were born to Mr. Campbell and wife, of whom all survive: William, the oldest, of Springfield; Jessie, also of Springfield; Lillian, wife of Louis Denton, a stock dealer of Rochester; Admiral, in the employ of the Illinois State Journal, of Springfield; Della, wife of Bert Funkenbarger, a school

teacher of North Dakota. There are ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild in the family. Mrs. Campbell's father enlisted at Camp Butler in the One Hundred Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served one year during the Civil War, taking part in several battles.

CAMPBELL, William Van Buren, one of the oldest pioneers of Sangamon County, and a man widely and favorably known, was born and reared on the farm which has been his home for seventy-five years. His birth occurred May 5, 1836, on Section 27, Cartwright Township, he being a son of Maxwell and Nancy (Plunkett) Campbell. Mrs. Campbell was a sister of Silas Plunkett, whose family history is treated of elsewhere in this work. Maxwell Campbell was born in North Carolina, October 29, 1795, being a grandson of Robert Campbell, born in Scotland. The latter, with six sons, settled in North Carolina prior to the Revolutionary War, all of his sons participating in that struggle, they being James, John, Robert, William, Samuel and George. Robert Campbell, the father, was killed in the service. The second Robert was the father of Maxwell Campbell. The marriage of Maxwell Campbell occurred July 25, 1822. His wife was born in 1806, in the same county as her husband. The following year they came to Sangamon County, settling on the north side of Richland Creek, in what is now Cartwright Township. They located on Section 27, erecting a log cabin, and became successful farmers of their locality. Previous to the formation of the Republican party he was a Whig, but after its formation, Mr. Campbell voted its ticket, having been a friend of Abraham Lincoln. The aged mother of Mr. Campbell accompanied him to Illinois and died here April 7, 1844, when she had almost reached the age of one hundred years. The children born to Maxwell Campbell and wife were as follows: Robert, born August 13, 1823, a successful farmer died, March 12, 1910; Jane died in infancy; John H., born May 19, 1828, enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving until his honorable discharge, now residing on the farm in Cartwright Township; James E., born October 8, 1830, died January 7, 1899, leaving no issue; Dorcas M., born April 3, 1833, married William F. Irwin, January 25, 1851, died March 25, 1886; William V., born May 2, 1836; Jasper, born May 22, 1839, also a member of Company F, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, was captured and confined in Andersonville for several months, suffering untold hardships. Maxwell Campbell's well-known integrity and uprightness caused him to be selected to administer many estates. While he never accepted office, he was loyal in his devotion to his party and advocated the establishment of schools and maintenance of good government. His death occurred August 8, 1881.

William Van Buren Campbell was born amid pioneer conditions and grew up on the 120-acre farm his father had entered from the Government, which later passed into his possession. His education was secured in a typical log cabin and his boyhood was spent in hard work on the farm. On February 13, 1862, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage with Mary E. Valentine, born in Ohio, December 14, 1844, but brought to Illinois about 1854, her parents Samuel and and Sophia (Young) Valentine then locating on a farm in Cartwright Township, where they remained until death claimed them, she passing away in 1880 and he in 1885. They left a large family; Sylvester, Samuel, Ellen, Philip, Sophia, Eva and India.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Campbell began their married life on forty acres of the homestead, eventually coming into possession of the whole. Four children were born to them: Maxwell M., born November 21, 1862; Jasper S., born September 23, 1864, died September 24, 1883; Oliver H., born January 8, 1870, died October 12, 1872; Cora, born June 4, 1873, wife of Richard R. Wells, a farmer of Salisbury Township, has two children, Earl E. and Beulah. Mrs. Campbell died December 1, 1888.

Mr. Campbell now owns 267 acres of fine farm land, and has made a specialty of breeding and raising blooded stock, his horses and large mules being noted for their excellence. He also devotes considerable attention to the Duroc Jersey and Poland-China hogs, shorthorn cattle and Oxford sheep. Mr. Campbell has held many of the more important township offices, supporting the Republican ticket, and has been a friend of progress. While not a member of any religious denomination, like his father he believes in the good work of the church and attends service at the Baptist Church in his neighborhood. He is a man of kindly disposition, genial in manner, who makes and retains friends wherever he goes. Interested in the Old Settlers' Association, he has served as its Vice President for a number of years and is an important factor at all their meetings.

CANFIELD, Charles W., who was for many years actively identified with real estate interests in Springfield, Ill., now lives retired from active life, in his home at No. 1404 South Glenwood Avenue, that city. Mr. Canfield spent many years on a farm near Springfield, and has been a resident of Sangamon County for more than fifty years. He was born in New Orleans, La., February 22, 1826, son of Robert F. and Ruth Halsey (Walton) Canfield. The father was born in New Jersey February 22, 1807, and the mother was born in New York City in 1808. Robert F. Canfield was for many years interested in the real estate business in New Orleans, to which city he went as a young man. There he was married and there the remainder of his life was spent. His father served in the Black Hawk War. Robert Canfield was employed in the Custom House at New Orleans during the administrations of Presidents Jackson and Taylor, and dealt very extensively in real estate in that city, also

settling up many of the French claims against the government. His Grandfather Caldwell came to America from Ireland before the Revolution, serving in that war and in the War of 1812. Robert Canfield's son Henry served through the Mexican War, taking part in every battle in that struggle.

The education of Charles W. Canfield was received in his native city, where for some time he attended a school on LaFayette Square. Upon leaving school he first took a position as grocery clerk in New Orleans, continuing three years in this business, this being about the time of the Mexican War. Later on he worked for a wholesale grocery house, Bailey & Company, of New Orleans, then took a position under his father as a clerk in the Custom House, where he remained three years. In 1853 he came to Illinois and for twenty-five years lived on a farm of 600 acres a few miles west of the city of Springfield, which had been left him by his mother. He was an enthusiastic and intelligent farmer and became successful in this occupation. About 1878 he moved to Springfield and embarked in business in the line of real estate, in which he achieved a fair degree of success, but for the past few years he has lived retired from active business life. He became well known in the business circles of Springfield and his dealings with his fellows have been marked by good business principles and strict adherence to honesty and integrity of methods. In politics he is a Democrat and in religious views a member of the Presbyterian Church. His mother was one of the organizers of the first church of that faith in New Orleans and was an earnest worker in its interests. Mr. Canfield has given his countenance and assistance to many worthy causes and movements and is a man of kind and charitable instincts, interested in the general welfare and in the needs of the poor. Besides his residence he owns other city real estate in Springfield. He is well known in many circles and was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, whose home he visited in company with his mother. He relates many interesting incidents of Mr. Lincoln's life, one of which has to do with the morning of the latter's nomination for the presidency. He and Mr. Canfield had met and were standing at the place now occupied by Bressmer's, when Mr. Lincoln received his notification by telegram of this important event in his life, and said "I've got a little woman at home who wants to see this." On his father's side Mr. Canfield is a relative of Gov. Duncan. He was an excellent shot in his earlier years, and has been known to kill twenty prairie chickens in nineteen shots. He now resides with his son Mark, who is a resident of Springfield.

Mr. Canfield was married near Springfield to Miss Mary Parker, who was born in New Jersey and died in Springfield in 1890. Her parents came to Illinois in an early day and spent their remaining years on a farm near Springfield. Eleven children were born to Mr. Canfield and wife, eight sons and three daughters, and eight of them are now living. They are: Walter, of Springfield, Deputy Game Warden of Illinois; Andrew, foreman for Vredenburg Lumber Company, of Springfield; William, engaged in transfer business; John, a constable living in Springfield; Mark, a painter by trade; Wade, a farmer living near Springfield; Josephine, wife of Jacob Slater, living in Peoria; Fannie, deceased; Georgette, wife of William Chamberlain, of Springfield. Mr. Canfield has fifteen grandchildren.

Mark Canfield married Maud Gambrel, and they have two children, Glendy Burk and Robert Logan. Mrs. Maud (Gambrel) Canfield is a daughter of Henry and Frances Ford (Davies) Gambrel, natives of Springfield, Ill., and of St. Louis, Mo., the mother being deceased and the father still living. The mother of Frances Ford Davies was a daughter of Gov. Ford, of Illinois, who used his own money in clearing the debts of the State, and became famous in the Mormon War, and she died March 16, 1910, at Lincoln, Ill.

CANFIELD, Erastus D., a prominent and well-known citizen of Springfield, Ill., and a veteran of the Civil War, conducts a small broom-making factory at his home, 1245 West Governor Street, and is fairly successful in this enterprise. He has been occupying his present plant twenty-one years and has established a paying business. Mr. Canfield was born at Geneseo Valley, N. Y., April 17, 1837, son of John and Mary A. (Blair) Canfield, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Geneseo. The father moved from Massachusetts to Geneseo Valley as a young man and for some time conducted a barrel factory there. He followed the trade of cooper all his life and was located in business at various places. He took an active part in politics and became well-known as an eloquent public speaker. He died when his son Erastus was but nine years old. The father moved to Ohio in 1838 and conducted a factory several years near Hamilton. He died at Cambridge City, Ind., where the family had located. His widow moved back to Ohio with her children and later went with her son Erastus to Minnesota, where he took up a government claim and lived three years. The mother was a graduate of one of the largest seminaries in the State of New York. She died in 1865.

Erastus D. Canfield received his education in the country schools of Butler County, Ohio, his mother having returned to Millville, that county, after her husband's death, and as a young man he worked at wood chopping in the winter and on a farm in the summer until he took up the trade of broom-making, at which he worked several years in Ohio. When he left Minnesota he spent short periods of time in various cities, going first to St. Louis and later to Pana, Ill., where he worked at his trade, until the breaking out of the Civil War. He enlisted from Pana in Company B, Thirty-fifth Illinois In-

fantry, and served three years, being mustered out at Springfield. He took part in many important engagements, among them being Pea Ridge, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, in which he did his full duty as a soldier and won a praiseworthy record. Upon leaving the army he took up the occupation of broom-maker at Springfield, which he has since continued there. He and his son Wellington live together at the home of the former. He is now in his seventy-third year and enjoys excellent health, being able to carry on his business to good advantage. He is well known for the excellent work he turns out and never relaxes his vigilance in keeping up the standard he has set for his product.

Mr. Canfield was married near Springfield, in 1866, to Harriet Kelly, born near Spring Creek, Sangamon County, and two children blessed this union: Wellington and John C., both contractors, living in Springfield. Mrs. Canfield died in 1879 and Mr. Canfield married (second) Elizabeth Rodgers, a native of Ohio, who died in 1909, having borne her husband no children. Mr. Canfield is very fond and proud of his nine grandchildren. He was acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and remembers him well. Mr. Canfield is a prominent member of Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., and in politics has always supported the measures and men of the Republican party. He is a member of the Douglas Avenue Methodist Church, of Springfield, and is an active promoter of its good work. He helped form the present organization and has always been prominent in furthering its interests. He has been successful in business through his own ambition and energy and is a self-made man, highly esteemed for his many fine qualities of mind and heart and his public-spirited and charitable actions.

CANHAM, John.—Land in the vicinity of Springfield is so valuable that its fortunate possessors will not sell at any figure. This locality was once the home of Indians and wild animals, but today contains some of the highest priced farming land in the country. One of the men owning some of this valuable land is John Canham, of Woodside Township. He was born in Cambridgeshire, England, April 25, 1845, a son of John and Phoebe (Baily) Canham, both of England. The father was a farmer and came to the United States in 1854, sailing from Liverpool and landing at New York. From that city he came to Jacksonville, Ill., and worked in Morgan County as a farm hand for two years before engaging in farming on his own account. After four years in Morgan County he came to Sangamon County, locating on a farm in Divernon Township and there continuing until his death. There were ten sons and two daughters in the family, five of whom still survive.

The education of Mr. Canham was secured in the excellent public schools of his native place, and during his boyhood he worked on the home farm for his father. He did not come to the new home until a year after the father, but after joining the latter worked with him, and came with him to Divernon Township. Still later he located on ten acres of choice land in the vicinity of Springfield, which has continued his home for the past twenty-eight years. He does both farming and gardening on his land, which has been so well developed and in so desirable a location that he has refused $400 per acre for it. His home is a comfortable one and in it his children have been born.

On November 12, 1870, Mr. Canham was united in marriage with Sarah Knight, in the city of Springfield. She was born near Somerset, England, November 12, 1849. Her parents came to America, settling on a farm in Sangamon County many years ago. Mrs. Knight died in August, 1905, but the father survives, although he has attained an advanced age. For a number of years he farmed and conducted a truck garden. Three sons and one daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Canham: George, who lives in Springfield being in the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company; Louis lives at home; Cleve lives in Springfield, and Minnie lives at home. There are five grandchildren in this happy family, who are the delight of their grandparents.

Mr. Canham has taken considerable interest in fraternal matters, belonging to Liberty Camp, No. 1524, Modern Woodmen. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party, but he has never been willing to allow his name to be used on its ticket. An excellent example of the transplanted Englishman, Mr. Canham possesses those traits of character which have made his nation famous the world over for so many years, and is a real homemaker. Frugal and industrious, he has worked hard and saved his earnings, investing them carefully. Developing his property, he has made it so valuable that it is justly regarded as one of the best truck farms in the State. He is an excellent farmer and gardener, understanding every detail of his work. His products are so superior that they find a ready sale at fancy prices, and his ten acres yield him an income larger than many a general farmer enjoys from a farm many times its size, which is unprofitably operated. Never seeking public notice, Mr. Canham endeavors to do his full duty as a business man and as a citizen, and has won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has dealings.

CANTRALL, Jacob M., a retired farmer living at 1115 Patton Avenue, Springfield, Ill., was born near Cantrall, Ill., December 26, 1841, and is the fifth child of Joshua M. and Sarah (Cantrall) Cantrall, natives of Ohio. Jacob M. Cantrall passed his boyhood on a farm near the village of Cantrall, and attended school about one mile from home, in a log school house, where the seats, benches and desks were made of hewed sycamore logs arranged around the edge of the building. His first teacher was

John D. Swallow and later ones were J. B. Hall, L. J. Sweet, Mr. Collins, Mr. Mullmer, Mr. Hoyt and Mr. Hickey. Mr. Cantrall still has in his possession a "Reward of Merit" card given him when he was twelve years old, by Mr. Sweet. He worked on the farm with his father from the time he was twenty until he was twenty-four years of age, then began farming on his own account on a farm of eighty acres two miles from Cantrall.

December 22, 1869, Jacob M. Cantrall married Miss Marian J. Tufts, daughter of Thomas J. Tufts, then a resident of Sangamon County. She was born May 14, 1848, and died March 26, 1879. Mr. Cantrall was married (second) January 15, 1880, to Miss Martha Brown. She was born August 28, 1861, and died January 16, 1898. By his first marriage he had two children, as follows: Ada E., born February 7, 1873, married E. L. Margrett, of Palmer, Ill.; Cora M., born October 12, 1878, married James M. Alexander, February 9, 1898, and they reside in Springfield. By the second wife the following children were born: Jacob Ernest, born July 15, 1883, married Jennie M. King and they live on a farm north of Springfield; Ula Joshua, born June 4, 1886, married Elsie LaRue, and they live at 1111 Patton Avenue. Mr. Cantrall was formerly a member of the Cantrall Christian Church, which he joined in 1862, and for seven years was deacon. Since coming to Springfield he has joined the West Side Christian Church, in which he has served two years as Deacon. He is a stanch Republican and actively interested in the public welfare. He has lived in Springfield since 1902, retired from active life, and has many firm friends in the city. He is a man of personal integrity and sincerity and universally respected.

CANTRALL, Zebulon Graham (deceased), belonged to a family which has been prominent in Sangamon County, Ill., since its early settlement, and for this family the town of Cantrall was named. The first of the family to settle here was Levi Cantrall, grand uncle of Zebulon G. Cantrall. The subject of this sketch was born in Sangamon County, May 7, 1835, son of Joshua Metz and Sarah Cantrall, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Joshua M. Cantrall came to Illinois as a young man and secured a farm in Sangamon County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1890 and was buried in Cantrall Cemetery.

Zebulon G. Cantrall received his education in the country schools and remained on the farm with his parents until his marriage, then began farming on his own account. He came to Springfield in 1880 and took up carpenter work, becoming a successful contractor, but on account of failing health abandoned this business and accepted an agency for the Prudential Life Insurance Company. He had been a resident of Springfield sixteen years at the time of his death. He was a stanch Republican and actively interested in public affairs. He served seven years as Assessor of Fancy Creek Township, three years as Collector, twenty years as School Director, and was also a Constable. He became a prominent and well known citizen of Springfield and was much esteemed for his many good traits and his honest, reliable character. He was genuinely mourned by his family and many personal friends. He was a devout member of the First Christian Church and much interested in charitable and benevolent causes.

Mr. Cantrall was married in Sangamon County November 6, 1864, to Miss Elizabeth J. Lilly, who was born in Augusta County, Va., November 19, 1838, daughter of William and Mary B. (Dobbs) Lilly, the father a native of Albemarle County, Va., and the mother of Louisa County, Va. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cantrall: Mary A., deceased; Mrs. Melissa E. Wormack, of Springfield, whose husband is employed as bookkeeper in a plow-factory; Celia J., wife of Frank Gilman, in theatrical business, now living at Houston, Tex.; Noah M., deceased; Arminta L., and Amelia F., deceased; Alfred E., a carriage painter, is unmarried and lives with his mother; Zebulon G., connected with a wholesale house in Springfield, is unmarried and lives at 127 East Carpenter Street, Springfield, Ill. Mr. Cantrall's death occurred May 3, 1896, at Springfield, and his remains were interred in Cantrall Cemetery. Mrs. Cantrall's father, William Lilly, participated in the War of 1812, serving in a Virginia regiment.

CAPPS, Jabez. (Vol. I, p. 78.)

CAREY, John M. (deceased).—Many of the present generation of Irish-Americans in Springfield will readily remember the late John M. Carey, for many years a city employe and business man, whose death occurred November 8, 1909. It was not so many years before, on the night of July 4th, that he had saved the midnight train from plunging from the Chicago & Alton bridge into the Sangamon River, after a heavy storm had caused a flood that washed one of the piers away. Mr. Carey was born near Queenstown, Ireland, the son of John and Mary Carey, both of whom died in Ireland.

John M. Carey came to the United States as a young man with his two brothers, Thomas and William, and after landing at New York City came direct to Springfield. John became watchman at the Chicago & Alton railroad bridge, where he remained many years, and it was while holding this position that he performed the deed that saved many lives. On the night above mentioned during a heavy storm, which had continued for several days, Mr. Carey became suspicious that the rain would damage the bridge, and, taking a lantern, started out to investigate, finding that one of the piers had washed away. He managed to stop the midnight train in time to save it and for his services received the sum of $25. Later he accepted a

position with the watch factory, where he was employed for nine years, but subsequently went into the grocery business. He finally became a miner for a few years and then retired, his death occurring at his home in Springfield November 8, 1909. He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. He was a Democrat in politics and served for a time as trustee and for years as Justice of the Peace of Ridgely, before that town was incorporated with Springfield.

On November 22, 1877, Mr. Carey was married to Catherine Rohan, who was born near London, Ohio, October 17, 1856, a daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Sheehan) Rohan, both of whom are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Carey there were born the following children: Nellie M., who is deceased; Margaret J., who married Jacob Owens; William J., of Tacoma, Wash.; Elsie C., Alice L. and Mary C., at home; and John A. and Walter M., deceased.

CARMEAN, Robert.—The calling of farming is not an easy one. At best it is exhausting work, but he who follows it with any degree of science will reap handsome profits and in his declining years have all the comforts that come to those whose active lives have been well spent. Robert Carmean, now living retired in Springfield, was for many years engaged in farming in Sangamon County, Ill. He was born in 1848 in Pickaway County, Ohio, a son of Noah Carmean. When he was five years of age, in 1853, the family moved to a farm in McDonough County, Ill., and there Mr. Carmean grew to manhood, learning by practical experience the work of farming, which he had chosen for his life calling, and obtaining his education in the public schools. In 1861 the family moved to Morgan County, Ill., and two years later, when but fifteen years old, Mr. Carmean enlisted in Company I, Seventh Regiment, United States Cavalry, serving until the close of the war as a member of the Fifteenth Army Corps. He took part in many fierce engagements and three horses were killed under him, one of which fell upon his leg. After a service marked with signal bravery, he was honorably discharged in October, 1865, at Camp Butler.

After completing his service to his country Mr. Carmean returned to the work of the farm and in 1870 was married to Miss Kate Conley, of Champaign County, Ill., who died in September, 1906, having been the mother of the following children: Alexander, Lulu, Katy, Harry, George, John, Robert, Fred and Roy, of whom Lulu and Katy are deceased. In 1875 Mr. Carmean came to Springfield and for five years was identified with the ice business, but eventually returned to the farm, where he was engaged until building his present residence and retiring from active life, in 1897. He is a member of the Second Methodist Episcopal Church, in the faith of which his wife died. His politics are those of the Republican party. He is held in high esteem by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, both as a worthy comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as a citizen.

CARNES, Alexander L., a well-known and reliable citizen of Chatham, Ill., and a veteran of the Civil War, is now living retired from active life. He was born in Ross County, Ohio, September 24, 1844, son of Alexander W. and Mary (Shoemaker) Carnes, the former born in Germany in 1814, and the latter born in Ohio in 1812. The father was a preacher in the Methodist Church. He came to the United States as a young man and settled in Pennsylvania, going thence to Ohio, where he was married. He died at LaFayette, Ind., in 1868, having moved there that year, and his widow died there in 1871. He served in the Eighteenth Ohio Battery two years during the Civil War and was mustered out at Camp Dennison, Ohio. His parents were natives of Germany and his wife's parents of Kentucky.

Alexander L. Carnes received his education in Chillicothe, Ohio, and spent his boyhood and youth on a farm. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Seventy-third Ohio Infantry, at Chillicothe, under Thomas Beach, and was mustered out at Lookout Valley, Tenn., January 1, 1864. He re-enlisted in the same company the day he was mustered out, under Captain Downing, and received his final discharge at Camp Dennison, in August, 1865, having served his country faithfully and well for four long years. He participated in the Battles of Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, second Battle of Bull Run, Cedar Mountain, Lookout Valley, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Atlanta, Buzzard's Roost, Savannah and Bentonville, besides many less important skirmishes. He served under Sherman on his progress to the sea, also served under Joe Hooker, and held the rank of Sergeant and later Lieutenant of his company. He has a record of which he may well be proud and is a member of the G. A. R.

In 1872 Mr. Carnes moved from Ohio to Illinois, and some years afterwards moved to Kentucky, but four years later (1899) returned to Illinois. He had served four years as Constable while living in Ohio and has always been an active member of the Republican party. For thirty years he has been a faithful member of the Methodist Church and has always been willing to promote the cause of education and religion. He taught school in Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois, and is well informed on subjects of public interest. He is held in high esteem by all who know him. He has spent the greater part of his life in agricultural pursuits, in which he has been very successful. He receives a good pension and is in comfortable circumstances financially.

Mr. Carnes was married at Paris, Ill., September 1, 1872, to Miss Nancy Jane Dyke, a native of Ross County, Ohio, born in 1845, daughter of William and Mary (Daily) Dyke, the former born in England and the latter in Ohio. William Dyke came to Illinois in 1864 and died

in Chatham, in 1890, his wife having died in Ohio. Two children were born to Mr. Carnes and his wife: Mabro L., born at Sidney, Ill., September 12, 1873, and Ambro D., born at Williamsville, Ill., October 10, 1876. Ambro is deceased, but his daughter married W. G. Hatten, lives at Chatham, Ill., and has had seven children, three of whom survive. Mr. Carnes was married (second) to Miss Hannah R. Donathan, who was born in Indiana, daughter of Martin V. and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Donathan, both of whom were born in Kentucky, and they moved to Indiana, where they lived but a short time. One child was born to Mr. Carnes by his second marriage, Magnus May, born at Carrollton, Ky., February 12, 1908.

CARSON, John M.—Some of the older farmers of Sangamon County have retired from their active labors, establishing themselves in one of the pleasant villages, where they enjoy the fruits of their labors. One of these retired farmers who stands high in general esteem is J. M. Carson, of Loami, born in Fayette County, Ill., March 17, 1837, a son of John and Margery (Parkinson) Carson, who were, it is believed, natives of Tennessee. They were married in Madison County, Ill., moving to Sangamon County about 1820. From there they went to Fayette County, where the father died. Later the mother returned to Sangamon County, marrying John Campbell. There were nine children born to her first marriage, four of whom survive: William P., of Loami; Amanda, wife of Peter Campbell, of Chatham Township; Isaac, of Oregon, and J. M. There was no issue by the second marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are now deceased, she dying at the age of seventy-one and he at the age of eighty-five years, firm in the faith of the Baptist Church of which he had long been a member, and one of the representative men of the county.

When he lost his father, J. M. Carson was but a lad and accompanied his mother back to Sangamon County. Later he lived in Morgan County, and when twenty years old began farming on rented land in Chatham Township, Sangamon County, still later going to Loami Township. In 1855 he married Elizabeth Workman, daughter of David Workman. Her father was a brother of William Workman, and an uncle of Isaac Workman. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Carson located in Loami, but in 1857 removed to Crawford County, Kan., where they bought land, remaining until about 1862, when they returned to Sangamon County and stayed until the close of the war. Once more they went to Crawford County, Kan., making it their home until 1876, when Mr. Carson traded his property there for land in Maxwell Township, which he later sold, buying a farm in Chatham Township. When he sold the latter he bought another farm, adjoining Loami, and this continued the family residence until 1901, when he sold it, buying a pleasant home in the eastern part of Loami, where he is spending his declining years. Ten children were born to him and his wife, but only four survive: Amanda, wife of Tecumseh Greening, of Chatham Township; Minerva, wife of William H. Workman; Louisa, wife of Samuel Workman, of Loami, who conducts a meat market; Peter, a farmer in the vicinity of Loami. Lydia married Thomas Torrence but is dead, as is her husband; John D., died at the age of sixteen years, and the other children died in infancy. The mother of this family passed away in 1876, being buried near Arcada, Crawford County, Kan. On March 25, 1880, Mr. Carson was married to Mrs. Sarah Jane Hudson, daughter of Levi Campbell, a native of Tennessee. Mrs. Carson was born June 20, 1843. Her father died when she was only a child. She has one sister, Mary F., wife of Kirk Lary, of Garnett, Kas., and a brother, Staley D. Campbell, of Ponca, Okla. Mrs. Carson had two children by her first marriage, one of whom died in infancy, the other being Lucy E., wife of James Greer of Loami, where he is a contractor and builder. In religious faith Mrs. Carson is a Baptist. Mr. Carson has always voted the Democratic ticket.

CARSON, William P., still residing on his farm, Section 29, Maxwell Township, has practically retired from active life, being able to afford to do so, for his 320-acre farm yields him a good income. He was born in Woodside Township, Sangamon County, December 25, 1830, during what was known as the big snow, which covered the entire State for three and one-half to four feet deep. He is a son of John Carson, born in South Carolina in 1794, and grandson of James Starrett Carson, also born in South Carolina. The great-grandfather, John Starrett Carson, whose name appears in the history of the Carolina States, came of Scotch-Irish ancestry, establishing himself in South Carolina at an early day. He was one of six brothers who came to the United States, locating in the Carolinas.

James S. Carson, grandfather of William P. Carson, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, joining the army when still a boy, and participating in the battle of King's Mountain. At the close of the war he went to Tennessee, where he reared his family, and there John Carson, father of Wiliam P. Carson, grew to manhood's estate, enlisting in the War of 1812. Upon the expiration of his military service he returned to Tennessee, only to find that his father had sold the home and moved to Illinois. The son followed the father and in 1818 established his home in Madison County. There he married Marjory Parkinson, whose birth occurred in Tennessee. Soon after their marriage they went to live in Morgan County and about 1820 came to Sangamon County where Mr. Carson bought wild land to the extent of 300 acres in Woodside Township, developing it into one of the finest farms in the county. Still later he moved to Fayette County, there dying November 19, 1844, aged fifty years. After this sad event his widow, with her family, returned

to Sangamon County. Later she became the wife of John Campbell, of Chatham Township. She bore her first husband nine children, all of whom attained maturity, and of them three now survive, two brothers and a sister.

William P. Carson was reared on a farm in Sangamon County, attending the subscription schools held in log houses, with puncheon floor and slab seats. He was early called upon to do a man's work and remained with his mother until he was twenty-one years old, when he obtained employment by the month with other farmers. On April 5, 1855, Mr. Carson married Minerva Workman, of Loami Township, a daughter of David Workman, an early settler of the county, who came from Bourbon County, Ky.

Like so many young farmers, Mr. Carson rented land as soon as he married, and within a year bought eighty acres on Section 29, in what is now Maxwell Township, moving to it April 5, 1856. There was a small log cabin on the property and in it they resided for sixteen years. At the time they located there the wild prairie grass was higher than a man on horseback, but they soon had the land under cultivation and it is now the best farm in the township. From time to time Mr. Carson added to his original purchase, until he now owns 200 acres. The log cabin has been replaced by a substantial frame residence and splendid barns are provided to shelter the stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson became parents of nine children: David, born February 7, 1856, lives in Idaho; Sarah, born February 7, 1858, married John D. Burton, of Loami Township; John Calhoun, born October 21, 1859, died January 29, 1890; Elizabeth, born April 7, 1862 married John Adams; Lydia Ann, born April 9, 1864, married J. W. Workman, a farmer in Maxwell Township; Lee, born January 23, 1867 is operating the old farm; Amanda, born July 23, 1869, married Mayhew Workman, a farmer of Loami Township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Nancy, born November 14, 1872, and Diana, born November 10, 1874, are both deceased. Politically Mr. Carson has always been a strong Democrat, casting his first vote for Franklin Pierce. While never caring for office, he has served in minor township offices. Mrs. Carson is a member of the Presbyterian Church. The Carson family are widely known, and their friends are always cordially welcomed at the hospitable home, over which Mrs. Carson presides with kindly intent.

CARSWELL, Thomas.—In seeking the reason of personal success one invariably finds that the men who rise to positions above their fellows are those who have everlastingly kept at what they started out to accomplish and, through sheer perseverance, have finally reached their goal. These are the kind of men that have brought Sangamon County to its present state of prosperity, and one whose name may be mentioned in this connection is Thomas Carswell, now living retired after a long period spent in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Carswell is a native of Scotland, born November 15, 1830, son of Thomas and Jane (Hunter) Carswell, who spent their lives in farming in that country.

Thomas Carswell spent his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, and received his education in the schools of his native country. In 1857 he came to America and engaged in farming in Sangamon County, Ill., whence in 1866 he removed to Christian County, but in 1889 returned to Springfield, where he has since made his home. Mr. Carswell's occupation has always been that of a farmer and until recently he was the owner of considerable farming property near Springfield. A Republican in politics, Mr. Carswell served eight years as Justice of the Peace in South Fork Township, Christian County, and for four years has held a like position in Springfield. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church.

May 3, 1866, in Christian County, Ill., Thomas Carswell was united in marriage with Caroline D. Fox, who was born in Virginia, August 19, 1831. In 1842, when Mrs. Carswell's parents first located in Illinois, her father, who was a prominent physician, was the only doctor between Springfield and Taylorsville. Of the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Carswell, five are living: Amanda, wife of John T. Sheppard, engaged in real estate and insurance business; Charles H., engaged in the grocery business at Pawnee, Ill.; Alice C., wife of Jacob Lemon, living on a farm south of Pawnee; J. B., connected with the Johnson Hatcher Company, married Anne E. Byers; and Albert B., of the Johnson Hatcher Company, married Mamie Bolz. Mrs. Carswell's maternal grandfather, Thomas Leslie, was a colonel in the Revolutionary War and she is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

CARTER, Darius.—After many years of tilling the soil the average farmer comes to a time in his life when he feels that he has earned a rest and that his years of hard labor should be rewarded by retirement. Usually, however, he finds it hard to break away from his years of habit, but once he settles down in the groove of the new order of things, he makes one of his community's best citizens. Darius Carter, a veteran of the great Civil War and a highly esteemed retired citizen of Springfield, was born west of Auburn, Sangamon County, Ill., June 6, 1845, and is a son of Platt Star and Flora M. (Carter) Carter.

Platt Star Carter was born June 29, 1815, in Warren, Conn., where his wife was born July 25, 1815. He came from Connecticut to Springfield in 1838, but two years later returned to his native State and was married. He then came back to Sangamon County, with a two-horse wagon, and settled on a farm near Auburn, where he remained until 1851. He then moved to Waverly, lived there until 1909, and in that year went to Girard, Ill., where he is

now living at the remarkable age of ninety-five years, his wife having died in 1904, when eighty-nine years of age.

Darius Carter went to school at Waverly, Ill., and spent his youth much as do other farmers' sons. He was reared to the heavy toil of the farm, and on reaching his majority took charge of his share of the property, which he continued to work until his retirement. In 1896 he removed to Decatur, Ill., where he resided until 1904, then settled in Springfield. During the Civil War Mr. Carter enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served about four months. He is a Republican in political matters, was Town Clerk in Springfield Township in 1907, and in 1893, 1894 and 1895 was Road Commissioner in Laomi Township, and Tax Collector of Springfield Township in 1908. He is fraternally connected with Hazel Camp, Modern Woodmen.

On April 29, 1873, Mr. Carter was married at Waverly, Ill., to Sarah Poor, born October 1, 1850, near Knoxville, Tenn., whence her parents came to Waverly, Ill., in 1866, her father being engaged in farming. Both of Mr. Carter's parents are now deceased. Of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Carter, one daughter died at the age of twenty-six years; Chester R. was accidentally killed March 2, 1910, while in the discharge of his duties as an employe of the Wabash Railroad Company; Frederick M., is foreman of the warehouse and yards of the National Oil Company; and Avis B. is the wife of Judge Rice, living at No. 1315 East Jackson Street, Springfield, salesman for Ball Brothers, cigar dealers and manufacturers. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have two grandsons and one granddaughter.

CARTMEL, Marion.—Tilling the soil is the oldest occupation known to man, antedating history itself. Through all the ages the farmer has been a person of importance, and never more so than to-day, when the whole country is dependant upon him and his products. Sangamon County has produced some of the best farmers in the State, and among those who, for many years, were connected with the agricultural interests of this locality, none stands higher than Marion Cartmel, now living in retirement at Riverton, after years spent in active work. He was born in Clear Lake Township, July 19, 1845, a son of John M. and Mildred R. (Rairdon) Cartmel, the former born in Bath County, Ky., in 1802, and the latter born in Virginia, May 24, 1807.

John M. Cartmel came to Sangamon County in October, 1830, with his father, Andrew Cartmel, who entered land from the Government the same fall, to the extent of eighty acres, and there he lived until his death. Andrew Cartmel was a Virginian, born in March, 1766, but later moved to Bath County, Ky., and thence to Sangamon County. After his father's demise, John M. Cartmel continued to farm the eighty acres of land until he, too, died, in 1883, near Walnut, Kan., while on a visit to his son James. He had three sons and five daughters, two of whom survive: Marion, subject of this sketch, and John W., of Tecumseh, Okla., a prosperous farmer of that locality.

Marion Cartmel grew up, as did the other boys of his neighborhood, alternating attendance at the district school with work on the farm, and later having the advantages offered at the German Prairie schools, at the place now known as Bissell. He succeeded to the old homestead entered from the Government by his grandfather of which he owned sixty acres and which he later sold. He owns his comfortable home in Riverton, which is surrounded by three acres of land. He has lived there since April 29, 1905, when he retired from his farm. He served as School Director for seventeen years in Clear Lake Township. The Christian Church, of Riverton, holds his membership, and he is a liberal supporter of its work.

Mr. Cartmel was married, north of Springfield, February 1, 1872, to Mellison O. James, born at Laurel, Franklin County, Ind. June 30, 1852. Her father, a shoemaker, came to Springfield at an early day but after four years in that city went to Rush County, Ind., coming back to Springfield in 1870, to engage in mining. Still later the family moved to Barclay, where both parents died. Mr. James was a loyal man and served his country in both the Mexican and Civil Wars. He and his wife had nine children, seven of whom, including Mrs. Cartmel, survive. Mr. and Mrs. Cartmel became parents of seven children, five of whom are living: Margaret M., who resides at home; Bertha, wife of R. W. Beeler, lived on a farm north of Springfield, one child, Emerson C.; Myrtle, wife of Fred Todd, lives on a farm southwest of Illiopolis, one child, Mildred E.; Viora, wife of Arthur Lanham, lives on a farm at Edina, Mo.; and Ada, wife of Joseph Wilson, of Riverton, one child, Velma O. There are three grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Cartmel has every reason to be proud of his work as a farmer. Not only did he take care of his family and rear his children to be useful members of society, but he bore his part in his township and church, and laid up a competence sufficient to provide for himself and wife in their declining years, and leave a considerable estate to his heirs. When all this is the result of the patient, untiring endeavors of a man who had no advantages of wealth or position to help him, there is considerable ground for credit, and those who know Mr. Cartmel best realize that he is fully entitled to all that is accorded to him.

CARTWRIGHT, Peter. (Vol. I, p. 82.)

CARTWRIGHT, William, now living retired in his handsome home at 2140 North Ninth Street, Springfield, spent many years working at the

trade of ironworker in that city. He was born at Scranton, Pa., June 3, 1857, a son of John and Mary (Rees) Cartwright, the father a native of England and the mother of Wales. The father, also an ironworker by trade, came from England to Scranton and there the family lived many years, moving thence to Springfield in 1870. There were four sons and five daughters in the family, one child being born in England, and the following now survive: Edward, living on Ridgely Avenue, Springfield; William; Mrs. Margaret Pritchard, of Springfield and four other daughters. The parents died in Springfield.

Mr. Cartwright received his education in the public schools of Pennsylvania, supplemented by a course in the Springfield schools. He learned the trade of ironworker as a boy and followed it many years. Later he spent twenty-five years with the Devereaux Mines,, at Springfield, being company man, during this time being employed in what was then known as Ridgely. He is well known in the city, where he has many friends, and is established in the confidence of his community. He has worked hard since early youth and has endeavored to make the most of his opportunities for advancement.

Mr. Cartwright married Victoria Pritchard in March, 1876, at Springfield. She is a daughter of Thomas Pritchard and was born in Boston, Mass., September 24, 1860. Her father was a native of England and her mother of Ireland. He was an ironworker by occupation and moved from Boston to Philadelphia, where his death occurred. His widow afterwards came to Springfield and there spent the remainder of her life. To Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright twelve children were born: Mary married Thomas Miller, a member of the Springfield police force; Margaret, married Ralph Houston; Carrie, wife of Thomas Murray; Lottie, Mrs. Dapron; Daisy, wife of Carl Manley; William, Edward, Thomas, David and Leo, all at home; two died young. Those surviving are all residents of Springfield. There are twelve grandchildren in the family.

CARVER, Felix (deceased).—Many of the earlier residents of Sangamon County, who drew from its fertile soil, a comfortable fortune, have passed away, but what they accomplished still lives, and is remembered not only by their families, but the locality which they helped to make what it is today. One of these sturdy, reliable, successful farmers of the county, who prior to his death was a resident of Springfield, was Felix Carver, born in Dayton, Ohio, October 4, 1830. He was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hoover) Carver, both natives of Ohio. The boyhood of Mr. Carver was passed on his father's Ohio farm, while he attended school, and assisted in work about the home. Thus he grew up into a helpful manhood, and when he came to Sangamon County, in 1832, he was able to put into practice the knowledge he had gained in Ohio, eventualy developing a fine farm of 160 acres in Clear Lake Township. For a number of years, he served his district as School Director, and was one of the influential citizens of the township. In 1896, Mr. Carver retired from the farm, moving to Springfield, where he died, September 23, 1908, firm in the faith of the Christian Church of which he was a consistant member. His remains are interred in beautiful Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Carver was married in Springfield, January 22, 1857, to Rachel T. Donner, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hunter) Donner, both of whom are now deceased, and lie in Oak Ridge cemetery. Mrs. Carver was born in Sangamon County, May 7, 1841. She and Mr. Carver had the following family: Albert, born December 17, 1862, is married, residing at 120 West Allen street; Henry, born April 4, 1871; Frank, born March 7, 1873; Charlie V., born February 14, 1875, and Marguerite Mae, born September 16, 1878, and two who are deceased. Mrs. Carver has spent her life in Springfield and its vicinity, and owns her residence on South Second Street, where she is now enjoying the comforts her well-spent life has entitled her to. She is a charming lady, kind-hearted, devoted to her home, family and Presbyterian church, and she is honored and beloved by a wide circle of warm personal friends.

CARVER, Albert, was educated in the public schools of Sangamon County, and was graduated from the Springfield High school in June, 1885. Four years later, he was graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign, with the degree of B. S., and was selected by the faculty as one of the class orators. He went to Europe in 1891, and spent a year in post-graduate work at the University of Berlin, Germany. Returning home, he conducted a chemical laboratory in Chicago where he did all kinds of work, as a manufacturing and analytical chemist, until elected to the position of professor of chemistry and physics in the Springfield High school in the fall of 1895. He served as Assistant Principal for three years, and at present is at the head of the department of physics.

On August 12th, 1896, Professor Carver was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth C. Payran, who was one of Springfield's most efficient teachers.

CARVER, Margarite Mae, was educated in the public schools of Sangamon County, graduated from the Springfield High school in 1898. She has spent much time in travel, both in this country and Europe; taught for a number of years in the county schools, and later in the Springfield public schools. She is an active member of the First M. E. church of Springfield and resides with her mother at No. 838 South Second Street.

CARVER, Frank.—The Carvers are one of the oldest families in Sangamon County, the grandfather of Frank Carver having brought his family there before the winter of the "Deep Snow," and located in Clear Lake Township, where they

have since resided. Frank Carver was born there March 7, 1867, and is a son of Felix and Rachel (Donner) Carver, the former a native of Ohio, born near Dayton in 1827, and the latter a native of Clear Lake Township. Felix Carver accompanied his father, Jacob Carver, to Sangamon County, and lived on a farm in Clear Lake Township the remainder of his life, passing away September 24, 1908. The mother now lives on South Second Street, Springfield. There were five daughters and two sons born to Jacob Carver and wife, all of whom are now deceased. Felix Carver and wife were parents of children as follows: Elizabeth, the oldest, wife of Michael Grubb, of Riverton, now deceased; Albert, a teacher in Springfield High School; Henry, living four miles east of Springfield; Charles, of Springfield; May, wife of William Newlin, a railway mail clerk residing at Springfield; Frank, of this sketch.

Mr. Carver has spent his entire life in Clear Lake Township and has lived on his present farm of fifty acres, which he owns, for the past nineteen years. He received his education in the vicinity and worked for his father in boyhood. He is an industrious and wide-awake farmer and follows modern methods and ideas in his work. Fraternally he belongs to Mud Lake Camp No. 629, Modern Woodmen of America, of Riverton, and he and his wife are members of the Royal Neighbors. Both are members of the Christian Church.

Mr. Carver's marriage occurred in Clear Lake Township, July 9, 1890, when he was united with Christina Zorn, who was born in Gardner Township, May 20, 1873, daughter of Henry Zorn and wife, both natives of Germany. Mr. Zorn was three years of age when his parents brought him to the United States and located at St. Louis, later coming to Springfield, Ill. A short time later he removed to Salisbury Township, and lived there until thirteen years of age, then, at his mother's death, went to Havana, Ill. At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Zorn began farming in Gardner Township and continued this occupation until he moved to Springfield. His wife was brought to the United States at the age of five years. Of their children two sons and five daughters are now living: Mrs. Mary Wenneborg, wife of Otto Wenneborg, a coal operator of Farmersville, Ill.; Rose, wife of Elmer Glasebrook, of Peoria; Elma, Mabel and Leo, at home with their parents; Howard, a pharmacist of Cincinnati, Ohio. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carver, namely: Arthur, a member of the United States Marine Corps, located in the Philippine Islands; Elsie, teaching school in Menard County; Felix, Ruth, Bernard, Frank, Rachel and Violet, all at home. The family stand well in the community and have a wide circle of friends.

CARY, Albert Ross, a prosperous and well-known farmer of Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, is a native of the county, born in Rochester Township, February 23, 1859. He is a son of Samuel H. and Annie (Fogle) Cary, the former born in Delaware, November 11, 1823, and the latter born in Ohio, in 1830. As a young man Samuel H. Cary removed from Delaware to Ohio, where he was married, and later he and his wife came to Sangamon County, where he died October 17, 1900, and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Rochester Township. His wife died April 4, 1882. They came down the Ohio River from Marietta to Cairo, thence up the Mississippi to Keokuk, where they remained a short time, then came to Quincy, Ill., and later by wagon to Springfield, and spent the remainder of their lives near that city. The parents of Mr. Cary were natives of Ireland and died in Delaware, and the parents of Annie Fogle removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio and died there. Samuel H. Carey was a farmer by occupation and was successful in his operations.

Albert R. Cary attended the country schools of Cotton Hill Township and afterwards engaged in farming, which occupation he has since followed. He has spent his entire life in his native county, living first in Rochester and later in Cotton Hill Township, and has spent but little time outside the county, having made a trip to Ohio and another to Kansas. He is a useful, reliable citizen and an intelligent, energetic farmer, having the respect and esteem of all who know him. Besides his farming interests he is a stockholder in the farmers' Elevator Company, of Breckenridge. In politics he has always been a Democrat, has served as School Director and was elected Assessor two terms, but defeated for this office in 1910. He is the owner of 115 acres of land in Cotton Hill Township and takes pride in its fine condition. He is fond of his home and belongs to no fraternal societies. Though his wife is a member of the Christian Church, he is affiliated with no religious organization.

Mr. Cary was married in Cotton Hill Township, March 28, 1890, to Mamie E. Snodgrass, born in Sangamon County, June 27, 1869, daughter of William H. H. and Sarah C. (Hall) Snodgrass, farmers of Cotton Hill Township, and natives of Sangamon County and Ohio, respectively. Four children have blessed this union: Elton Ray, born in Sangamon County, April 12, 1891; Don Floyd, November 25, 1893; Ada Bell, June 11, 1900; Clarence Ross, August 11, 1909.

CASLICK, Nicholas, a retired farmer living at 1115 North Fifteenth Street, Springfield, Ill., was born in Jersey County, Ill., October 10, 1844, and spent his early years on his father's farm receiving his education principally in the public schools. He is a son of Nicholas and Madeline (Garber) Caslick, both natives of Switzerland, the father born in 1799 and the mother in 1812. The father came to America in 1823 and the mother about the same time.

He lived in Jersey County until his death, in November, 1864, and his widow also died on the farm there in 1893.

As a boy Nicholas Caslick learned the details of farming and he followed this occupation most of his active life. Soon after leaving school he entered the army, and in 1866 left the service then began farming at Grafton, Ill., where he lived until 1892, then moved to Edgar, Neb., and thence to Springfield in 1906, retiring from active life. He was an enterprising and successful farmer and was able to retire from active life in 1906. He owns the home where he resides and is highly respected in his community.

Mr. Caslick served in the Civil War, joining Company K, Ninety-seventh Illinois Infantry, and being later transferred to Company C, Thirty-seventh Illinois Infantry, which regiment spent the latter part of its services in Texas, being mustered out at Houston, that State, in May, 1866, and finally discharged in Springfield on the last day of that month. They had traveled 17,000 miles, nearly 3,300 of it by marching. He participated in the battles of Vicksburg, Spanish Fort and others, and made an excellent record as a soldier. He joined the G. A. R. in 1875. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows, which he joined in 1870; in religious views is a Methodist and in politics is a stanch Republican. He is a man of good habits and undoubted honesty and integrity. Though well along in years he is as erect of bearing as in his youth. He is fond of outdoor exercise and as a boy was much interested in ball-playing. He is very fond of his home and children and greatly enjoys the society of his friends.

Mr. Caslick was married, in Grafton, Jersey County, Ill., December 2, 1868, to Miss Vrania Journey, who was born in Virginia, in 1850, daughter of Samuel and Vrania Journey, both natives of France. She knows very little of her parents or ancestry. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Caslick: Effie E. born November 10, 1873; William N., born in 1876; Katherine, December 7, 1880; Velma A., November 26, 1882; Ina G., Arthur H; Edith A., born September 26, 1889; Carrie T., November 17, 1891.

CASSERLEIGH, Peter, of Springfield, a veteran of the Civil War and a highly respected citizen, was born in Dublin, Ireland, June 18, 1844, son of Peter and Marie (Gorman) Casserleigh. The father was a Queen's Counsellor in Ireland and in 1857 came to the United States, settling in Lincoln, Ill., where he died soon after. Peter Casserleigh, Sr., was a son of Bernard Casserleigh, who was connected with the Courts in Dublin. He was married in Dublin and his wife died before he came to the United States. They were parents of seven children: James, Peter, Bernard, John, Susan, Maria and Ellen, all of whom came to the United States excepting James, who died in Australia, about 1880. Of the others, three are living: John, Peter and Maria.

Peter Casserleigh, Jr., was educated in Ireland and Illinois and lived in Lincoln with his father until thirteen years of age, then came to Springfield and learned the trade of printer, which he had begun on the "Lincoln Herald," in Lincoln. He worked first on a Springfield evening paper known as the "Perfectly Independent," and was employed on various papers in the city until the Civil War, when he enlisted. Though badly crippled he has been hard-working and industrious, in spite of much suffering. At present he is in the employ of the "Illinois State Journal," and was for fifteen years employed on this paper while Mr. Paul Selby conducted it. Mr. Casserleigh is liked by all his employers and is a faithful, conscientious worker, who is determined to perform his full share of work and earn his own way in the world.

July 15, 1861, Mr. Casserleigh enlisted in Company A, Thirty-eighth Illinois Infantry, being mustered in at Camp Butler, under Captain Henry A. Alden, and served nearly three years. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., where he received his final discharge. Mr. Casserleigh was wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga, was sent to the hospital at Nashville, where he remained nine months, his term of enlistment expiring while he was still there and was discharged July 15, 1864. He carried a bullet in his right hip for twenty-three years afterwards. He received three wounds and spent the night on the field of battle, weak from his injuries and without food for twenty-four hours, then was taken in a wagon eleven miles over a rough road to Chattanooga, where he was put in a field hospital and remained five weeks before he was sent to Nashville. He took part in the Battle of Fredericktown (Mo.), and was then appointed Sergeant of Signal Corps. He was with the army in the advance to Pea Ridge, took part in battles at Brownsville (Tenn.), Shiloh, Siege of Corinth, Iuka, Liberty Gap, Ringgold (Ga.), Chickamauga and many skirmishes, besides being sent on many scouting expeditions. He is one of the original members of the G. A. R. and has a copy of the first Constitution published by the organization.

Mr. Casserleigh was married, at Springfield, December 22, 1866, to Miss Hallie Metcalf, born in Waverly, Ill., April 14, 1849, daughter of Dr. John and Mary (Wyeth) Metcalf. Her Grandfather Metcalf was at one time a large slave holder and in later life located at Greenfield, Ill., where he died. Dr. John Metcalf came to Illinois in an early day, became a highly respected citizen of Waverly, and died in Galveston, Tex., in 1858. His father was a native of Kentucky. Mary Wyeth was a daughter of George Wyeth, and was born July 3, 1819. George Wyeth was a native of Pennsylvania and a successful business man and banker. He came to Illinois and died there. Dr. John Metcalf

and his wife were married at Manchester, Ill., and became parents of seven children: Julia, Edwin, George, Hallie, Fredericka, Richard and John. Mrs. Metcalf's father was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and his wife was a niece of Robert Fulton, who gave her a silver spoon which is now a valued possession of Mrs. Casserleigh. Mr. Casserleigh and his wife had six children, all of whom survive: George Marcy, born in Springfield, February 29, 1869, married Maude Claybaugh, of New Orleans, where they live, and they have two children—Hallie and Henry; Elmer Ellsworth, born in Tallula, Ill., June 2, 1870, married Viola Irwin, of Springfield, where they live, and they have one child, Ellsworth; Percy Ashton, born in Springfield, October 8, 1875, lives at home; Henry B., born in Springfield, November 25, 1876, married Lettie Black, of White Hall, and they live in Springfield and have one child, Catherine; John Metcalf, born in Springfield, March 1, 1880, is unmarried and lives in Colorado; Hallie, born in Springfield, October 30, 1889, lives with her parents.

At the close of the war Mr. Casserleigh located in Waverly, Ill., where he lived until after his marriage, then returned to Springfield, where he has since lived most of the time. He and his family are members of the Christian Church. He is a Republican in politics and one of the original members of the Typographical Union. He was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows. The family reside at 320 South Second Street.

CATLIN, Malcolm, a general farmer and stockman of Section 20, Gardner Township, was born in St. Louis, Mo., April 8, 1871, a son of Ephraim Catlin and his wife Metella who bore the same name and was a distant relation. The father still resides in St. Louis. For a number of years he was a druggist, and then began gaining control of the Catlin Tobacco Co., founded by his father, Daniel Catlin. For years, he was the leading factor in its large operations, and still retains a heavy block of its stock. He was prominent in financial circles for a long period, and is still active in some lines. Losing his first wife about 1872, he married again, his second wife being Camila Kayser, by whom he had two children: Ephraim and Emilie, both married, the latter to Arthur Sheppley of St. Louis.

Malcolm Catlin was the only child of his father's first marriage and was but a year old when he lost his mother, so his grandmother took charge of him and he was brought to Gardner Township and reared among healthy country surroundings, attending the district school. Later, he went to the Western Military Academy at Alton, Ill., and after a six years' course, came back and for two years assisted in caring for the farm. On October 21, 1896, he was married to Laura Cresswell, born in Loami Township, December 16, 1869, daughter of John C. and Mary A. (Gibson) Cresswell. David C. Gibson was one of the first settlers of that part of the county. John C. Cresswell was born near Carlinville, Ill., and at an early day moved to the vicinity of Loami. He came of Scotch ancestry. His death occurred about 1876, while his widow survived him until 1891, both dying on their farm. They had five children: Catherine, died in infancy; Alice married James L. Buckley of Arms Pass, Tex., issue,—Blanch, Dalmer and Norman; David E., married, issue,—Bertha L.; Lizzie, married Eugene Champlain of Chicago, issue,—Alfred H., Percy C. and Bessie E., and Mrs. Catlin.

On their wedding day Mr. and Mrs. Catlin came direct to their present beautiful home on Section 20, Gardner Township, comprising eighty-two acres of well cultivated land. Mr. Catlin is a practical farmer and makes a specialty of experimenting with new varieties of seeds, believing that no seed is too good or too high priced for his purposes. His abundant crops testify to the wisdom of his methods. Mr. and Mrs. Catlin have two children: Malcolm, born February 3, 1898; Carmella Marie, born May 28, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Catlin have affiliated with the Presbyterian Church of Farmingdale, Ill. A stanch Republican, he has served his party for a number of years as School Director. The people of his district owe him a heavy debt for his endeavors to secure the best teachers for the children, for he believes in giving to them every educational advantage that lies within the province of the Board. Such men as he make up the great backbone of the nation, and his influence for good is widespread.

CHAMBERS, James, Jr. (deceased), who for twenty-five years operated his farm near Curran, Sangamon County, was prominent in his community and interested in its welfare and progress. He was a successful farmer and devoted himself assiduously to developing his farm and bringing it to a high state of cultivation. He was born in Maryland, February 25, 1812, son of James and Mary E. Chambers, the former also a native of Maryland. The parents were farmers.

After obtaining an education in the public schools of his native State, James Chambers, Jr., helped with the work on his father's farm, living with his parents until he moved west and settled on a farm in Sangamon County, Ill. He was a man of quiet habits, cared nothing for public office, and was not connected with any fraternal orders. In politics he was a Republican and in religious matters was a prominent member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Chambers married, in Springfield, Ill., March 30, 1852, Miss Mary Lee, who was born in Dover, Del., whose father was a farmer near Dover. Six children were born to Mr. Chambers and his wife, namely: Luella, born January 8, 1855, is unmarried and resides at Morrisonville, Ill.; Mrs. Nellie Bilderbach, born October 13, 1856, is a widow and resides at 1501 South College Street, Springfield; Alice, born October 4,

1858; Mary Emma, born June 22, 1860; Lydia, born November 9, 1863, deceased; James Williams, born July 31, 1866. Mr. Chambers died April 22, 1871, and was buried in a private burying-ground near Curran. He left a widow and six children on his farm near Curran. Mrs. Chambers is also deceased. They were well known and highly respected members of society and representative of the best interests of their community, their greatest public service being to rear their six children to honorable man and womanhood.

CHAPMAN, J. S.—Retirement from any line of active endeavor does not necessarily mean a cessation of interest in the progress of events, but often rather the securing of leisure for more intelligent study of civic matters. One of the substantial citizens of Springfield is J. S. Chapman, a retired engineer, residing at No. 116 South State street. He was born in Greene County, Pa., April 15, 1829, a son of John and Permelia (Rice) Chapman, natives of Lancaster, Pa., and Virginia. The father farmed in Greene County, Pa., for many years, but later moved to Wayne County, Ind., engaging there for two years in farming, when he went to Madison County, Ind., to follow his trade of brick mason. There he spent two years more, then came to Sangamon County, which continued his home until his death, the mother having died in Madison County. There were six sons and six daughters in the family, of whom three children survive: Abijah, of Ottawa, Kan., aged eighty-eight years; Stephen G., of Pueblo, Cal., aged eighty-six years, and J. S. John Chapman was in the War of 1812, while Abijah Chapman was in the Mexican and Civil wars. The great-grandfather, Stephen Gilbert, was a Revolutionary soldier, serving under General Washington. His wife, Rachel Gilbert, lived to be 115 years of age. On the maternal side of the house the ancestors originated in Scotland, and on the father's side in Germany.

J. S. Chapman was educated in the subscription schools of Madison County, Ind., and during his boyhood worked on the farm, thus continuing until sixteen years old. He then began working on the Indianapolis & Madison Railroad as switchman. Later he became fireman, but left to engage with the Indianapolis & Bellefontaine Railroad for seven years. His next employment was with the Pennsylvania Railroad as engineer, but two years later he went with the Indianapolis & Pennsylvania Railroad for a year. He was with the Wabash Railroad, running from Fort Wayne and remained with that company for three years. At the time the Great Western Railroad was in course of construction, he came to Illinois by the stage route. An uncle of his, Stephen D. Gilbert, then controlled many stage routes in the western country, and Mr. Chapman accepted a position with the Great Western Railroad as engineer. After three years in the employ of that company he began in Old Berlin, thus continuing until the spring of 1860, when, stimulated with the idea of western migration, he went to Pike's Peak, where he prospected with remarkable success. After a year there, satisfied with the results of his trip, he returned as far as Omaha, Neb., and enlisted in the Twenty-fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry. After a service of five months he returned to Old Berlin to resume his farming. He continued farming there two years, then settled on a farm west of Springfield, where he remained seven years. His next change was made when he moved to Menard County to farm for two years. Mr. Chapman then bought a saw-mill at Peoria, conducting it for four years, then located near Monroe City, Mo., but after two years there moved to Athens, Menard County, where he had the misfortune to lose his wife. He remained at Athens for six years, then came to Springfield where he has since lived, and is now making his home with his son. He is a Republican, and was at one time Deputy Sheriff in Sangamon County and for sixteen years served as Constable.

On February 14, 1864, Mr. Chapman was married on the line between Morgan and Sangamon Counties, to Susan M. Auberry, born in Kentucky, February 8, 1839, a daughter of John Auberry, born in Kentucky, as was his wife. A farmer, he came to Sangamon County in hopes of bettering his condition, locating near Loami, where his wife died, and he died in 1864. He and his wife had three sons and three daughters, two of whom survive: George Auberry, of Iowa, and Mrs. Sarah McDaniels, of Kansas. Mrs. Chapman died in November, 1894. She and her husband had seven children, three of whom are now living: John, a hoisting engineer, of Springfield, married Rachel Jordan, born in Menard County, six children—Forest, Eunice, Otho, Eva M., Gladys and Dorothy E.; William E., a hoisting engineer, of Zeigler, Ill., and Jacob, of Zeigler.

CHESNUT, John A. (Vol. I, p. 89.)

CHILD, John L.—One of the oldest settlers of Sangamon County, is John L. Child, now living retired from active life at his beautiful home at 547 West South Grand Avenue, Springfield. Mr. Child came to Illinois at the age of five years, in 1833, and has resided in Sangamon County seventy-six years. He was born at Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., March 23, 1829, son of Stephen and Hannah (Lyman) Child, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New York. The father of Mrs. Child, John Lyman, was a Surgeon in the War of 1812.

Stephen Child, with his wife and children, accompanied a party consisting of fourteen families, from New York to Sangamon County, Ill., the journey extending over a period of eight weeks. They held services each Sunday while on the way, having a clergyman in their party, and all came direct to Sangamon Town, where they settled. Mr. Child built a house out on the prairie and founded the Town of Farmington,

now known as Farmingdale. Stephen Child was engaged in farming all his life, and both he and his wife died on his farm near Farmingdale. They were the parents of four children, of whom but three now survive, namely: Stephen, living at Farmingdale; Mrs. Martha Anderson, of Richland, and John L.

John L. Child was educated at Farmingdale, and after leaving school worked for his father. He was engaged in farming all his life until about ten years since, when he moved to Springfield and retired from active life. He was energetic and industrious, careful in the management of his affairs, and possessed considerable business ability, so that he was able to accumulate considerable property, owning a farm at Farmingdale, the house where he resides, and other property. He and his wife enjoy good health and are highly esteemed by their many friends. They attended the funeral of Abraham Lincoln and both remember him well. They also attended the first State Fair held in Illinois. They have witnessed many changes in Sangamon County and have been greatly interested in the progress of the county. Mrs. Child is a member of the Christian Church and Mr. Child is a stanch Republican, having always supported the principles of that party.

The marriage of Mr. Child occurred at Richland, Ill., when he was united with Mary E. Anderson, who was born there April 17, 1836. Her father, General Moses K. Anderson, was born near Bowling Green, Ky., November 11, 1803, and married in 1827, Miss Cassarilla, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Stroud, of Dickson County, Tenn. After their marriage they came to Sangamon County, where Mrs. Anderson died, in 1850, leaving six daughters and three sons. Mr. Anderson married (second) his first wife's sister, who was a mother to his children, and she died in 1880. He located in Cartwright Township and accumulated seven hundred acres of land, where he remained until 1860, then moved to Springfield. Soon after the Black Hawk War he was elected Brigadier General of the State Militia, and at the removal of the capital to Springfield, in 1839, Gen. Anderson was appointed by Gov. Carlin, Adjutant General, which office he filled from 1839-57, and during this time rode horseback from Sangamon County to Nauvoo, Ill., the seat of the "Mormon War." Gen. Anderson also served as Justice of the Peace twenty-eight years, and held various other local offices. He died in Springfield and those of his children who survive are: Mrs. Child; Melinda E., Mrs. Joseph Potter, of Jacksonville, Ill.; Marena E., Mrs. William P. Mitchell, of Springfield, and George W., of Enid, Okla. Gen. Anderson was a member of the well-known "Snow Bird" Club.

Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Child, namely: Frank and Charles, both engaged in farming. There are five grand-children and one grand-daughter lives with Mr. Child and his wife in Springfield.

CHILDERS, John.—It will not be long before the Grand Army of the Republic will be represented only by spirit processions which ought to pass with each Decoration Day before the mind's eyes of the rising generations. Each year finds the ranks sadly depleted. Many of the old soldiers would have lived longer had it not been for injuries to body and health received during those wonderful campaigns which will go down into history as the greatest ever planned and executed by man. One of those yet left is John Childers, of Springfield, born in Knoxville, Tenn., in July, 1835. He is a son of Isaac and Lottie (Lewis) Childers, both born in Tennessee. The grandfather on the paternal side of the house was a prominent divine of the Methodist Church in Scott County, Ill. When John Childers was but a child his parents moved to Christian County, Ill., and here he grew to manhood, alternating attendance at the district school with assisting his father, who was a farmer. He remained at home until the outbreak of the Civil War.

In 1862 Mr. Childers enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Sixteenth Illinois Infantry, participating in the engagements at Holly Springs, Mulligan Bend, Little Rock, Siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Lookout Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, the Seven Days Battle of the Wilderness, and was with Sherman on his famous March to the Sea and back through the Carolinas, as well as in other battles of less importance, being mustered out in 1865, at Washington, D. C., and discharged at Camp Butler, Springfield. He belongs to Stephenson Post, G. A. R., and is one of its enthusiastic members. The Methodist Church claims his membership and support. He is a stanch Republican, feeling that he can do no less than uphold the principles of the party founded by the great Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Childers was married in Girard, Ill., in July, 1865, after his return from the war to Hattie Sparks, born at Jacksonville, Ill. Her father served with distinction during the Civil War. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Childers: William, Susie, Frank, Jessie, Oliver, Pearl and Grace, all of whom survive. Mr. Childers has devoted himself to farming with considerable success, but is now retired, living in Springfield. His life has been a full one and he has never forgotten the stirring days when so much depended upon him and his fellow privates. Without the privates, none of the battles could have been won, no matter how skillful the generals, consequently, to them belongs the major part of the honor of the successful termination of the struggle.

CHILDERS, William.—Owing to its location, Springfield is a great distributing market for points all over the State, as well as to those lying outside. The immense rich farming regions lying contiguous to the city pour into it vast quantities of products of all kinds, the

handling and shipping of which engage the ability and energy of many of our leading men. Through them and their progressive spirit in meeting demands of outside markets, the stock business has reached immense proportions, and one who controls a large volume of it here is William Childers, who has had a long and varied experience in this line of endeavor. He was born near Springfield, in Sangamon County, August 7, 1869, being a son of John and Hattie (Sparks) Childers, the former born on a farm in Tennessee in 1837, and the latter on her father's farm, in Macoupin County, Ill., in 1845. The parents were farming people and attained a fair measure of prosperity. John Childers proved his loyalty to the Union by serving in Company H, One Hundred and Sixteenth Illinois Volunteers, for a period of three years.

William Childers was educated in the country schools of Sangamon County, and when he left school first worked for his father. Later he left the farm to engage with Cudahy Packing Company, as manager, holding this responsible position for five years and gaining a remarkable insight into the stock business during this period. His interests were thus enlisted in stock dealing and he left the company to go into business for himself, now being one of the largest operators in his line in this part of Illinois. In 1905 Mr. Childers was appointed Deputy Sheriff and for three and one-half years efficiently acted in that capacity, gaining an intimate appreciation of the duties pertaining to the office. In the fall of 1910 he was a candidate for the office of Sheriff. Having always been a resident of Sangamon County, Mr. Childers' whole interest is centered there, and he has its welfare deeply at heart. His political views have never changed from the time he cast his first vote for a Republican candidate.

When he was nineteen years old Mr. Childers was married in Springfield to Mary Anderson, born in Morgan County, Ill., in 1871. Her father was Roadmaster of West Division of the Wabash Railroad for eighteen years, and one of the most reliable men of that service. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Childers: May, aged seventeen, and Cecelia, aged eleven years. Mr. Childers comes of German descent and appears to have inherited many of the sturdy virtues of that people, whose industry, intelligence and thrift are known the world over. In all of his business relations he has shown shrewdness and keen insight into existing conditions, and his success has been the result of his own unaided efforts. He and his wife are deservedly popular in Springfield, where they have a host of friends, all of whom they welcome at their delightful home.

CHRISTMAN, Peter (deceased), who was for many years successfully engaged in gardening in Springfield, Ill., was born in Betrea, Germany, in 1824. His parents were natives of Germany, who spent their entire lives there. Peter Christman was educated in the public schools and became employed in the vineyards near his home, where he learned the business which he followed all his life. He was married, at Betrea, Germany, March 19, 1863, to Lena Gorlans, also a native of Betrea, born June 22, 1837, one of three children. A brother of Mrs. Christman came to America and died here in 1891.

Mr. and Mrs. Christman sailed for America in April, 1864, landing in New York in May, and came direct to Springfield, where he engaged in business and became very successful. He was thorough master of his line and was fortunate in his investments, becoming the owner of several pieces of property in Springfield, including the family home on South Eleventh Street, where his widow now resides. He was a Democrat in politics and interested in the welfare and progress of his community. Both he and his wife became members of SS. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church and were much interested in its good work.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Christman, one son and two daughters, namely: Lena married Joseph Lorscheider, who is a contractor and builder of Springfield, and they have three children, two daughters and one son; Marie married William Esslinger, a brick mason of Springfield; and Nicholas, who lives with his mother. Mrs. Christman has five grandchildren and one great grandchild—Helen Lorscheider, Mr. Christman died at his home in Springfield, February 8, 1884. He was a kind husband and father and a true, sincere friend, who tried to do his duty in all things. His widow has shown good management in the conduct of her affairs and has won the esteem of all who know her.

CLANCY, Michael, who has for the past thirty-seven years resided at his present home at No. 206 West Mason Street, Springfield, Ill., was for many years in the employ of the city, but now lives retired from active life. Mr. Clancy was born in County Waterford, Ireland, September 29, 1844, son of James and Ellen (Murray) Clancy, both natives of Ireland, where they spent their lives on a farm in County Waterford.

The education of Michael Clancy was received in his native county and upon leaving school he helped his father on the farm until attaining his majority, then emigrated to America, landing at New York City. He lived in New York for a time, then proceeded to Springfield, his home since. He has been successful in his private enterprises and besides his home owns two other properties in Springfield. He has the ability and sterling qualities requisite for business success and has also been able to win and retain many warm friends. He was employed by the City of Springfield in various capacities and gave most satisfactory service. In politics he is a Democrat and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, being connected with St. Agnes Parish and giving his

support to the work of the church. He is not connected with any fraternal organizations, being of quiet habits and fond of home life.

Mr. Clancy was married in Springfield, April 19, 1872, to Miss Ellen Sullivan, also a native of County Waterford, Ireland, whose parents were farmers and spent their entire lives in Ireland. Five children, three sons and two daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clancy, two of whom are now living. The son, James, lives at Lincoln, Ill., where he has charge of a Department of the State School for Feeble-minded Children, and the daughter, Ellen, married Edward Tobin, a horse-shoer of Springfield, and they live with her father.

CLAPP, Charles Franklin, City Comptroller of the City of Springfield, Illinois, was born on a farm near Bement, Piatt County, Illinois, July 29, 1867, a son of James M. and Emily J. (Crain) Clapp. His father was born at Grandview, Edgar County, Illinois, March 7, 1841, and his mother was born near Bement February 17, 1847. The Clapps are of German descent and were early settlers of Illinois. James M. Clapp was educated at Mattoon, Illinois, and for a number of years was employed at the grain elevators and in the baggage department of the Illinois Central Railroad Company at that place. He subsequently carried on farming near Bement, until he enlisted in July, 1862, in Company H. 107th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in on September 2, 1862, at Camp Butler, near Springfield, Ill. After serving eighteen months, he was discharged on account of sickness and disability and returned to Bement in December, 1863, where he again engaged in farming, and on March 29, 1864, was married to Emily J. Crain. He has had a very successful life as a farmer and in a general mercantile business at Bement, and later at Atwood, Ill., where he now resides, having retired from active pursuits. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post at that place, belongs to the Anti-Horse Thief Association, is a member of the Church of Christ, in politics is a Democrat, and has served one or two terms as Mayor of Atwood. He and his wife are the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters: Charles F.; James Albert, a farmer living a half mile north of Atwood; Martha Elizabeth, wife of John H. Richey, a farmer living five miles northwest of Atwood; Catherine, wife of William R. Harshbarger, connected with the Illinois Traction Company and living at Decatur, Illinois; Edward S., a mechanic living at Atwood; and William Lester, a farmer living five miles northwest of Atwood.

Charles F. Clapp received his first schooling at Bement, Ill., and later attended the district school in the country until sixteen years of age when he entered the High School at Atwood. After graduating from High School, he spent two more years on the farm and then entered the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois, from which he was graduated with high honors, and for six years taught in its various departments, the last two years as Principal of the Advance Bookkeeping Department, and has always had recognized ability in the line of bookkeeping, becoming an expert accountant, whose services were most valuable to any business firm. Upon giving up the profession of teacher, he accepted a position with the International Rock Plaster Company, of New York, as bookkeeper for their branch factory at Decatur, Illinois, resigning this position one year later to engage in a general merchandising business with his father in Atwood, Illinois. One year later he accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Western Manufacturing Company at Kansas City, Mo., resigning this position two years later to accept a position with the Sattly Manufacturing Company of Springfield, Ill., at their Kansas City Branch. Eighteen months later he was called to their home office at Springfield, where he organized and took charge of their billing department until the Company was consolidated with the Racine Wagon & Carriage Company of Racine, Wisconsin, when he was given the position of head bookkeeper or chief accountant at the Springfield office. He was in the employ of this company for about fourteen years, resigning his position to accept the office he now holds as Comptroller of the City of Springfield.

Mr. Clapp owns a half interest in the Grocery Business of Harris & Clapp, 1015 West Lawrence Avenue. His partner, Mr. E. B. Harris, is now serving his second term as president of the Springfield Retail Grocers Association. Mr. Clapp was instrumental in organizing the Springfield Accountant's Association in 1908, and was its first president. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and Sons of Veterans. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and at the primaries, February 28, 1911, was a candidate for the nomination for the office of City Commissioner, there being one hundred and nine in the race with only eight to be nominated. He did not succeed in getting the nomination but left ninety behind him. While living in Atwood, he served one term as Village Treasurer. He is a member of the Christian Church and an active supporter of its cause.

At Monticello, Illinois, December 7, 1902, Mr. Clapp married Miss Irene Twyman of Springfield, Ill., who was born there September 18, 1880, daughter of Samuel H. and Susan A. (Place) Twyman, the father born in Henderson County, Kentucky, and the mother at Adrian, Michigan. Mr. Twyman and wife have had four children: Luella, deceased; Henry P., manager and proprietor of The Daily News, Paris, Illinois; Leo P., city salesman for the Cable Piano Company, Chicago; and Irene, (Mrs. Clapp.) Mr. Twyman's father was also a native of Kentucky, and the Places were an old family among the early settlers of New York State. Mr. Twyman was a Republican

and took an active interest in city politics, holding various positions; was Mayor Pro Tem for a period of five or six months, and was an Alderman at the time of his death.

Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Clapp, the first two being twins, son and daughter, and died in infancy; and Charles Franklin, Jr., born January 27, 1910, Mrs. Clapp is a member of, and an enthusiastic worker in the interests of the Christian Church, and for several years taught in the Sunday School, during most of which time she was also Chorister in the Sunday School and sang for a while in the church choir. Mr. Clapp's home, at 1229 North Eighth Street, which was erected by him, shows his good taste in its location, architecture and finish.

CLARK, Edward O., one of the oldest native-born residents of Sangamon County, was born near Williamsville, December 3, 1831, a son of Oramel and Jane (Stewart) Clark, both of whom were natives of St. Lawrence County, N. Y. The parents came to Illinois in 1818 and soon afterwards the father erected a blacksmith shop at Athens, where he lived several years. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. The Clark family later moved to a farm near Williamsville and there the mother died in 1832. They lived on the farm until 1855, the father also conducting a blacksmith shop, then they located in Springfield, where he purchased property at the corner of Ninth and Edwards Streets, and there he spent his remaining days. There were several children in the family, and there are two sons now surviving, Edward O. and William A., the latter a resident of San Diego, Calif., where he went at an early day. The father was married a second time and four daughters were born to this union.

During his boyhood Edward O. Clark attended the country schools near his father's home, and he worked on the home farm until he was twenty-three years of age, then moved to Macoupin County and there carried on farming on his own account for twenty-five years. He conducted a hotel at Carlinville eleven years and in 1885 came to Springfield, where he conducted a hotel two years and then retired from active business life. He has many friends in the city and is a representative, useful citizen. He has voted the Republican ticket since the inception of that party and has never been too ill to attend the polls on election day. He and his wife were firm friends of Abraham Lincoln, who visited their home many times. He has a pleasant home at 931 East Cass Street, Springfield, where he has lived several years. He is a member of the Methodist Church. He has a clear memory of early times and conditions in Sangamon County and has been a witness of many changes and improvements there.

February 14, 1851, Mr. Clark was married at Waverly, Ill., to Miss Virginia F. Harris, a native of Jacksonville, Ill., born March 8, 1835. She is a daughter of Thomas R. and Eliza (Fry) Harris, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. Mr. Harris came to Waverly in 1834 and there for many years conducted a tannery and became a large landowner, having first entered land from the Government. Both he and his wife died at Waverly. They were parents of four daughters and three sons, of whom two daughters now survive: Mrs. Mary E. Rynders of Waverly, and Mrs. Clark. The oldest son, John L., served in the Civil War and was killed at the Battle of Shiloh; Sidney T. was the second son; William J. also served in the war, and all three are now deceased. One child was born to Mr. Clark and wife, Etta C., married Samuel Lewis, and both are now deceased, leaving one son, Edward Clark Lewis, who served in the Spanish-American War.

CLARK, Henry R. (deceased).—The pioneers of Illinois laid the people of this mighty Commonwealth under heavy obligation to them, for without their brave efforts present conditions would have never been developed. Sangamon County is proud to honor the names of those who came here at an early day and, enduring the hardships incident to the time and locality, gradually subdued the wilderness and produced well-cultivated farms and flourishing towns. One of the men who was thus representative was Henry R. Clark, for some years before his death a retired farmer of Riverton, born in Rye, England, April 14, 1819, a son of Philip and Mary (Gavitt) Clark. Philip Clark was born in England, March 25, 1789, while his wife was a native of Paris, France.

Philip Clark was a seaman and during one of his voyages landed in Boston, in 1817. So pleased was he that he remained in that city for several weeks, then traveled by land to New Orleans. He returned to England, but with the intention of returning, which he did in 1818, landing in Baltimore. From there he went to Pittsburg, and thence once more to New Orleans. After a short stay in the Delta City, he went to New Harmony, Ind., and from there, after a short stay, to Illinois. His next change was made when he moved on to St. Louis, but he remained there only a short time, traveling back across country to Sangamon County, where, conditions suiting him, he located near Rochester, in November, 1819, and sent for his family to join him in the new home. This family had been augmented during his absence by the birth of Henry R., one of five children born to his parents, namely: Mary E., Philip, Margaret, Selina and Henry R. The father of this family was one of the very early settlers of this county, and reared his family to work hard and appreciate the advantages offered by their new home.

Henry R. Clark was educated in the primitive log schools of his neighborhood, and became a sturdy son of the soil, gaining his living by tilling the land. His early life was spent in Clear Lake Township, and at one time

he was very active in its agricultural life. Up to the time of his death, at the advanced age of ninty-one years, he was still interested in farm matters. He enlisted at Springfield, September 1, 1861, in Company B, Tenth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, serving all through the war as a wagon master, being mustered out at Camp Butler. At one time in his career Mr. Clark was a millwright and he owned the first mill built in Sangamon County.

The present marriage of Mr. Clark occurred September 9, 1868, to Rebecca A. Tucker, born August 19, 1843, in Bedford, Ky. Her parents came to Warren County, Ill., locating near Galesburg, in 1845, remaining there for nine years, but later going to Missouri, which continued their home. In 1862, the disturbances there resulted in their going to Scotland County, Mo., where they remained, the father passing away in that locality when sixty-six years of age, the mother living to be seventy-five years old. Mrs. Clark is a most charming lady, who presides over her home with dignity and true housewifely skill. Mr. Clark was married before, in Sangamon County, in 1842, to Jane Trotter, who bore him two children: Thomas B., a farmer of Clear Lake Township, and Emma J., wife of J. E. Butler, a farmer of the same township.

For many years Mr. Clark had been a member of Stephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R. He was a Methodist in religious faith. The Republican party always held his fealty. He was well acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and imbibed his political opinions from that fountainhead, considering him the greatest man of his time. Mr. Clark was one of the most representative men belonging to the pioneer class of Sangamon County, and his recollections of early days were very interesting and valuable. He died February 3, 1911, being nearly ninety-two years of age.

CLARK, James L., (deceased).—The late James L. Clark, of Springfield, Ill., well known as an honored veteran of the Civil War, and a most upright, public-spirited citizen, was highly esteemed by his many friends and acquaintances. Those who knew him best were impressed with his innate goodness of heart and his generosity, and will long remember this kindly, charitable gentleman. He was a most loving husband and father, a man of quiet, industrious habits, and also very fond of the companionship of his friends. He was an ardent Republican all his life, and was very active in the interests of his party, having been several times honored by election to offices of honor or trust. Mr. Clark was successful in a financial way and his principal occupation was hotel-keeping. He was born in Arcadia, Morgan County, Ill., December 10, 1838, son of Daniel and Mary (Peas) Clark, both natives of the State of New York. The father was a steamboat captain and brought the first boat that sailed up the Illinois River to what is now Beardstown, he later becoming one of the early settlers of Morgan County.

The early education of James L. Clark was acquired in his native county and he attended school some time, at Jacksonville. Upon leaving school, he became employed as clerk. He was a young man of sober, industrious habits, and was well liked by his employers. He lived in Springfield at the time of his marriage, but in 1882 moved from there to Ashland, Ill., where he conducted a hotel several years. While living in Ashland, he was elected President of the Village Board on the Republican ticket, serving three terms in this office, and also received the appointment of Postmaster there, under President Harrison. In 1890, Mr. Clark returned to Springfield and engaged in conducting a hotel, in which business he remained until three years prior to his death. He was well informed on every detail of his business, and through his personal supervision of the various departments of his establishment, won a reputation for a well-kept hotel that assured his financial success.

August 17, 1861, Mr. Clark enlisted in Company D, Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Berlin, Ill., for service in the Civil War, and was mustered out at Springfield July 22, 1865, with rank of Corporal. He was a member of Stephenson Post G. A. R., in which he had served in every office from Guard to Post Commander, and was also a member of the Union Veterans' Union, of which he at one time served as Colonel. He was also a member of the I. O. O. F., being a Past Noble Grand of Oak Lodge, of Ashland, Ill., where he had filled the various officers' chairs, and he had been affiliated with the order within a few months of a quarter century.

Mr. Clark was married in Springfield, March 1, 1870, to Mary Elizabeth Brewer, born in Lexington, Ky., daughter of William E. and Martha A. (Wells) Brewer, natives respectively of Beardstown Ky., and Marion, Ky. Mrs. Clark's grandfather Wells, was killed by the Indians during an Indian war and her great-grandfather Brewer was killed in the Revolution. Three children were born to Mr. Clark and wife, namely: Martha Ann, born April 10, 1873, died at the age of three months; Lucinda, born December 18, 1875, is the wife of J. A. Reynick, a native of Galena, Ill., and now in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company at Bloomington, where they reside; Isabel, born May 5, 1877, died at the age of five months. Mrs. Clark owns her home at 206 West Capitol Avenue and also owns a residence at 329 South Spring Street, Springfield. She is prominent in social circles and is at present serving as Past Department President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and is also a member of the National Staff of the order. She is Chaplain of Triple Link Rebekah Lodge No. 577; ex-Treasurer of Royal Neighbors Camp No. 113; ex-President of the Patriotic Daughters of America, Camp No. 3;

has held all the offices in Gov. Tanner Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., of which she is now Conductor; is a member and was a delegate to the National Convention of the auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans. She is interested in the good work of all these orders, and contributes her full share towards their success. Mr. Clark died September 8, 1907, aged sixty-eight years, seven months and twenty-eight days, and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was an earnest an devout member of the Methodist Church.

CLASPILL, Samuel H., a substantial and representative citizen of Springfield, Ill., has lived for the past forty-five years in his comfortable home at 409 West Capitol Avenue. He was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, October 30, 1826, son of Basil C. and Anna (Allemong) Claspill, both natives of Virginia. The father was a blacksmith by trade and brought his family to Ohio in 1820, living ten years in Hamilton County. He then moved to Dearborn County, Ind., and lived there forty years, dying there in 1859. His widow survived him many years and died at the age of ninety-three in 1885, in Wisconsin, being buried in the cemetery at Riverside, Appleton, Wis. Of the seven children born to Basil Claspill and his wife, Samuel H. is the only one who survives.

The education of Samuel H. Claspill was acquired in the country schools of Dearborn County, Ind., and he went to school in a log building, where the seats were made of hewed logs and their legs of wooden pins shaped by hand. After leaving school Mr. Claspill worked for his uncle, Richard C. Mendenhall, in Muskingum County, Ohio, where he remained until he was seventeen years old, then went to Fairfield County, Ohio, and worked at the trade of gunsmith one year, with his uncle, George W. Claspill. The young man then moved to Lancaster, Ohio, where he learned the trade of shoemaker, which he has followed since, except for one year spent in gold mining in California. He made a trip to California overland, reaching there August 13, 1852, and leaving October 16, 1853. He then located in Moores Hill, Dearborn County, Ind., where he followed his trade until moving to Springfield, in 1858. He is a skilled workman and has been successful in business.

Mr. Claspill was married in Dearborn County, Ind., December 9, 1847, to Rebecca E. Davis, born there August 17, 1829, daughter of Spencer and Elizabeth Davis. The parents were natives of Maryland and were early settlers of Indiana, and died there, the father in 1853 and the mother ten years later. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Claspill, namely: Lydia A., widow of John W. Taylor, who was a retired farmer living in Dawson, Ill.; Margaret C. married Henry B. Davidson, a carriagemaker of Springfield; Dora B., Mrs. Tery, lives in California, where she is conducting a hotel; Ida M. married Albert Brown, a machinist in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company. Mr. Claspill and his wife have eight grandchildren, of whom two live in Springfield. He has taken an active interest in public affairs and served as Assistant Assessor in Springfield in 1870. He is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the First Christian Church and fraternally is a member of the Masonic Order, which he joined in 1854, being affiliated with Tyrian Lodge, No. 33; Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.; Council No. 2, and Ellwood Commandery No. 63, of Springfield. He has a large number of friends and is well known in the city, which has been his home for nearly half a century.

CLAUS, Joseph (deceased), an industrious and useful citizen of Springfield, Ill., was for forty years prior to his death a boilermaker in the shops of the Wabash Railroad Company in Springfield. Mr. Claus learned his trade in the railroad shops, having previously worked at blacksmithing. He was born near Strasbourg, Germany, March 12, 1828, son of George and Marie (Bauer) Claus, both natives of Germany, who spent their entire lives there. They had eleven children. Joseph Claus was reared on a farm and received his education in the public schools. After leaving school he began learning the trade of blacksmith. He emigrated to America in 1854, landing in New York. He spent a few months in Utica, N. Y., and about four months in Chicago, then located in Springfield, his home until his death, September 19, 1908. He was a good workman and had the entire confidence of his employes. He had won many warm friends and his loss was genuinely mourned by all who knew him. He was devoted to his family and always solicitous for their welfare, and enjoyed the comforts of his home. He left a good record both as a man and as a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Claus was married in Springfield, Ill., in the first Catholic Church erected in the city, known as St. John's Church, to Catherine Minterich, born at Tries on the Moselle, Germany, July 31, 1838, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Kenn) Minterich. Her father and mother came to America in 1854, landing in New York, where they lived one year, then removed to Springfield, where they spent their remaining lives, she dying in 1891 and he in 1896. They were members of St. John's Church. Four children (two sons and two daughters) were born to Mr. and Mrs. Claus, namely: Joseph, died December 21, 1908; Charles, died in Sedalia, Mo., in 1891; Mary, lives in Sigel, Ill.; Catherine, in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company. One grandchild was born to Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Joseph Herman, son of Joseph Claus. Mrs. Claus owns the comfortable family residence at 1628 South Eleventh Street, and other property in Springfield. She and her husband were members of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and he belonged to the St. Vincent Catholic Society. He was a Democrat in politics but never cared for office.

CLAYTON, John Franklin.—The business of farming as now carried on by the intelligent and up-to-date agriculturists is as different from the farming of several decades ago as could be imagined. The day of the work-hardened, horny-handed farmer is over. In these days we see the agriculturist who uses scientific methods, retired in time to spend the remaining years of his life in the enjoyment of a well-earned competence. John Franklin Clayton, who is carrying on agricultural operations on an excellent property of 176 acres in Sections 25 and 26, Ball Township, is one of Sangamon County's scientific farmers, and in addition has the distinction of being a self-made man. He was born October 1, 1866, in Ball Township, Sangamon County, Ill., a son of Marcus D. and Susan Ann (Matthew) Clayton.

The Claytons are of English descent, the progenitors coming to Georgia with General Oglethorpe, but later removal was made to Caldwell County, Ky., where Mr. Clayton's grandfather, John Shelton Clayton, was born August 2, 1802. The family came to Morgan County, Ill., in 1828, and an uncle of Mr. Clayton, Alexander Clayton, was born in Morgan County, Ill., September 16, 1829, but they later returned to Kentucky. Marcus D. Clayton was born March 16, 1834, in Caldwell County, Ky., and as an infant was brought to Illinois by his parents in a prairie schooner, accompanied by his two brothers and a sister, the family first stopping in Morgan County and in the following year (1835) locating in Sangamon County. He spent almost his entire life on a farm in Sangamon County, and is now living retired at Glenarm. He was married September 29, 1859, to Susan Ann Matthew, who was born August 29, 1843, in Sangamon County, and on September 29, 1909, they celebrated their Golden Wedding, numerous members of the family and old acquaintances to the number of three hundred being present.

John Franklin Clayton was educated in the public schools of Ball Township and as a youth worked on the home farm, his father training him to carry out the work in the most scientific manner that had yet been introduced. He remained at home until he was married, teaching school in the winter and farming in the summer. He then began farming for himself finally locating on his present farm, to which he has added until he owns 176 acres. This farm is on the exact spot once occupied by Squire Joseph Campbell. A tragedy is connected with it, for when the galant husband and father left home to fight against the Indians in the Black Hawk War, leaving his wife and three children behind, he little knew that a cruel fate awaited them. The busy mother was making soap, and while thus engaged, several roving Indians came to the little cabin and threw the three children into the boiling soap, which fearful act was witnessed by a Mr. Pulliam, one of the early settlers, as he was riding by on horseback. Being alone, he was powerless to lend assistance. The sword carried by Mr. Campbell during this war is now owned by Mr. Clayton, in addition to a number of other relics of those early days. Mr. Clayton is compiling a genealogical record of his family, which promises to be very interesting as well as valuable from a historic standpoint. Since coming into possession of his farm, Mr. Clayton has erected some good buildings, bought improved machinery and raises blooded live stock. He is well known in Ball Township, where for four years he served as Deputy County Clerk under Mr. S. M. Rogers, from 1889 to 1893. His politics are those of the Democratic party, and he fraternizes with the Modern Woodmen of America. Religiously he is connected with the Methodist Church.

After three years as a bachelor on his own farm, Mr. Clayton was married, April 7, 1897, one-half mile southwest of Zion Methodist Church, in Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, to Mary E. Dozier, who was born in this County, March 7, 1877, daughter of Thomas W. and Mary (Greenwalt) Dozier, the former born April 14, 1845, and the latter July 19, 1852. Mr. Dozier died December 2, 1910, and is buried at the cemetery of the Zion Methodist Church. He was a member of the Masonic order and his funeral was in charge of that fraternity, many Masons coming from surrounding towns to attend. A Democrat, he served several terms as Supervisor of Cotton Hill Township. His widow is now residing at No. 1814 South Seventh Street, Springfield. The grandmother of Mrs. Clayton was a Miss Armstrong. A member of this family, Abe Armstrong, commanded a division under General Washington, participating in the battle of the Brandywine. He and General Washington had been surveyors together, and companions during hunting expeditions and both killed buffalo, being intimate friends.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton are as follows: Esther, born September 3, 1898; Miriam, born February 22, 1901, died August 14, 1902; Thomas Edgar, born June 14, 1903, and May, born May 30, 1908. Mr. Clayton is one of Ball Township's good, reliable citizens, and is public-spirited to a high degree, always aiding in those movements which his judgment tells him will be of benefit to the community or to his fellow-townsmen. During his long residence here he has made many acquaintances and his friends are legion.

CLEMENTS, Henry D. (deceased).—The late Henry D. Clements was one of the most substantial and respected citizens of Mechanicsburg, where he lived retired from active life for several years. Mr. Clements was born in Kentucky, December 28, 1830, a son of John Clements, a native of Kentucky and a farmer. The parents were early settlers of Sangamon County, Ill., and located on a farm in Mechanicsburg Township, where the remainder of their lives was spent. The family has been

identified with the best interests of Sangamon County ever since and many of its members have been interested in agricultural operations.

The boyhood of Henry D. Clements was spent on his father's farm and he was early trained to the occupation at which he spent all his active life. He received his education in Sangamon County and carried on farming on his own account in Mechanicsburg Township during the greater portion of his active life. Mr. Clements was married in Mechanicsburg, October 20, 1853, to Eliza Ann Shane, who was born April 14, 1835, and died July 23, 1871, and to this union nine children were born, of whom but two survive: Laura, wife of Robert Ely, of Mechanicsburg, and Alma, wife of John Hart, living on a farm west of Springfield. Mr. Clements married (second) June 30, 1875, in Springfield, Mrs. Martha (Baldwin) Hale, who was born in Indiana in 1845, daughter of William B. Baldwin. Her father came to Christian County, Ill., from Indiana, at an early day, and spent many years in farming there, then sold out and moved to Mechanicsburg, where he lived until a short time before his death, which occurred October 22, 1910, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rachel McVey, of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., where he had gone on a visit. He was then eighty-nine years of age. He and his wife had five daughters and one son, and but two of these children now survive, Mrs. Clements and Mrs. Rachel McVey.

The first marriage of Mrs. Clements was to William Hale and occurred in Mechanicsburg, in 1862. To this union four children were born, of whom three now survive, namely: Margaret, wife of Scott Grundon, of Cerro Gordo, Ill.; William S., who lives in Spaulding, Ill.; Nellie, wife of Edward Squires, of Divernon. There are eighteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Clements was a man of public spirit and interested in the welfare and progress of his community. He was a member of the Methodist Church and a Republican in politics. He had won many warm friends and was one of the best known men in his part of the county. His death occurred December 12, 1902. His widow owns a comfortable home in Mechanicsburg and other property in the vicinity. Mr. Clements was fairly successful in his business enterprises and endeavored to provide well for his family.

CLEMENTS, Zakery T., of Springfield, Ill., was born in Boone County, Ind., January 13, 1849, son of Denman J. and Alice (Coonson) Clements, the father born in 1812 and the mother in 1811, both natives of Kentucky. The parents of Denman J. Clements were farmers and natives of Kentucky and he moved to Indiana from Kentucky as a young man. He carried on farming there thirty-seven years and in 1858 moved to Illinois, locating on a farm in Macon County, where he died, in 1862. He was always successful in his operations and an able farmer. His parents and those of his wife were natives of Kentucky. Three sons of Denman J. Clements served in the Civil War, namely: David T., who was killed in the Battle of Chickamauga; Edwin T., lives on a farm in Macon County, where he has a family; James M., served three years in the One Hundred Fifty-second Illinois Volunteers, afterward moved to Carthage, Mo., where he died. The two first mentioned served in the One Hundred Fifteenth Illinois.

Zakery T. Clements spent his boyhood on a farm and early learned to work. He was educated in Macon County and afterward engaged in farming, which he has carried on most of his life, except the past eight years, when he has lived in Springfield. He accompanied his parents to Illinois from Indiana and about 1894 moved to Missouri, where he lived eight years, then came to Springfield. He is a member of Stuart Street Christian Church and is a stanch Republican. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is well known as an honest, upright citizen and has many friends.

Mr. Clements was married, at Blue Mound, Ill., July 22, 1882, to Miss Mary M. Abbott, who was born in Taylorville, Ill., in 1853, daughter of Maj. Thomas and Mary (Brewer) Abbott. Major Abbott served in the Civil War under General Logan and was a prominent man in his community. Both he and his wife were natives of Illinois and of good pioneer stock. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clements, namely: Willie, born at Blue Mound, Ill., in 1883, deceased; Stella, born at Blue Mound, in 1885, deceased; Dean, born in Taylorville, in 1902, deceased; Lura B., born in Missouri, January 8, 1887, married Thomas York, lives in Springfield, and they have one child, Mary Estella; Flora G., born in Missouri, August 9, 1889, married Ernest La Rosae, of Springfield, and they have one child, Harry H.; Minnie A., unmarried, is in the employ of the Interstate Telegraph & Telephone Company, of Springfield.

CLENDENIN, Henry Wilson, editor-in-chief of the Illinois State Register and President of, and a large stockholder in, the printing and publishing company, was born in Schellsburg, Bedford County, Pa., August 1, 1837. His father, Samuel Miller Clendenin, was a native of Lancaster County, Pa., his grandfather, Samuel Clendenin, being cashier of a bank in Lancaster and an influential citizen of that town. Great-grandfather John Clendenin and his son of the same name, were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, serving under Washington, in some of the hardest fought contests of that strife. The Clendenin family emigrated from the North of Ireland and located in Pennsylvania, where the elder of the two Revolutionary soldiers was born in 1733.

Samuel M. Clendenin was a thoroughly educated man, and when starting out in life chose teaching as a profession. While pursuing the duties of his chosen calling at Bedford, Pa., he met Miss Elizabeth Henry, with whom he was

united in marriage in 1836. The estimable lady was the daughter of George Henry, a well-to-do business man and prominent citizen of Bedford. Her paternal grandfather emigrated from Ireland about the close of the War of Independence. The family originally came from Scotland, tracing their lineage to the same stock that gave this country Patrick Henry, the eloquent Virginia patriot and statesman. From Bedford, Samuel M. Clendenin and his wife removed to Schellsburg, in the same county, and there the subject of this sketch was born. It will be noticed that Mr. Clendenin's lineage is Scotch-Irish, a race noted for intelligence, integrity and energy. Both of his grandmothers, however, were of German descent, belonging to a race whose industry, honesty and thrift have done much to make America what it is to-day. The paternal grandmother bore the name of Mary Miller, while the maternal grandmother was known in her youth as Elizabeth Heviner.

In 1839, while our subject was still a babe, his parents turned their faces westward, and crossing the mountains in wagons to Pittsburg, took a steamboat and proceeded down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi, to Burlington, at that time a mere village in the then Territory of Iowa. Indians were plentiful and Mr. Clendenin says he can well remember how, as a little boy, he learned some Indian words in order to deliver to them messages from his parents. For many years Samuel Clendenin taught school in Burlington, and also held the offices of Justice of the Peace and Clerk of the Court, being a Democrat in politics. He afterward engaged in mercantile pursuits, until in 1857, when he disposed of his property and removed to Barton County, Mo., where he engaged in farming, dying in 1858.

The parental family included five children, namely, Henry W., our subject; George S., deceased; John M., deceased; Margaret H., wife of Henry A. Newhouse, a retired farmer of Woodson County, Kan., and Mary A., who married Leonard Wells, of Yates Center, Kan., and who died in 1884. Our subject grew to manhood in Burlington, Iowa. There were no public schools in that section during his early childhood, but the father being a teacher, the lad was carefully instructed and given the best education his father's means and the advantages of the place afforded. He received an academical education, and began the study of Latin under proficient teachers before he was nine years old, becoming familiar not only with Latin, but also with Greek, French and Spanish. As a student Mr. Clendenin was industrious and rapidly advanced in all his studies. His tastes were literary, and he was an omnivorous reader. So fond of books was he, that before he was eighteen he had collected a library embracing many of the standard works of history, poetry and fiction, purchased with his own earnings. He was early attracted to journalism as a profession, and before he was fifteen years old persuaded his father to let him leave school. He secured the position of "devil" in the office of the Burlington Hawkeye, then a tri-weekly paper, and remained in that office over four years, mastering the art preservative in all its branches, doing also, from time to time, some literary work on the paper.

Graduating from the Hawkeye in 1857, when twenty years of age, Mr. Clendenin turned his face eastward, and instead of going with his parents to Missouri, went to Philadelphia where he followed his calling both as a practical printer, and also in editing matter for publication. He came West again in 1858, and found employment in Peoria, Ill., where he worked on the daily Transcript as foreman and telegraph editor, and also in other offices. After a couple of years, he returned to Philadelphia and was employed there in April, 1861, when the Civil War began. He enlisted as a private soldier, in the Twentieth Pennsylvania Infantry, and served with that regiment from April, 1861, until the latter part of August of the same year when he was mustered out, receiving an honorable discharge. His regiment was engaged in the Potomac and Shenandoah Valleys and was a portion of the time under the command of Gen. George B. McClellan. Mr. Clendenin saw and participated in some fighting, but was fortunate in never receiving a scratch. The military spirit since Revolutionary days has been manifest in the family, some of whom served with distinction in the War of 1812. John M. Clendenin, our subject's uncle, was a graduate of West Point Military Academy, and an officer in the regular army until his death. He served in the Black Hawk and Florida wars. A cousin, David R. Clendenin, who was a Colonel of an Illinois regiment during the late Civil War, was afterward a Colonel of cavalry in the regular army. He died at Galesburg, Ill., a few years ago.

As soon as he was mustered out of the army, Mr. Clendenin returned to Illinois, his mother having removed with her family from Missouri to Rock Island County, this state. Again taking up journalistic work, he occupied various practical and editorial positions in Illinois and other states. He had charge of the Burlington (Iowa) Gazette for about one year, and of the Metamora (Ill.) Sentinel for about the same length of time, supporting and voting for his old commander, George B. McClellan, at Metamora while in charge of the Sentinel. In 1865, Mr. Clendenin located in Keokuk, Iowa, where he resided for the next sixteen years. The first eleven years of his residence in Keokuk, he was employed as foreman, or superintendent, of book and job printing offices, ten years as superintendent of the book and job department of the Daily Gate City. While in this capacity, he also did considerable reportorial and literary work. In 1876, he formed a partnership with George Smith and Thomas Rees, associates in the Gate City office, and under the firm name of Smith, Clendenin and

Rees, they purchased the Constitution, the Democratic daily and weekly newspaper at Keokuk, which they published for five years. Mr. Clendenin occupied the position of editor-in-chief of the Constitution, and conducted it with great ability, skill and success.

Shortly after his location in Keokuk, Mr. Clendenin persuaded his mother to make her home with him, which she continued to do until her death in January, 1890, while on a visit to her daughter in Kansas. She had then reached the advanced age of eighty-one years. His sister, Margaret, also lived with him and he gave her the benefit of a good education. During his residence there, he occupied various positions in social, religious and business activities. He was for some time President of the Young Men's Christian Association and one of its most active promoters. He was an active Odd Fellow, having passed all the Chairs in the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and served as a representative in the Grand Lodge of the State. He was a delegate to and Vice-President of the Democratic State Convention at Marshalltown in 1877, and also represented Lee County in the Democratic State Convention at Cedar Rapids in 1878, Council Bluffs in 1879, and Burlington in 1880, and exerted a large influence in local and State politics.

It was in 1876, that Mr. Clendenin met Miss Mary Elizabeth Morey, of Monmouth, Ill. This acquaintance ripened into an attachment, and they were married October 23, 1877, at the residence of the bride's parents in Monmouth. Miss Morey was a charming and accomplished young lady, the daughter of Daniel Hazard and Mary H. P. (Chamberlain) Morey, and was born January 22, 1854, at Kirkwood, Mo., where her parents were then residing. Her grandfather, Hazard Morey, purchased seven thousand acres of land in Ohio, whither he removed when his son, the father of Mrs. Clendenin, was only a boy. Daniel Morey was a native of New York, but was reared on a farm in Ohio, and was one of sixteen children, who have since been scattered all over the country. Daniel Morey removed from Ohio to Illinois and afterward to St. Louis, where he married Miss Mary H. P. Chamberlain, of Jacksonville, Ill., who was then teaching school in St. Louis. The Chamberlain family were from Salem, Mass., whence Timothy Chamberlain, the father of Mrs. Morey, removed to New York, from there to Virginia and finally to Illinois, where he located in Jacksonville. He was a contractor and builder of stone work and among other structures, erected Monticello Female Seminary, which stood for many years, but was destroyed by fire November 4, 1888. He afterward purchased a farm near Jacksonville and devoted his time to agriculture. On the maternal side, Miss Morey was of French, English and Scotch lineage, and came of an old Massachusetts family, being descended from the Denis, Devereux, Grant and Chamberlain families. Several of her ancestors were Revolutionary soldiers and sailors. One was commander of an American war vessel, and was killed during that war. Through her father, she was descended from English ancestors, who came to this country and settled in New York, in the last century. Daniel H. Morey followed mercantile pursuits in Missouri, Iowa and Illinois, finally settling at Monmouth, where his children, D. H., Jr., George, Mary E. (Mrs. Clendenin), Etta Adele and Aurelia Laurist were educated. He was a Royal Arch Mason. He and wife are now deceased.

Mrs. Clendenin was graduated from Monmouth College, in the class of 1874, with the degree of B. S. She is a lady of literary tastes and of many graces and accomplishments. After her marriage she acted as literary review editor of her husband's paper, writing the book notices and reviews. She is also, when her health permits, active in church and benevolent work, and finds time from the cares of her family to accomplish, in an unostentatious way, much for the good of humanity. She is an active member of the Congregational Church. There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Clendenin, five children, as follows: Henry Francis, born October 21, 1879; Elizabeth, July 29, 1881; George Morey, January 29, 1883; Clarence Rees, July 31 1886; and Marie Etta, October 16, 1890. The first daughter died in infancy. The first named was born in Keokuk, and the remainder in Springfield.

In 1881, the firm of Smith, Clendenin & Rees sold the Keokuk Constitution and bought the Illinois State Register, the oldest Democratic paper in the State, and removed to Springfield with their families. They took control of the paper June 18, 1881, since which time, Mr. Clendenin has been its editor-in-chief. In 1886, George Smith, Esq., the senior member having died, the firm was changed to a corporation and Mr. Clendenin was made its President. Since removing to Springfield, Mr. Clendenin has taken an active part in the business and political affairs of the city and State. He has been a delegate to various county and State conventions and was a member of the Democratic State Central and State Executive Committees, for four years from 1884 to 1887, inclusive, and devoted much time to its political work. In 1886, he was appointed Postmaster at Springfield by President Cleveland and served the people most acceptably in that position for more than a year after the inauguration of Cleveland's Republican successor. The postal affairs of the city were never more efficiently and energetically managed than under Mr. Clendenin's administration and the record of his office stood among the highest at the Department in Washington. He was appointed Custodian of the Government building in 1886, at Springfield, by Daniel Manning, Secretary of the Treasury, and had charge of the United States building and grounds until superseded by Secretary Windom, in 1889.

In addition to his professional and political

duties Mr. Clendenin has many other calls upon his time and services. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Grand Army of the Republic and other societies. In the Grand Army of the Republic, he was appointed Aid-de-Camp by Gen. Phillip S. Post, when Department Commander of Illinois, and an Aid-de-Camp on the National Staff by Gen. Russell A. Alger, Commander in Chief of the National Encampment, G. A. R. for 1889 and 1890. Mr. Clendenin was a delegate from his congressional district to the National Democratic convention of 1896, which met in Chicago and nominated William J. Bryan for President. A personal friend and admirer of Mr. Bryan, and himself a lifelong Democrat, he gave Mr. Bryan his earnest personal and editorial support in that campaign, and in his two subsequent ones.

It would exceed the limits of this sketch to enumerate all the public matters in which Mr. Clendenin has been active during his residence in Springfield. He was especially active through the State Register in the movements that resulted in lifting Springfield out of the mud and making it the best paved city in Illinois. In every movement for advancing the growth and prosperity of the city, he has taken a lively and so far as is possible, an active, direct interest. He was one of the chief promoters and a member of the Executive Committee of citizens who inaugurated in Springfield, and conducted by laborious and tireless efforts to a successful accomplishment, the Centennial celebration of the adoption of the Federal Constitution on April 30, 1889. He, with his associates, has always felt especially proud of the successful results of their efforts. In that celebration some 6,000 children and many adults participated, and it was witnessed by tens of thousands of spectators. Six thousand white metal medals prepared expressly for the occasion were distributed to the children and teachers as they moved in procession, every one carrying a flag under an evergreen arch built across Capitol Avenue. Such a grand spectacle was never before seen in Springfield, if in any other city in America. It was an object lesson in patriotism, which will be remembered by all who participated in and witnessed it so long as they live. He was appointed by the City Council a member of the commission to locate the public library building, now called the Lincoln Library, and to select the architectural design. The building was erected at a cost, with the grounds, of more than $100,000, $75,000 of which was contributed by Andrew Carnegie. He is now and has been a large part of the time since the erection of the building, a member of the Board of Directors of the library.

That Mr. Clendenin is a busy man goes without saying. The duties connected with editing a paper of the standing and character of the State Register at the Capital and political center of the Empire State of the West, are in themselves exacting To those duties are added his other official and private activities, his cooperation and personal assistance in forwarding all public enterprises of a social, charitable and business character, and an earnest and active participation in the political work of the party. As a writer, his style is vigorous and clear; his articles give evidence of care in preparation and an earnestness of purpose that commands for them commensurate weight and influence. Probably no Democratic paper in the State is so widely quoted by the country press of its party as is the State Register, and certainly none wields a greater influence in the policy of the party to which it belongs.

In his private life, Mr. Clendenin lives quietly and modestly. He is retiring and reserved in disposition, domestic in his habits and spends all the time he can spare from business and public duties with his family in their pleasant home, where he takes delight in the society of his wife and children. Mr. and Mrs. Clendenin are both members of the Congregational Church, of which he is an official. They occupy a comfortable residence at No. 1009 South Second Street, which Mr. Clendenin built in 1885, and in which they have among their treasures a valuable library. Mr. Clendenin has never aspired to office or been ambitious of wealth; his disposition has been to serve his friends, his party and the public more than himself. With the consciousness of being industrious and useful as a journalist, and honest and public-spirited as a citizen, he pursues the even tenor of his way with no undue anxiety as to wealth or official preferment.

COBERLY, Jobe.—Some men seem able to win friends without effort, their disposition being such as to attract other men to them and hold them fast by bonds of affection. They are to be found in every walk of life and are an addition to a community, for where they are there are not likely to be dissensions or disturbances of any kind, as they are universal peacemakers. One of the most highly respected residents of Springfield, a man who enjoys the friendship of all with whom he has ever been brought in contact, is Jobe Coberly. Mr. Coberly was born in Madison County, Ohio, July 24, 1838, being a son of James and Ellen (Kinney) Coberly. The father was a farmer of Madison County, and he and his wife spent their lives there. They both came of good old pioneer stock, and were universally respected.

Jobe Coberly was brought up in Ohio, receiving a district school education and working on the farm. In 1861, when his country had need of him, Mr. Coberly enlisted in the Thirty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and when his term of service expired he re-enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Fiftieth Illinois Infantry, serving in the latter for one year and being mustered out in 1865. He participated in a number of the great battles of the war, including those of Stone River, Murfreesboro, Pea

Ridge, Chickamauga, Atlanta, and others of less importance, and never failed to do his full duty.

Returning home, he engaged in farming for some years, then went into railroad work. Finally, on account of his age, he was relieved and made flagman for the Wabash Railroad. Many men of his age, with such a record back of them would be content to retire, but Mr. Coberly is too active, and takes pleasure in the fact that he is just as useful today as he ever was, although in a different capacity. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious faith makes him a Catholic and he belongs to the Church of the Immaculate Conception of Springfield. In politics he is a Republican, loyally supporting the principles of the party Abraham Lincoln helped to found.

In 1878 Mr. Coberly was married in Champaign, Ill., to Elizabeth Porter, daughter of Thomas and Eliza Porter. The parents were natives of Ireland and came to Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Coberly was born. The father was a shoemaker by trade and eventually came to Champaign, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Coberly had two children, the elder of whom is Elmer E. During his years of toil Mr. Coberly has been mindful of the future, always saving something from his earnings, and now owns his home at No. 1227 East Madison street. In his gentle, kindly way, Mr. Coberly has made himself a general favorite and has gained the esteem and respect of employers and neighbors for his faithfulness and industrious habits.

CODY, John, a representative and successful farmer of Capital Township, Sangamon County, Ill., is a man of intelligence and industry and conducts his work in a modern, scientific manner. He is a native of the county, born in New Berlin Township, August 17, 1872, son of Thomas and Johanna (Morrisey) Cody, both natives of Ireland, the former born in Limerick. Thomas Cody came to America in boyhood and located in Sangamon County at the age of fourteen years. He settled on a farm in New Berlin Township, where he and his wife still reside. They were parents of seven daughters and three sons, all of whom survive. They are well-known and highly respected in their community and have met with fair success.

John Cody was educated in the public schools of New Berlin and made the most of his opportunities in this line. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm and later worked on his own acount in New Berlin Township. He came to his present place in 1907 and rents 300 acres of good farming land.

Mr. Cody was married in New Berlin, January 16, 1910, to Barbara E. Lee, born November 29, 1877, daughter of Morris and Emeline (Campbell) Lee, the former born in Ireland and the latter in Loami Township, Sangamon County. Mr. Lee came to Sangamon County in 1864. He and his wife had fifteen children, of whom eleven (eight daughters and three sons) are still living. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cody, namely: Thomas J., John M., Robert E., Joseph W., Maurice and Barbara A., all at home.

Mr. Cody is popular among his many acquaintances for his friendly, genial manner, his sterling integrity, and his fine conversational powers. He is a man of great enterprise and ability, and has shown good business judgment in the conduct of his affairs. He and his wife are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. In politics he votes for the men and measures he thinks are for the best interests of all the people, and takes an active interest in public affairs and issues.

COE, John C.—Farming as an occupation is proving so successful that those who have been engaged in this line of activity all their lives have no reason to complain of the results. Sangamon County has no more substantial men than those whose wealth has been accummulated through tiling the soil, for the land there has been generous, not only yielding excellent crops, but increasing in value until its possession today spells money in no inconsiderable amount. One of the prosperous farmers of the county is John C. Coe, of Rochester. He was born in Loudoun County, Va., January 5, 1825, being a son of Horatio and Catherine (Grubb) Coe. Both parents were born in the same county as their son, the date of the mother's birth being 1789, and she died September 2, 1836. The father, who was born January 24, 1784, died in Virginia, July 24, 1841, and was buried at Ebenezer Church.

John C. Coe came from Loudoun County, Va., to Illinois in 1842, arriving in Sangamon County, April 28th. At that time he was only seventeen years of age, and sought a new home where he could grow up with the country. April 1, 1849, in company with Thomas Rucker, Abraham Clark and Henry Sims, he went to California in a prairie schooner drawn by four yoke of oxen. He remained there until the spring of 1851, then returned to Sangamon County. His trip across the plains took six months and was full of thrilling events. He went into partnership with a man, built a saw mill and also bought 125 acres of land. Beginning as a farm hand, he saved his money until he was able to buy land, to which he added from time to time, until now he owns 320 acres north of Rochester in the township of that name and twenty acres in the village, in addition to his home. His education was meager, but he has added to his knowledge by observation and is now very well-informed, possessing good common sense and a clear perception of values.

The military history of the family is not generally known, aside from the fact that Horatio Coe served as a soldier in the War of 1812, but in times of peace the Coes have been valuable additions to any community in which they have located.

Mr. Coe was married in Rochester Township,

by Rev. William Johnston, on August 11, 1853, to Charity Grubb, daughter of Richard and Charity (Morrison) Grubb, of Loudoun County, Va., born October 1, 1820. She died September 20, 1908, and her remains are laid to rest in the beautiful Rochester Cemetery. She came to this state November 5, 1851, with her brother Ebenezer and sister Jane. Two children were born of this marriage: Richard H., born February 21, 1855, Theodore Curtis L., born July 13, 1859, died June 14, 1870. Richard H. Coe is now improving a farm in North Dakota, but his family reside in Rochester. He married September 19, 1879, Lucy Deuchfield of England. She died March 21, 1886. They had four children, two living, John E. and Philip. He married in 1880, Sabina Vigal of Kentucky, and by this union there were five children: Charity, Richard, Sam'l William McK., Theodora L. and Jeannetta. John E. Coe married Linnie Elizabeth Cowper of Winchester, Ill., and they have one child, Lucy. Philip Coe married Maud Haines. Mrs. Coe was a lady of lovely Christian character, whose gentle nature endeared her to all who knew her. Her loss is deeply felt by her family, who continue to mourn her and miss her kindly ministrations. The Methodist Church of Rochester held her membership and Mr. Coe also belongs to that denomination, contributing of his means towards its support. All his life Mr. Coe has been a Republican, learning from the great Lincoln himself. While he has never been willing to go before the public for office, he has done his duty as a private citizen and is much interested in his home town. His property has been carefully accumulated through many sacrifices and hard work. Industry and thrift were his watchwords from boyhood up and his success shows what can be accomplished by a determined, hard-working young man. He has witnessed many changes since he came here nearly sixty years ago. Sangamon County is a different place from what it was in 1842, and he has ably borne his part in making it what it is today. He has advocated good schools, the establishment and maintenance of churches, building of roads, and the development of the natural resources of the county. The influence of such a man is certainly for good, and his fellow citizens appreciate his worth at its true value, as they show whenever occasion offers.

COE, Samuel Jacob (deceased).—Much that is best in a man is not appreciated until death has taken him from the midst of his friends and relatives. Then it is that deeds of kindness and acts of charity are discovered and his true worth comes to light. One of the men who held the high esteem of his fellowmen wherever he lived, was the late Samuel Jacob Coe, formerly of Rochester Township, Sangamon County, where he was engaged in farming for a number of years. Mr. Coe was born in Loudoun County, Va., September 14, 1827, being a son of Horatio and Catherine (Grubb) Coe, the former born January 24, 1784, died July 24, 1841, and the latter January 11, 1789, died September 5, 1836, and both were natives of Loudoun County. The father was a farmer. S. J. Coe with five brothers and one sister came to Sangamon County April 28, 1842, arriving in the county on April 28th. Settlement was made in Mechanicsburg Township, where Samuel Jacob Coe remained until 1850, when he went west to Idaho. For the next twenty-five years he was interested in various enterprises there, farming, conducting a livery and feed stable, and holding stock in the Idaho Gold Mining Company, with a mine in the vicinity of Kelton, Idaho.

In 1878, Mr. Coe returned and, going to Loudoun County, Va., there married, October 16, 1878, Mary M. Grubb, born in that county July 30, 1833, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Smith) Grubb. The Grubb family is an old and honored one in Virginia where her parents lived and died, having reared a large family of children to do them credit. Mrs. Coe had four sisters and five brothers, of whom Mr. Mabery Smith Grubb is living near Mechanicsburg; Virginia E. Grubb and Mrs. Rose Thompson near Hillsboro, Loudoun County, Va.; and all the others except Mrs. Coe have passed away.

After his marriage Mr. Coe returned to Sangamon County and located four miles east of Mechanicsburg, operating a farm in that locality until 1893, when he retired from active business and settled down in Rochester, where he lived until his demise. This sad event occurred January 19, 1910, at his home, and his widow and a brother, John Coe, of Rochester, now in his eighty-fifth year, were left to mourn his loss. The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church of Rochester, January 21, 1910, being conducted by Rev. Wright and Rev. Hartman. The address was very touching and a large crowd gathered to pay the last honors to a man so universally respected and esteemed.

In early life, Mr. Coe was a stanch Republican, but in his later years he voted the Prohibition ticket. Business cares occupied him to the exclusion of public matters, and aside from being interested in good government and moral uplift, he did not participate in them. Fraternal matters did not interest him, and he devoted his leisure time to his home and his church. While a resident of Mechanicsburg, he united with the Methodist Church, in 1884, and continued faithful to its creed until his death. Mrs. Coe is also a member of that church and one of its most earnest workers.

Mrs. Coe resides in a pleasant home in Rochester, which her husband's care provided for her; she also owns some rich farm land in Sangamon County and additional property in Rochester. She is a lady whose many excellent traits of character have endeared to her neighbors and church associates, and she occupies a prominent place in her community. Mr. Coe was a man of few pretensions, who aimed to

do his full duty as he saw it, and to guide his life according to the Golden Rule, leaving behind him the record of a blameless life, a stainless honor, and many friends who knew and appreciated him at his true worth.

COE, William (deceased).—When William Coe reached Sangamon County, he found it very different from what it is today. Then there were few good roads; the land was in a wild state; heavy timber bordered the water courses, and there was no indication of the wealth which was to develop here. Like so many others, he came with his mind bent upon securing cheap land and developing conditions that would make the community he selected a good home for his family. Little by little, he cleared off his land, cut down the trees, built suitable shelters for his family and stock, and then, turning his attention to other matters, aided in establishing a church and school. As time went on, he gained in power, and when he died, was one of the leaders of the Republican party in his township and one of the prosperous farmers of Mechanicsburg. He was born in Loudoun County, Va., May 22, 1817, being a son of Horatio and Catherine (Grubb) Coe, both natives of Loudoun County, he was born January 24, 1784, and she January 11, 1789. His death occurred July 24, 1841, while she passed away in 1836. He was a soldier of the War of 1812.

The education of William Coe was obtained in Virginia and he was reared to the life of a farmer but when he came to Sangamon County in 1842, he found very different conditions there from those which prevailed in his native State. Mr. Coe bought land and owned about 425 acres at one time, and his widow now owns a large acreage two miles south of Mechanicsburg, as well as her comfortable residence in the village of Rochester.

The marriage of Mr. Coe took place in Springfield, November 2, 1851, to Elizabeth J. Kimes, born in Sangamon County, northeast of Springfield, February 26, 1834, a daughter of Louis and Sarah (Short) Kimes, natives of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Coe had children as follows: Mrs. Edward Humphrey, who lives on a farm in Oklahoma, issue, four living children,—Flora, Lura, Edwin and Curtis; Charlotte E. Sprinkle lives on a farm near Edinburg, Christian County, issue, three children,—James M., Norvilla G. and Rosco; George, a farmer living on the home place, south of Mechanicsburg, married Viola Lahue, issue, seven children,—Lena M., Elvin, Myrtle, William D., Samuel C., Ursula and Ruth; Ellen E. Barbee lives on a farm in Christian County, issue, three children,—Ethel, Horatio and Edith; Altha Lahue, a widow, living at Decatur, Ill., issue, five children,—Estella, Earl, Elmer, Olive and Minnie; William E. is a farmer of Sangamon County living east of Mechanicsburg, issue, six children,—Verna, Bertha, Elizabeth, William, Earl and Ralph; Ann, deceased, was the wife of Edwin Robins, of Mechanicsburg, issue, four children,—Roy, May, Jennie and Olive; Horatio J., deceased, issue, two children,—Clara and Albert, who reside in Decatur; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Jacob Bullock, issue, two children, of whom one, Pearl, now survives; one child died in infancy. Of the children left by Mrs. Ann Robins, two are married: May married John Williams and has one child, and Jennie married a Mr. Bruebecker, issue, two children.

Although prominent as a Republican, Mr. Coe was never willing to allow his name to be used on the ticket, believing he could do more good as a private citizen than as a public official, but he was always ready and willing to exert his influence in favor of good government and moral uplift. The United Brethren Church of Mechanicsburg held his membership. Mr. Coe passed away at his residence, two and one-fourth miles from Mechanicsburg, August 9, 1892. His funeral was largely attended, for his many friends sought to pay a last honor to one for whom they had so long entertained such deep respect. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Mechanicsburg.

Mrs. Coe removed to Rochester, where she purchased a residence, and since then has lived in that village, enjoying the comforts her husband's labor had secured for her. She is a lady of kindly disposition, who has many friends there and thoroughout the county. In the early days she proved herself a friend indeed to those in trouble. Whenever there was sickness or death in a household Mrs. Coe was one of the first to arrive, to offer sympathy and material help. Her life has been spent in caring for her husband and children, and she is proud of them and the record her husband made as a true, honorable, upright, Christian man, against whom none can honestly speak a word of censure. To look back upon a life that has so little to regret, one must have lived well, and Mrs. Coe has few mistakes to remember. Her children and friends rise up and proclaim her blessed, and she wears a crown of true womanhood. Mrs. Coe has had ten children, twenty-eight grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

COGDAL, Thomas Jefferson, a mason contractor and builder, is a pioneer of Cantrall, Ill., where he is a prominent citizen. His birth occurred on Rock Creek, Menard County, near the Sangamon County line, July 12, 1849, and he is a son of Isaac and Sarah (Whitlow) Cogdal, the father a native of Kentucky and the mother of North Carolina. Sarah Whitlow was born in 1824 and accompanied her parents to Illinois in 1846. The family located near Richland, Sangamon County, and in 1848 she was married to Mr. Cogdal. The young couple settled on a farm on Rock Creek and Mr. Cogdal did some farming, but erected a lime kiln, prepared lime and shipped it to many parts of Illinois. This was the first kiln erected in that part of the State and furnished material to be used in the old State House, which is now used as the Court House. Mr. Cogdal also worked on this build-

ing as a mason. He was a member of one of Kentucky's best families, had a good education and had been admitted to practice at the Bar. His son well remembers when Isaac Cogdal came home with his sheep-skin certificate entitling him to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, being thus an associate of John M. Palmer, Abraham Lincoln and others. He was associated with the latter at old Salem. Mr. Cogdal's birth occurred in 1811 and in boyhood he was brought by his father, John Cogdal, to Illinois. John Cogdal located in the southern part of Menard County in 1821 and became one of the prominent men of central Illinois in early days, being a Baptist minister. He organized the Baptist Church at Cherry Grove, now known as Tallula Church. He had five sons and one daughter, all of whom are now deceased. Rev. John Cogdal was a native of Ireland and left his native land in order to be allowed peaceably to worship according to the dictates of his own conscience.

The career of Isaac Cogdal was one of marked ability as a lawyer, and as a contractor he was instrumental in erecting some of the notable buildings of his part of Illinois. In politics he was a strong Republican, but upon the candidacy of Horace Greeley for President, stumped the State in his behalf. Being a fluent and convincing speaker, he brought many to his way of thinking. He was often solicited to accept public office and honor but refused to do so. He held to the principles of Democracy the latter part of his life. He died July 29, 1887, and his widow survived him many years, passing away March 22, 1905. They were associated with every movement for the uplift and betterment of their community and all who knew them appreciated their sincerity and worth. Mrs. Cogdal was one of Nature's noblewomen, well known for her charitable disposition and warm heart, ready to visit the sick and afflicted and offer what comfort and aid lay within her power. Mr. Cogdal was notable as a man of broad views, liberality and charity. He was a careful student of the Bible and in religious views was a strong Universalist, being always ready to discuss the subject of religious beliefs and to set forth his reasons for espousing that faith. He was known throughout the State for his integrity and uprightness.

Thomas J. Cogdal received his early education in the district schools and later attended college at Whitehall, Greene County, after which he learned the trade of mason. He remained with his parents until July 3, 1873, when he was united in marriage with Linna Penny, who was born in Menard County, September 6, 1856, daughter of William and Polly Ann (Yoakum) Penny, pioneers of that county. The Penny family removed to Texas about 1860, remained there eight years and then came to Booneville, Mo., where the father died. The mother located near Salisbury, Sangamon County, where she passed away. They had four daughters and two sons: Frank and Seth H. Penny are deceased; Ellen, widow of James Loyal, lives at Pleasant Plains; Linna is Mrs. Cogdal; Louisa is the wife of Elmer Douglas, of Chatham; Maggie, wife of Victor Black, of Joplin, Mo.

After his marriage Thomas J. Cogdal took charge of the home farm and also worked at his trade, being successful in both lines of work. He remained on the farm until 1892, and there all his children were born, namely: Palmer E., born October 10, 1874, a contractor and builder, married Mary Luck, of Tallula, Ill., where they reside; Harry Loten, born September 6, 1876, married Nellie Hensley, who was reared by John Hensley, and they have one child, Blanche; their child Ida May died in infancy; Chester Edward, born September 1, 1880, married Nora Luby, is an electrician and lives at Pleasant Plains; Alonzo Freeman, born November 15, 1885, died in infancy; LeRoy, born October 11, 1887, a farmer; Paul Cornelius, born November 3, 1891. Harry L. Cogdal is a professional embalmer and resides at Pleasant Plains, Ill.

In 1892 Mr. Cogdal left the farm and became one of the prominent citizens of Pleasant Plains, purchasing a pleasant home on West Church Street, where he has since resided. He is as skillful in his work at masonary as in his younger days, and the demand for his services is so great he has not felt as if he could retire. He has worked on some of the finest buildings in central Illinois and has also helped in the construction of culverts and bridge work. He has always been identified with the growth and development of the region where his entire life has been spent and many buildings and other work will long stand as a monument to his skill. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Pleasant Plains Camp No. 139, also of Welcome Lodge No. 770, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are active members of the Methodist Church at Pleasant Plains. He has been very successful in his work and is surrounded by every comfort and by the warm regard of a wide circle of friends. He is a Republican in politics and was for many years Postmaster at Loyd, Menard County, and also served under Sheriff Brainard as Deputy Sheriff in Sangamon County.

COHEN, Samuel N. (deceased), for several years a successful grocer and business man of Springfield, Ill., was a native of Russia, born March 28, 1856, a son of Lewis W. and Annie Cohen, both natives of Russia, where they lived on a farm. The boyhood of Samuel N. Cohen was spent on his father's farm and after leaving school he was employed as a book-keeper. He finally emigrated to the United States—and about 1885 located in Springfield, where he engaged in business as a wholesale grocer. He was enterprising and industrious and was successful in his line of business. He made many friends in Springfield and at his death left considerable property.

Mr. Cohen was married, in Austria, August 10, 1879, to Miss Sarah G. Bischpefer, who was born in Austria, April 10, 1858, a daughter of Charles and Bessie Bischpefer, both also natives of Austria. One son and one daughter have been born of the union of Mr. Cohen and wife; Dora, who married Michael Yaffe, of St. Louis, where they reside, and William, born September 10, 1884, and is a book-keeper residing in Springfield. Mr. Yaffe and wife have three children, namely: Samuel N., born August 28, 1901; Harold M., March 20, 1904, and Bessie, March 5, 1907, all in St. Louis.

Mr. Cohen's death occurred February 20, 1898, and his remains were buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was sincerely mourned by his family and many friends. He was a member of the Jewish Church, at Seventh and Mason Streets, Springfield, and fraternally a member of the Royal Arcanum of Springfield, being affiliated with Council No. 1105. He was a Democrat in political views but never took an active part in public affairs. Mrs. Cohen resides at 505 North Fifteenth Street, Springfield.

COHN, Mrs. Annie.—Some of the largest property holders in Springfield are women of ability having been left well-to-do by fathers or husbands. Among those whose material welfare was thus provided for is Mrs. Annie Cohn, one of the highly esteemed ladies of the city. She is the widow of the late Max Cohn, who for many years was closely associated with the business life of the city as a merchant. Mr. Cohn was a native of Germany, who after receiving a good education in the high schools of Germany, came to this country, and for some time traveled for several dry goods firms, in this way becoming thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the public. Eventually, his travels brought him to Springfield, and he recognized the importance of this city as a distributing point for a large retail trade. He established himself here in business, and built up a large mercantile business. He had served in the army in Prussia before coming to America, and was a man who always tried to do his full duty as he saw it.

Mrs. Cohn is a most estimable lady. She and Mr. Cohn were united in marriage in Springfield. Three children were born to them: Dave, aged twenty-three years; Fannie, aged twenty years, and Sarah, aged eighteen years, all bright young people. The family belong to the Jewish church, in which they take an active part.

The death of Mr. Cohn occurred May 28, 1898, and in him the city lost one of its live, progressive business men, and his family a kind and loving husband and father. Mrs. Cohn has brought up her children in a way that is a credit to her and her husband, and is to be honored for her efforts along this line.

COLBURN, George Paul.—A number of the progressive farmers of Sangamon County are dividing their attention between farming and stock raising, realizing the immense profits to be obtained through the latter line of business, and recognizing the fact that the land there is specially adapted to feeding purposes. One of the men who has made a success of this, as well as kindred lines, is George Paul Colburn, general farmer and stock raiser, of Sections 23 and 24, New Berlin Township, who was born in Loami, Ill., January 2, 1874, being a son of Levi Otis Colburn, a complete history of whom is given elsewhere in this work.

The boyhood days of George Paul Colburn were spent in Loami, where he had the advantage of attending the excellent school of that place, but at the same time he was taught to make himself useful at home. When fifteen years old he began working on a farm by the month. Later he was a barber in Loami, finally operating his own shop for two years. However, he realized that his inclinations were towards farming, so selling his business, he commenced working at farming. The year following he returned to Loami to engage as clerk in a general merchandise establishment. In 1896 the call of the soil again proved too strong and once more he returned to the farm, remaining there until 1905. During all this time Mr. Colburn had saved his money, investing it wisely, so that he had accumulated a sufficient amount to rent 140 acres and start farming on his own account. Under his able management the land yielded a fine crop for the two years he rented. In 1907, Mr. Colburn rented 400 acres owned by L. H. Coleman on Sections 23 and 24, in New Berlin Township.

On April 28, 1910, occurred the marriage of Mr. Colburn and Miss Anna M. Kerr, of Loami. In politics Mr. Colburn is a stanch Republican, while fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Lodge No. 901 of Loami, and also to the Maccabees of the same place. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his wife is a Presbyterian.

COLBURN, Henry William.—The rural delivery mail carriers are held in the highest esteem by those whom they connect with the centers of industry. They bring to the farmer the news of national happenings and put him in touch with the largest commercial houses in the world. These carriers have to be men of responsibility, whose probity and reliability have been thoroughly tested, and one who is an excellent representative of his class, is Henry William Colburn, of Loami. He was born December 20, 1863, a son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Davis) Colburn, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Colburn attended school in his native town of Loami, and his first work was in the large flouring mill owned by his father, which was the first of its kind in this part of the county, drawing trade for a radius of forty miles. After ten years of this employment he began handling carriages, wagons and farm implements, thus continuing until his appoint-

ment as carrier in March, 1903, since which time he has faithfully attended to his duties, and gained the confidence of those on his route. His standing was 97 per cent. in the civil service examination. He is also a Violinist of considerable ability having had several years experience as teacher of that instrument.

On September 13, 1888, Mr. Colburn was married to Anna E. Hilgenberg, also born in Loami, in August, 1868, daughter of William Hilgenberg, a native of Germany. Mrs. Colburn died in 1896, having borne her husband two daughters: Bernice M., born October 6, 1889, and Ruth M., born October 8, 1894. Miss Bernice is a graduate of the high school, and is a musical genius, having for a year been a teacher of instrumental music, and making a specialty of the piano. The other daughter, after graduating from high school, and after ten years' work and being Valedictorian, standing highest in the county, is now teaching at seventeen years of age. She fitted herself for teaching, standing highest among the ten taking the county examination, when only fifteen. During all the grades she had stood at the head of her class, winning a silver medal when only eleven years old. On October 29, 1899, Mr. Colburn married Mrs. Emma (Davidson) Henry, born near Palmyra, Ill., August 27, 1872, widow of Edward R. Henry. The death of Mr. Henry occurred August 4, 1893. She is a daughter of Winchester and Mary (Bates) Davidson, and was brought by her parents from Ohio, where her birth occurred, to Illinois. Mrs. Davidson died when Mrs. Colburn was only nine years of age, and the latter was reared in the home of Charles M. Poley, of Auburn. Mr. Davidson survives, making his home with Mrs. Colburn. There were three children in his family: Mrs. Colburn, Cora M. and Joseph W. Mr. and Mrs. Colburn have three children: Marjorie A., born February 18, 1901; Beulah F., born July 3, 1903, and Howard Wayne, born March 18, 1909. For seven years Mrs. Colburn was a teacher in Portland, Ore., and held a state certificate in that State. She comes of a talented family and owns some much-prized and valuable paintings executed by her grandmother. These bear verses composed by this venerated lady. Mrs. Colburn herself is an artist of ability and her productions adorn the walls of the comfortable home, owned and improved by Mr. Colburn. In addition Mrs. Colburn is the author of many charming poems, and enjoys training her children to make the most of their attainments. The atmosphere of this home is charming, and no one comes within it without being made the better for it. A faithful Dunkard, Mrs. Colburn lives up to the teachings of her church and teaches her children to live upright, Christian lives.

Mr. Colburn is a Republican and his party has shown its appreciation of his services by electing him to the office of Tax Collector and Township Clerk by a large majority. Fraternally he is a Mason, Odd Fellow, Modern Woodman of America, and he and his wife belong to the Eastern Star and Royal Neighbors. He has been a representative to the Grand Lodges of Masons and Odd Fellows and filled all the chairs in the Knights of Pythias, holding the office of Secretary for fifteen years, and has been a representative to the Grand Lodge. He took the Grand Lodge Degree of the Odd Fellows and is very prominent in all of these fraternal organizations. Mrs. Colburn has been Recorder in the Royal Neighbors for five years, her abilities being recognized in it as well as in the Eastern Star Order. It would be difficult to find any family in Sangamon County more truly representative of its best interests than this one, and which exerts a better influence in social and literary circles.

COLBURN, Levi Otis, who for seventy-five years has been identified with Sangamon County, has characterized his long life in this section by usefulness and good citizenship, and his many sterling qualities have endeared him to his fellow townspeople and acquired for him the affectionate title of "Uncle Ote." Born November 13, 1835, in Loami Township, Sangamon County, he is a son of William Colburn and a grandson of Paul and Mehitable (Ball) Colburn, natives of Hollis, Hillsboro County, N. H., where the former was born in 1761 and the latter in 1757. They were married in Massachusetts and there eleven children were born to them, but in 1809 the family removed to New Hampshire.

William Colburn was born June 3, 1793, in Sterling, Mass., and was married to Achea Phelps, who was born July 9, 1796, at Hebron, N. H., and after their marriage they went to Ohio, which was at that time considered the Far West, although they did not reach that State until after many hardships had been encountered and conquered. To them there were born the following children: Clarissa, born October 27, 1816, in Pittsburg, Pa., married William S. Walker; Abigail, born April 29, 1818, at Marietta, Ohio, married Lawrence Underwood; Fanny, born January 4, 1820, at Marietta, Ohio, married David Phelps (his second marriage); Mehitable, born December 5, 1821, in Illinois, married David Phelps; Samuel Paul, born in Sangamon County, Ill., September 15, 1823, married Melinda Colburn, a cousin; Margaret P., born April 7, 1825, married Lewis Cotterman; Isaac, born February 22, 1827, married Julia Ensley; Daniel W., born July 2, 1829, married Lucinda Huffmaster; William S., born February 20, 1831, in Sangamon County, Ill., was a member of the Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers, married Mary Ensley; Ebenezer, born April 9, 1833, married Nancy Huffmaster; Levi Otis; David P., married Turza Mengel; and John T., born November 23, 1840, married Martha Back, residing in Loami, Ill. William Colburn and his wife were honorable, God-fearing peo-

ple, useful pioneers of Sangamon County, and people whose memory is held green in the hearts of many of Sangamon's leading families. He died June 10, 1869, his widow surviving him until 1878. In the early days, Mr. Colburn had been a Whig, and on the organization of the Republican party he joined the new party. He was never an office seeker, but his strict integrity and reliability were known by his fellow townsmen and on one occasion he was elected to the office of Constable. On being given his first papers to serve, he found the party in such poor circumstances that he refused to make the eviction, paid the bill out of his own pocket and resigned his position, deciding that his was too tender a heart to conscientiously fill the duties of his office.

Until he was eighteen years of age Levi O. Colburn attended the subscription and district schools of his locality, and at that time he went to work at the carpenter's trade with his brother-in-law, Lewis Cotterman, receiving $8.00 per month, his board and washing. Later he secured a position at the same business which paid him $1.50 per day, with William Hammond, for one season, but subsequently became clerk in a store and continued thus for about eighteen months. Next he purchased a set of tools and did Journeyman's work and contracting from 1858 till about 1875. Then he worked for his brother Ebenezer, who owned a saw and grist mill which was one of the best in this part of Sangamon County. On July 13, 1862, fired with patriotism, Mr. Colburn enlisted in Company F, Fifty-first Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the regiment being formed at Chicago, Ill., and soon in the thickest of the fight, participating in some of the bloodiest and hardest-fought battles of the war, which included Stone River, Chickamauga, Resaca and others. In the battle of Chickamauga Mr. Colburn was shot through the left shoulder and was sent to the hospital, where he was offered a furlough, but this he refused. He left the hospital in Nashville, Tenn., December 15, 1863, and rejoined his regiment January 14, 1864, at Blain's Crossroads, after a trip of twenty-five days, and was with his comrades at Adairsville, Ga. The Fifty-first was one of the regiments which were always ready and eager for action, and it conducted itself with honor in such struggles as Peach Tree Creek, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville, Tenn., and took care of Hood while Sherman marched to the sea. Mr. Colburn, with the exception of the time he spent in the hospital recovering from his wound, was with his regiment in every march, skirmish and battle, and had a war record of which any man might be proud, when he was discharged at Nashville, June 16, 1865, and mustered out in Chicago, June 24th following. After serving his country with bravery and honor, Mr. Colburn returned to his home and worked at his trade.

On July 7, 1867, Mr. Colburn was married to Christine Kinney, who was born in Madison County, N. Y., March 17, 1844, daughter of William Kinney, who came to Sangamon County in 1856. Mrs. Colburn has one brother and three sisters living: George W. Kinney, of Loami; Margaret A., widow of Marcus Lindsey, residing on a farm in Loami Township; and Martha J., wife of Cyrus B. Sweet, a farmer of Loami. After his marriage Mr. Colburn located in his home in Loami and engaged in working at his chosen trade, becoming successful in his undertakings and assisting in the growth and development of his community. He has seen many changes in this part of the county during his long life here, and although he has been retired from active pursuits for the past few years, he is still to be found in the front rank of all movements that promise to be of benefit to the citizens of his section. Mrs. Colburn has always been active in church and charitable work and is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal denomination.

To Mr. and Mrs. Colburn have been born these children: Bertha O., born April 15, 1868, living at home; William Ernest, born August 28, 1869, connected with the commission firm of Coe and Company, Springfield, and a prominent member of and earnest worker in the Young Men's Christian Association, married May 1, 1888, Mary L. Lowery; and George P., born January 2, 1874, a farmer in New Berlin Township, Sangamon County, married April 28, 1910, Annie Kerr.

COLEMAN, James W.—The Coleman family was among the earliest to settle in Sangamon County, and its representatives bore their full share in the early development of the region. James W. Coleman was born near the first log cabin erected in Ball Township, November 23, 1838, and is a son of Jonathan B. and Mary (Dodds) Coleman. Jonathan B. Coleman was a native of Nashville, Tenn., born November 16, 1811. The Dodds family was of Irish origin, and Mary, daughter of Joseph Dodds, was born in Kentucky, and they later moved to Nashville. In 1818 Joseph Dodds came to what is now Ball Township and became one of the most extensive land-owners in the county. His death occurred in 1868. His brother, Thomas Dodds, served with distinction in the Revolutionary War. The family reached Illinois Territory in March and in November of the same year Illinois was admitted as a State, so they are planning to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of their settlement in Ball Township, in 1918.

When he was a boy of seventeen years, Jonathan B. Coleman came to Sangamon County with his aunt, Frankie Hutton, and soon after began splitting rails, which occupation he followed a short time, then learned the trade of millwright. He worked at his trade until March, 1835, the date of his marriage to Mary Dodds, soon after which he purchased a piece of land and erected a frame building, the first of its kind in the vicinity. This house had walls of siding split

from walnut trees, and the sills, joists and rafters were all made by Mr. Coleman, the building consisting of one room and in size being 24 by 28 feet. The first Cumberland Presbyterian Church erected in the county was built on land donated by Jonathan B. Coleman, in 1827, and this is yet in the possession of the organization. He and his wife lived on the farm he had purchased until late in life, then removed to the city of Springfield. They were parents of ten children, five of whom died in infancy, the others being: James W., the oldest; Joseph E., of Los Angeles, Calif.; William Harvey, died in Denver, Col., about 1894; Elizabeth A., widow of Lemuel Dyson, resides in Divernon Township; Mary Eveline, wife of A. Stark, of Bellevue, Idaho. The parents moved to Springfield in 1864, lived there two years, then purchased a farm in Ball Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. He died in 1895, at the age of eighty-four years, and his widow survived him two years, passing away in 1897, at the age of eighty-two. In politics he was first a Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party espoused its principles. He believed it the duty of every good citizen to cast his vote at every election, and lived up to this view. He never sought public office for himself, although he was active in the councils of his party. He was one of the most respected and honored men of his community, public-spirited and enterprising, and was always ready to do his share to promote the moral and material progress of his fellow-citizens. He and his wife were devout members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The childhood of James W. Coleman was spent on his father's farm in Ball Township, and he attended the subscription schools of the day. However, he also had the opportunity to attend public school, and there completed his education. He remained on the home farm until about twenty-three years of age, and February 18, 1862, married Miss Margaret Bowman, a native of Wayne County, Ill., and they located on a farm in Ball Township. In 1864 he moved to Springfield, learned the trade of carpenter, and lived in that city until 1867. In the latter year they returned to the country to live, locating on a farm in Divernon Township, and in June, 1867, Mrs. Coleman died, having borne two children, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Coleman soon afterwards moved to Petersburg, Ill., and engaged in the livery business, having twenty-seven horses.

June 27, 1869, Mr. Coleman married (second) Miss Elizabeth Mengle, who was born in Loami Township, Sangamon County, in 1843, daughter of Levi Mengle, a pioneer of Sangamon County. Mrs. Mengle came to the county with her parents in 1819. In 1869 Mr. Coleman returned to the farm and two years later moved to the vicinity of Grove City, Christian County. In 1873 he began working at the carpenter's trade in Auburn, in 1878 moved to Virden, returned to Auburn one year later, and in 1880 returned to the old home farm, of which he took charge. In 1881 he moved to Loami, in 1884 to Virden, and in 1890 returned to the home farm, caring for his parents until their deaths. He purchased a saw-mill, which he conducted until 1905, in September of which year he located in Chatham, where he purchased a comfortable residence and retired from active life.

Mr. Coleman and his wife have children as follows: Lina J., wife of Cyrus Scott, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Leslie E., of Lawrenceville, Ill., and they also had a daughter, Nina May, who married Charles C. Corry, and died, leaving one child, Howard.

Mr. Coleman has been a Republican since he was old enough to vote and cast his first presidental vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was well acquainted with both Lincoln and Douglas. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. He has been a resident of the county most of the time for about seventy-three years and has witnessed the development of the region from a wilderness to its present prosperous condition. He has always been identified with the best interests of the community where he has lived and has won the respect and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

COLGAN, Eugene.—Prominent in a group of representative business men of Sangamon County, Eugene Colgan, coal magnate and operator, man of affairs and capitalist, is an interesting personality for many reasons. He is a man whose native ability has led him unfalteringly into the avenues of commercial success and enabled him to climb from a humble position in the great coal industry to the attainment of a goal where he has more than realized his early ambitions. He was born at Springfield, Ill., April 5, 1857, and his parents were Edward and Mary (Mathews) Colgan. The father followed railroading and his death occurred at Springfield February 14, 1900, and his burial was in Calvary Cemetery. The mother still survives.

Eugene Colgan is a product of the public schools of his native city, being a graduate of the High School in the class of 1874. He has been identified with the coal industry throughout his entire business career, beginning as an office boy and gradually advancing through merit until he became book-keeper, office manager, and finally Secretary of the company with which he was so long connected. Subsequently he became individually interested in mining properties, and mainly through his mining interests has been developed the flourishing village of Cantrall. His two large mines are situated in Sangamon County and his financial interests are more or less confined to this section, including a directorship in the New Automobile Company, of Springfield, and the possession of valuable city realty. His handsome residence is one of the elegant mansions of Springfield, its location being on West Grand Avenue, and

its refined hospitality is a feature of the city's social life.

Mr. Colgan was married June 25, 1890, to Miss Katherine V. Foley, a daughter of Michael and Katherine Foley, old and substantial people of Springfield for many years. They married early and immediately went to housekeeping on the northwest corner of Monroe Street and Glenwood Avenue, Springfield, and continued to reside there until the close of their lives. The old home still belongs to the Foley estate. Michael Foley was a coal contractor during his entire business life. His death occurred April 5, 1889, and that of his widow on January 11, 1908. Mrs. Colgan was born, reared and educated in Springfield. She is a lady of many accomplishments, a musician of rare skill and an artist of much talent. The walls of the beautiful home are adorned with many choice productions of her brush, and their presence adds to the refining influences of this cultured, modern home. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Colgan, Mary Regina and Howard Eugene. The children in marked degree inherit the admirable qualities and remarkable talents of their parents. Their talents have been fostered and encouraged and they have been given advantages far beyond the ordinary.

Mary Regina Colgan was born at Springfield May 25, 1892, and became a pupil at the Sacred Heart Convent when aged but five years. The good Sisters cherished and encouraged the remarkable talent for music that the child even then displayed, and she remained a student of the Convent until she graduated. She then entered a French convent which is under the direction of the Ladies of Loretto, of Chicago, and there took a post-graduate course, making a specialty of languages. She was also a student of music at the Chicago Musical College and studied the violin under the famous master, Hugo Hermann, of Berlin, Germany; piano under the great Italian artist, Ernesto Concolo; and harmony under Adolph Brunne. During her period of advanced instruction she won many flattering tributes to her ability, when her proud instructors brought her forward at studio recitals. Miss Colgan at present is pursuing her studies in the city of New York, where she is under direct instruction of notable virtuosos, including the great Hungarian master of the violin, Arnold Volpe, the conductor of Volpe's Symphony Orchestra, and the equally great piano teacher, Carl V. Lochman, of the Lochman Conservatory of Music. She is a young lady of sweet and engaging personality, and is a social favorite in her native city.

Howard Eugene Colgan, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Colgan, was born at Springfield, January 21, 1895. He received his early education at St. Agnes Parochial School, from which he graduated as valedictorian of his class, after which he entered the Springfield High School. He has served two terms in the capacity of Page in the House of Representatives at Springfield, and through his efficiency, intelligence and courtesy, has made friendships with statesmen from all over Illinois, who will watch with interest his future career.

In political views Mr. Colgan is a Democrat and is an able supporter of the cause of his party. When he was elected a member of the City Council (this event taking place when he was just twenty-one years of age), he had the distinction not only of being the youngest Alderman on record, but also of being elected from a Republican ward. He has numerous fraternal connections and belongs to various organizations of a business, charitable and social nature. Among these may be included the Business Men's Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus, the Woodmen, the order of Ben Hur, the Foresters and the Loyal Americans. With his family, he belongs to the Roman Catholic Church.

COLLINS, Harry.—The beautiful town of Riverton offers many advantages to those seeking a home where they can secure urban advantages, combined with country conditions. Its present prosperity is the result of the efforts of the men who were instrumental in its founding and upbuilding, and one who is deserving of more than passing mention in this connection is Harry Collins, one of its oldest residents, who lives in his comfortable home, retired from former activities. Mr. Collins is a native of the Emerald Isle, born in County Monahan, May 12, 1833. He is a son of Harry and Mary (Laughlin) Collins, natives of Ireland, where the father was a blacksmith, and where both parents lived and died. The grandfather of Mr. Collins was also a blacksmith, and the family was an old one in the locality in which he was born. His birth took place in the house which witnessed the marriage of his parents.

Harry Collins the younger grew up in Ireland, there receiving what education the parish school afforded and learning the blacksmith's trade from his father. However, he was not content with the opportunities there offered, and in 1864 sailed from Queenstown for New York City, whence he made his way to Morgan County, Ill., locating fourteen miles from Jacksonville. He conducted a shop there for a year, moving then to Murrayville. After a year in that place he went to Petersburg, where he assisted in sinking a coal shaft. Following a short stay in that place he came to Springfield, but lived there only a few months, until he located permanently at Riverton. For many years he conducted a blacksmith shop in Riverton, and is one of the best known men of this trade in the county.

Mr. Collins was married in County Durham, England, August 15, 1844, to Alice Curran, born in Ireland, who passed away March 10, 1905. She was taken to England from Dublin, Ireland, by her parents. Her father was a farmer, who eventually followed his daughter to the United States, and, locating in Riverton, spent his declining years there. Eight children were born

to Mr. and Mrs. Collins, but only one survives, Rose, wife of Joseph Parsons, a grocer of Riverton. Mrs. Collins was a good-hearted woman, whose kindly sympathy made her many friends. She could always be counted upon in trouble, and was the first to be sought in cases of emergency. A steadfast member of the Roman Catholic Church, she lived as a true Christian and her memory is tenderly cherished in the hearts of her husband and daughter, who deeply mourn her loss.

Mr. Collins is a Democrat but has never been willing to come before the public for political recognition, although he is personally so popular that he would doubtless run ahead of his ticket. For many years he has been a consistent member and liberal supporter of the St. James Roman Catholic Church, of Riverton. Mr. Collins has always been deeply interested in his home town and its welfare. Genial, warm-hearted, generous, Mr. Collins has made friends wherever he has lived and knows men all over the county.

COLLINS, James Joseph.—The standing of any city with the traveling public is largely based upon the character of its hotels, and the quality of service rendered by them. Especially is this true in any capital city, for to it come men from all over the State, whose entertainment is in the hands of the hotel man. Springfield for years counted among its representative men of this class the elder and younger Collins, who, from 1870 until 1906, rendered yeoman service to the city in this respect. When the father retired the son took up the work until he, too, left the active arena of endeavor for a less strenuous career. James Joseph Collins, the son, was born in Springfield, February 2, 1866, being a son of Thomas and Ellen (Nugent) Collins. The former was born in County Meath, Ireland, in 1837, while his wife was born between Navan and Kells, County Meath.

When Thomas Collins was seven years old he was brought to America by his mother and two brothers, both of whom survive him. The family lived at Utica, N. Y., for some time, but later moved to Wilmington, Ill. Here young Thomas herded cattle, driving them to Chicago markets. Desiring to advance himself, he left the farm, coming to Springfield in 1863, and for some time worked for Dr. Fowler on South Second Street, following which he was in the employ of the savings bank. Still later he secured the contract for lighting the city lamps, and from 1865 to 1870 was in the saloon business. It was in the latter year that he opened the Washington Hotel, which he made so well known for fourteen years that it was one of the favorite hostelries of the city during that period. In 1881 Mr. Collins founded the hotel which bore his name, and for sixteen years was its genial host, his son James succeeding him upon his retirement. Mrs. Collins came to this country about 1848, making the trip on a sailing vessel which consumed three months on the voyage. She and her husband met in Springfield, where they were married, February 28, 1865, and in addition to their son, James Joseph, this couple had one daughter, Mrs. Alice O'Reiley, now deceased. The death of Mr. Collins occurred September 18, 1906, his wife having passed away in 1892. In politics Mr. Collins was a Democrat, but never sought public office, preferring to give his attention to his business affairs. His religious belief made him a Catholic and he belonged to the Immaculate Conception Church of Springfield.

James Joseph Collins attended St. Mary's parochial school and Prof. Bock's school, discontinuing his studies when eighteen years old, to give his attention to helping his father in the hotel. Growing up in the business, he learned its every detail, and when he assumed full control, was an ideal host in every respect. Not only did he do everything within his power to make his guests comfortable, but he won their friendship, and his retirement in 1906 was regarded as a calamity by those who had enjoyed his good cheer in years past, although he leased his business to a very reliable and trustworthy successor, W. H. Hawks. Like his father, Mr. Collins has never taken any part in public events, but has faithfully cast his vote for the candidates of the Democratic party. He, too, is a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The marriage of Mr. Collins was celebrated at Springfield, Ill., April 29, 1895, with Elizabeth V. Colgan, daughter of Edward Colgan. During his career as a hotel keeper and since, Mr. Collins has demonstrated the fact that he is one of the solid, reliable men of the community, and one who can always be depended upon to support any measure which in his judgment will work out to the betterment of the majority.

COLLINS, Joseph Henry, was born in Missouri, and is a son of John C. and Eliza (Van Buskirk) Collins, natives of Kentucky, of English and Dutch ancestry. John C. Collins, soon after his marriage, which occurred in Kentucky, moved to Missouri. He was one of the first half-dozen settlers in the locality where he entered land and made his home the remainder of his life. It is said that the first deed recorded in the county was made to John C. Collins. For eighteen years he was Judge of the County Court, and for a number of years practiced law as an attorney.

Joseph Henry Collins received his early education in the public schools, attending a country school near his home where he grew up to manhood. Before he was of age he entered La Grange College, Missouri, and after his graduation, engaged in newspaper work for nearly two years. He soon decided that teaching offered a field for usefulness more to his liking, and became an instructor in a college.

Later he was elected Superintendent of Schools at Canton, Mo., which position he held for three years.

Mr. Collins came to Springfield in 1880, and, with the exception of two years, has been connected with the city public schools ever since, first as Principal of a grammar school for three years, then Principal of the High School five years, and for twenty-one years Superintendent of City Schools. He is well-known throughout the State, his courtesy and agreeable personality having made him many friends. He has been President of the Illinois State Teachers' Association, a Vice-President of the National Education Association, a State Director of this organization four years, and Illinois State Manager at the meetings of the National Education Association held at Washington, D. C.; Los Angeles, Cal.; Charleston, S. C., and Detroit, Mich. For over twenty years he has been a Director of The Springfield Homestead Association, a building and loan organization of which he was Secretary during the two years he was out of school work.

In 1875 Mr. Collins was married, in Missouri, to Julia C. Hay, a native of that State. His second marriage occurred in 1909, when Mrs. Mabel Patterson, of Michigan, became his wife.

Mr. Collins has never been active in politics, being independent in the matter of voting. He has been a member of the Baptist Church from boyhood, and his fraternal connections are with the Masons, in which order he is a Past Commander of Elwood Commandery, Knights Templar, and is also a Scottish Rite Mason.

CONKLING, Clinton Levering, a prominent and successful lawyer of Springfield, Ill., is a member of the well known firm of Conkling & Irwin, who have an extensive practice, being employed largely in the interests of corporations, municipalities, trustees and estates. Mr. Conkling holds directorships in several financial institutions and has held various local public offices. He is a native of Springfield, born October 16, 1843, son of James Cook and Mercie Ann Riggs (Levering) Conkling, the former born in New York City, October 13, 1816, and the latter born in Georgetown, D. C., November 21, 1817. James C. Conkling graduated from Princeton College in 1835, studied law in Morristown, N. J., about three years and was there admitted to the Bar. In 1838 he came to Springfield, Ill., and there his death occurred, March 1, 1899. He served as Mayor of Springfield in 1845, and as Member of the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth and Twenty-fifth General Assemblies of the State of Illinois (in 1851 and 1867), was a Presidential Elector on the Republican ticket in 1860 and 1864, and a member of the Bloomington Republican Convention in 1856, with Mr. Lincoln. He was a life-long friend of Mr. Lincoln and the latter addressed to him the famous "Lincoln-Conkling Letter" in 1863. He was one of the original members of the Lincoln Monument Association. He served as State Agent for the State of Illinois at Washington during the Civil War, and was special aid to Governor Yates in 1861, in organizing State troops. Mr. Conkling served four years as Postmaster at Springfield, being appointed in 1890. He was a Trustee of Blackburn University, at Carlinville, also a Trustee of the Illinois State University, at Urbana. He was for many years an Elder in the Second Presbyterian Church in Springfield. He was one of the most prominent lawyers of his time in the State and was well known for his public spirit and patriotism.

The emigrant ancestor of the Conkling family came from Nottinghamshire, England, to Salem, Mass., about 1638 and removed thence to Southold, L. I., in 1650. From the latter place his descendants emigrated to every part of the United States, and the branch from which the family here described was descended removed to Baskingridge, N. J., about 1690. Many of the name participated in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

Clinton L. Conkling spent his youth in Springfield, where he attended private schools until 1860. He was never a very robust child, so did not take part in the most strenus sports of boyhood, but was fond of hunting and fishing and was a rather close student. He entered Yale College in 1860 and graduated four years later, then studied law in his father's office and was licensed to practice in Illinois Courts in 1866. He was afterward admitted to practice in the United States Courts, including the Supreme Court. After leaving college he spent a short time in a clerical position with Bowen Brothers, then large wholesale dry-goods merchants in Chicago, then returned to Springfield and began his study of law. He began practice in partnership with his father, under the firm name of J. C. and C. L. Conkling. About 1874 the younger Mr. Conkling became interested in a manufacturing enterprise, but three years later resumed his practice. In 1888 Mr. Conkling formed a partnership with Joseph M. Grout, which continued until the death of the latter, in 1902. In October of the latter year Mr. Conkling became partner with Edward F. Irwin, and the firm assumed its present name.

Mr. Conkling is a lifelong resident of Springfield and has been identified with many public movements. He is a Union Republican and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, but in local affairs votes for the man he considers best fitted to fill office, regardless of political convictions. He served nine years as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Sangamon County and was Corporation Counsel for the City of Springfield from 1898 until 1902, inclusive. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Illini Country Club, Springfield Golf Club, of Illinois State Bar Association, Illinois State Historical Society and of the Lincoln Guard of Honor. He was the Secretary at the organization and for some time

thereafter, of the National Lincoln Monument Association and had under his management a large part of the popular contributions to the erection of a monument to Lincoln at Springfield. He was one of the witnesses to certify to the identity of President Lincoln's remains when they were for the last time exposed to view in September, 1901, and were then laid away for all time beneath the reconstructed Lincoln Monument.

Mr. Conkling is a Director of Ridgely National Bank and also holds a Directorship in the Sangamon Loan & Trust Company and the Workingmen's Savings & Homestead Association. He holds the office of Vice President and Director of the Lincoln Library. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having belonged to the order about forty years, and being affiliated with Lodge No. 465, of Springfield. He has for thirty-five years been a member of the Blue Lodge of Masons and for thirty years a Knight Templar, and is affiliated with St. Paul's Lodge A. F. & A. M. and Elwood Commandery. Mr. Conkling is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, to which he has belonged since 1864, and has been a Ruling Elder since 1870. He was Chairman of the Building Committee for the erection of the present church edifice, which was recently completed. He has served as Delegate at various times to various judicatories of the Presbyterian Church in various parts of the United States. The recruiting officers would not accept Mr. Conkling as a volunteer in 1861, but he served during the summer of 1863 as a member of the Home Guard, in Baltimore, Md. He was the first person to inform Abraham Lincoln of his nomination for the office of President in 1860, which fact is mentioned in the transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society, in the issue of May, 1909.

Mr. Conkling was married, at Springfield, March 12, 1867, to Miss Georgiana Barrell, who was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., November 29, 1846, and three children were born of this union: Georgiana, born October 28, 1872, now Mrs. Waldo S. Reed, of Englewood, N. J.; Katherine Levering, born December 1, 1874, now Mrs. John S. McCormick, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Annie Douglas, born May 18, 1877, died at the age of eighteen months.

Mr. Conkling is an eloquent, concise speaker, and has won a high place in his profession. He has always taken keen interest in all movements for the public welfare, and, like his father before him, has favored the growth of industrial activities in the community. He has been called upon to fill many positions of honor and trust and has given freely of his time and strength to further benevolent causes in which he has been interested. He owns valuable business property in the city and has been very successful in his financial enterprises.

CONKLING, James C. (Vol. I, p. 116.)

CONKLING, William H., Assistant Postmaster of Springfield, is a son of William J. Conkling, whose public and private life has made him a well-known resident of Sangamon County.

William J. Conkling was born in New York City in 1826, a son of Stephen and Sarah (Belknap) Conkling, who moved to Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1831; moving to Leroy, Ill., in 1839, he worked his way through and obtained his college education at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. He came to Springfield, Ill., in 1853, and entered the office of his brother, James C. Conkling, with whom he studied law, being admitted to the Bar October 14, 1854. William J. Conkling, the father of our subject, passed away in 1903, leaving three children: William H. Conkling, Ella G. Buckley and Grace H. Leaverton, all of Springfield.

William H. Conkling was married in 1884 to Miss Sadie J. Thompson, of Jacksonville, Ill., who died in 1905, leaving two children, Grace H. and Aimee J. In 1907 Mr. Conkling married Miss Margaret McManus, daughter of Patrick and Ann McManus.

Mr. Conkling was born and reared in Springfield and took an active part in many public affairs. In 1893 he was one of the citizens who came forward with a proposition to secure to the City of Springfield a home in which to transact its municipal affairs, the results of which accomplished the erection of the present City Hall. He was selected by Mayor Wheeler in 1897 as City Comptroller serving four years, when Mayor Wheeler was appointed as Postmaster, and Mr. Conkling's appointment as Assistant Postmaster demonstrates that his services were valuable as a public official. Mr. Conkling was prominently connected with the erection of many municipal improvements in addition to the City Hall, and was an active worker in the Republican ranks. He was a pupil of the public schools, graduating from the Springfield High School in the class of 1878, directly after which he entered the employ of Christian Wolf, then a prominent and successful hatter and furrier, where he remained ten years, then he and C. J. Giblin purchased the stock of Mr. Wolf and two years thereafter formed a partnership with C. D. Roberts, which arrangement continued until his appointment as City Comptroller in 1897.

Mr. Conkling is a thirty-second degree mason, a member of Elwood Cammandery K. T., a member of Navarre Lodge No. 142, Knights of Pythias, also holds membership in the Modern Woodmen, Court of Honor, Elks and Sangamo Club, and is one of the Directors of the Springfield Commercial Association. The Second Presbyterian Church holds his membership.

Mr. Conkling was the founder of Hawthorne Place, that beautiful addition and the first modern one ever platted in the City of Springfield. The record of this young man demonstrates that

many of the sons of great men follow in the footsteps of their fathers, and make their lives successful, as well as leave monuments to the memory of their zeal and enterprise.

CONNELLY, Terrence.—Ireland has sent to this country some of her best sons and these men make excellent citizens and never lack for friends. Some of the most popular men of Springfield are those who owe their birth to the Emerald Isle, and one of these is Terrence Connelly, residing on Rochester Road. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in August, 1848, a son of William and Margaret (McShirey) Connelly, both of Ireland. The parents never emigrated, rounding out their lives in Ireland, where they were farming people. They had three sons and two daughters, but Terrence is the only survivor.

Terrence Connelly was educated in Ireland and during his boyhood worked on the farm. As a young man he sailed from Queenstown to Quebec, whence he went, a short time later to Montreal, and there spent several years. He then came to Chicago, but two years later came on to Springfield, arriving in 1865. Immediately he found employment with Hunter & McNeill, cattle dealers, continuing with them for three years. He then became coachman for former Governor Matteson, following which he traveled through the country selling dry-goods. After four years of this he began farming, but still later engaged in work at the St. Nicholas Hotel. For some time he was in the Springfield woolen mills, and following this was an employe at the State House for two years. Fourteen years ago, he came to live in his present house on the edge of Springfield, surrounded by five acres of land, and is now engaged in gardening.

In August, 1875, Mr. Connelly was married in Springfield to Miss Anna Conlon, born in County Mayo, Ireland, where her parents lived and died, although her brother Peter is now a resident of Springfield. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Connelly: William enlisted during the Spanish-American War and served in the Philippines; John resides in Champaign County, Ill., where he farms; Louise is in the employ of the John Bressmer Company; Mamie married Arthur Sherdon, of Champaign, and the rest are deceased. Mr. Connelly is a Democrat. He is a devout Roman Catholic, belonging to St. Patrick's parish. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and has been connected with Liberty Camp for twenty years. His land is very valuable and he takes great satisfaction in it and the magnificent vegetables he raises there. After so many years of changes, he takes pride and satisfaction in his permanent home.

CONNOLLY, Major James A.—Few names are more familiar in the great State of Illinois and to Sangamon County in particular, than that of Major James A. Connolly, distinguished alike in the profession of law, in military achievements, in political life, and in public service. He was born at Newark, New Jersey, March 8, 1842, a son of William and Margaret (McGuire) Connolly. Although he came of an agricultural family and environment, James A. Connolly very early gave indications that his life career would reach far beyond his father's field and ambitions. As a boy, he was apt, even when a student in the common schools of Morrow County, Ohio. His ability was still more forcibly shown after he entered Selby Academy, at Chesterville, and later when he was a law student at Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Upon his admission to the Ohio bar in 1859, he began practice with his former preceptor, Judge Dunn, of Mt. Gilead, and continued with him for one year, when in 1860, he established an office of his own at Charleston, Ill.

In the meantime the Civil War had broken out, and in 1862, the young attorney put aside the rich promise of the future in his profession, to become a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, assisting in raising a company of which he was elected Captain. On the organization of the regiment, he was chosen Major. With his command, he joined the Army of the Cumberland, and was active in all the campaign that closed with the battle of Chattanooga. He was then assigned to duty as Division Inspector of the Fourteenth Army Corps. Major Connolly was afterward connected with Sherman's army on its memorable march to the sea, and accompanied the victorious forces to that great and impressive showing of loyalty and patriotism, the Grand Review at Washington City. On many fields, he had shown his valor as an officer, winning recognition and was awarded the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

After his honorable retirement from military life, Major Connolly returned to Charleston, and there resumed his professional duties continuing the private practice of law until March, 1876, when he was appointed United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, continuing an incumbent of that office until June, 1885, when he retired on account of a change in the administration. When the Republican party regained ascendency, he was reappointed to the office, by the late President Harrison, July 1, 1889, and continued to serve through four more years. In the meanwhile, Major Connolly had become a very important factor in State politics, having been twice elected to the State Legislature, there serving on the Judiciary, Railway and Library committees. In 1886, he was the candidate of his party for Congress and in the contest carried both his own and Morgan Counties, reducing the normal Democratic majority of 4,000 to 900. In 1888, he refused a second nomination for Congress, but, in 1894, and again in 1896, he was re-nominated, in each case being elected. In May, 1884, he was appointed Solicitor of the Treasury, by President Arthur, an appointment confirmed by the United States Senate, but he de-

clined the honor. In 1888, he was a candidate before the Republican State Convention for Governor, and received a flattering vote. In 1886, he entered into a law-partnership with Thomas C. Mather, which continued until the death of the latter. His present partner is Carey E. Barnes.

Major Connolly was married at Gambier, Ohio, February 9, 1863, to Mary Dunn, daughter of Jacob Dunn, and sister of his former preceptor and law partner, Judge Dunn. Major and Mrs. Connolly attend the services at the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield. He is fraternally affiliated with the Masons, the Elks, the Loyal Legion and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, having been Department Commander of the latter for 1910-11.

CONNOLLY, James Austin. (Vol. I, pp. 116-117.)

CONREN, John, who has been a resident of Riverton, Ill., for the past thirty-five years, has spent most of his life in farming, but has retired from active pursuits. He is well-known and highly regarded in the community as a public-spirited and useful citizen and has many friends. He is a native of County Wexford, Ireland, born in 1835, son of Richard and Ellen (Doyle) Conren, also natives of that county. The parents spent their entire lives in Ireland, where the father was established in business as a cattle buyer and carried on farming. There were two sons and five daughters born to them, of whom but three children survive, John and two daughters.

John Conren spent his boyhood on a farm and received his education in his native county. He continued farm work until 1870, when he came to America, landing at New York, whence he went to Litchfield County, Conn., and worked on a farm one year. He heard of the wider opportunities offered in the west and came to Springfield, Ill., where he secured work at the city water works. A year later he was employed in the work of excavating for the State Capitol, and when that work was completed, engaged in farming in Sangamon County.

A few years since Mr. Conren retired and now owns property in the village of Riverton. He was reared in the Roman Catholic faith and is a devout member of that church. Politically he is a Democrat, but has never taken an active part in public affairs. He is a man of good character and unquestioned integrity and much interested in the welfare of the community where he lives. He is unmarried.

CONROY, Martin, of Springfield, Ill., was born in County Mayo, Ireland, March 11, 1844, son of Martin and Catherine (Magrar) Conroy, the former born in County Mayo, in 1822, and the latter in County Galway, in 1825. The father was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife died many years ago in County Mayo. Martin Conroy Jr., was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools of his native country. He was very fond of cricket and football as a boy and liked outdoor life. After leaving school he worked at herding sheep and cattle. At the age of ten years he went to Liverpool, England, and for twenty years worked in the coal mines in the vicinity. In 1869 he came to America and located in Springfield, where he resumed the occupation of miner.

Mr. Conroy was married, in Virden, Ill., November 25, 1872, to Miss Catherine Diegnan, who was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, in 1856, daughter of Patrick and Catherine Diegnan, both natives of County Roscommon, who spent their lives on a farm and died in Ireland. Children as follows were born to Mr. Conroy and his wife: Martin J., born June 20, 1879; Patrick, born in 1881; William, in 1886, and Edward in 1889. Martin J. is an iron moulder, Edward, a book-keeper, and the other two sons follow mining. All reside in Springfield. Mr. Conroy is a man of quiet tastes and very fond of his home and children. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and in politics is a Republican. He joined the Loyal Americans and the Catholic Order of Foresters in 1895. He has always been very hard-working, industrious and thrifty, and is much respected in his community. He owns his home at 1125 Reservoir Street.

CONVERSE, Albert L., a resident of the city of Springfield, Ill., since 1846, has for many years been prominently identified with the civil and official life of his community, and is recognized as one of the leading business men of central Illinois. He has been prominent in political affairs in his part of the State and, as the choice of the Democratic party, served during the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies of Illinois, during which time he acted on the Revenue, Appropriations, Agriculture, Sanitary, and various other important Committees. Mr. Converse has for nearly forty years been greatly interested in agriculture and stock-raising, and has exhibited very practical knowledge and experience in his operations along these lines. He is interested in every movement calculated to benefit his community and has been one of the leading figures in the development of some of the leading industries in his part of the State. He has the best interests of his city, county and State ever at heart, and at the same time has been able to attain personal financial success to a very gratifying degree. The birth of Mr. Converse took place at Plainesville, Ohio, June 29, 1842, and he is a son of Henry and Niana J. (Priest) Converse, natives of New Hampshire and Vermont, who were married in New York, soon afterward moved to Alabama and thence to Ohio, where the father became a farmer and oil-manufacturer. In 1846 he removed with his family to Springfield and there purchased the land now occupied by Albert L. Converse and his brother.

Henry Converse became a successful farmer and stock-raiser of Sangamon County and took a prominent part in public affairs. He served nine years as a member of the Board of Supervisors and was active in educational and religious work in Springfield, his work and influence in this connection being of lasting benefit to the city. He was a man of high intelligence and true worth and won many lasting friendships among the best class of citizens, in both public and private life. He was for many years identified with the Baptist Church. His death occurred in Springfield, January 25, 1889, his wife having passed away in 1882. They had celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary nine years before his death. Henry Converse left two sons to mourn his loss: Albert L. and William O., both residents of Springfield.

Albert L. Converse received a good education in the public schools of Springfield and applied himself to his studies with interest and pleasure. He read medicine with Dr. Charles Ryan, of Springfield, and afterwards attended lectures at the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., graduating from the medical department with the Class of 1864. He spent ten years in the successful practice of his profession in Macon and Sangamon Counties, but on account of failing health abandoned his profession and, having considerable land, took up the pursuit of agriculture and stock raising. Among the large enterprises which he helped organize and conduct is the Springfield Paving Brick Company, which does a large business and makes frequent shipments of its output throughout Illinois and into adjacent States. During this time he has served many years as President of this company and has helped promote many other local enterprises. He has been active in local politics and served three years as Supervisor, for two years of which he was Chairman of the County Board. Since the Democratic party adopted the platform upon which they nominated William J. Bryan as their candidate for the Presidency, Mr. Converse has abandoned their ranks and has affiliated himself with the Republican party, in whose interests he has been an indefatigable and useful worker, expressing his views on public occasions with great force. He is an eloquent and interesting speaker and is very practical in his ideas and suggestions. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States and has twice visited Europe. He is an active member of the Baptist Church and fraternally is a Master Mason. He has spent most of his life in his present home at 1346 North Eighth Street.

Mr. Converse was married in Springfield, September 6, 1864, to Miss Henrietta, daughter of Aaron Thompson, of Springfield, and six children have blessed this union, namely: Florence, born in 1865, died at the age of sixteen years; Anais, born in 1867, widow of Dr. Frank B. Smith, of Springfield; Olive, died at the age of nineteen months; Henry A., an Attorney, born in 1875; Albert E., a Dentist, born in 1881; Henrietta, born in 1890. The children attended the fiftieth wedding anniversaries of both their paternal and maternal grandparents.

COOK, (Gen.) John. (Vol. I, p. 120.)

COOK, John F., who for twenty-six years was identified with the contracting and painting business in Pawnee, Ill., and who is now living retired from business activities, has been connected for a long period with the official life of Sangamon County. Mr. Cook was born in Grayson County, Ky., September 23, 1847, a son of James J. and Polly (Ashley) Cook. His paternal grandfather was born in Mercer County, Ky., where he spent his entire life attaining the advanced age of ninety-four years, while his maternal grandfather, a native of Grayson County, Ky. died in Missouri at the age of ninety-six years, James J. Cook was born in Mercer County, Ky., and was married in Litchfield, Ky., to Polly Ashley, who was born in Grayson County, that State. He spent his entire active life in agricultural pursuits, and is now living retired, having reached the age of eighty-nine years, while his wife died in 1866. They were the parents of the following children: John F., Squire, Evan, William, Robert, Daniel J., Solomon, Nancy J., Sarah E., and Amanda E., all born in Grayson County, and all now living except William, Solomon, Sarah A. and Nancy Jane.

John F. Cook received his education in the public schools of Grayson County, Ky., and remained at home until he had attained the age of twenty-five years, at which time he left the home farm and began to learn the painting trade. He came to Sangamon County, and located in business in Pawnee, where he has since resided, gradually working into contracting and making his business successful. He was always an energetic and enterprising business man, and his many sterling qualities gained him many friends. This, when considered with the fact that he always lived up to the letter of every contract made by him, assured his business success, and he succeeded in accumulating a competency that permitted him to retire from active business life. On August 1, 1864, Mr. Cook enlisted at Litchfield, Ky., in Company G, Thirty-fifth Regiment Kentucky Mounted Infantry, under Captain Meredith, but in October of the same year was sent home on account of sickness, and never rejoined his regiment. He is a member of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association. In politics he has always been a Republican, with Prohibition leanings, as he is a strict temperance man. He has been a member of the Village Board, Game Warden, Constable and Deputy Sheriff. With his family he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On July 12, 1883, one mile east of Pawnee, Ill., Mr. Cook was married, by the Rev. William Wheeler, to Mary Nicholls, who was born October 13, 1858, in Clinton County, Ill., daughter

of William H. Nicholls, a wagon maker, born June 24, 1830, in Clinton County, and Maria (Edsell) Nicholls, born in Illinois and died at Dawson, March 16, 1864. Mr. Nicholls was married four times, his first marriage, which occurred June 3, 1855, to Maria Edsell, resulting in the birth of four children; Ida A., Mary, Alice B. and William. Mr. Nicholls was married (second) September 7, 1865, at Dawson, Ill., to Nancy Miller, and there were the following children born to this union: Onetta and Otto H., who are deceased; Olive B., Oma J., and Annie E. Mrs. Nicholls died in Sangamon County, Ill., December 23, 1878, and Mr. Nicholls was married (third) December 20, 1883, to Mrs. Sarah (Brooks) Winchester, at Niantic, Ill., she dying in a hospital at Springfield, April 25, 1897, aged thirty-nine years. On June 3, 1903, Mr. Nicholls was married (fourth) at Virden, Ill., to Ina Hildreth, and she now lives at Virden, where he died June 23, 1907, being buried in the Divernon Cemetery.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook, namely: Lena, born August 25, 1878, married Charles Tilley, of Buffalo, Ill., and has three boys—Ronald, Paul and Ray; Maud, born February 6, 1886, of Pawnee, Ill., married Walter Saunders, and has two children, Frank and Stanley; Mabel, born January 23, 1890, and Flossie, born December 28, 1893, at home.

Mrs. Cook's paternal grandfather was born January 1, 1800, and died in Clinton County, Ill., May 24, 1856, after a life spent in agricultural pursuits. Grandfather Edsell died in Jersey County, Ill., where he had lived for many years. There were nine children in the family of Mrs. Cook's paternal grandparents: John, born September 23, 1823, died in August, 1903; Catherine, born September 11, 1825, living in Pawnee; Sarah, born February 8, 1827, died July 21, 1827; Elizabeth, born September 19, 1828, died September 5, 1833; William, born June 24, 1830, died June 30, 1903; Alfred J., born September 9, 1832, now living in East St. Louis, Ill.; Isaac T., born December 5, 1835, died May 11, 1889; Finley, born July 22, 1842, died February 12, 1862, being killed in a runaway accident; and Lucinda C., born July 12, 1840, now living in Pawnee, Ill.

COOLEY, Charles H. (deceased).—The late Charles H. Cooley was descended from Virginia ancestors, who lived and died in the Old Dominion. His parents were Joseph and Sarah (Ragsdale) Cooley and he was born in Virginia, March 31, 1817. His father, a farmer, also operated a mill on the north fork of the Holstein River, near Lynchburg. There were three sons and three daughters in the family, of whom Marion Cooley, of Scotland County, Mo., is the only survivor.

Charles H. Cooley was educated in public schools near his boyhood home and grew up as his father's assistant on the farm and in the mill. He came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1844, but soon went to Nauvoo, Ill., where he farmed one year. Then he returned to Sangamon County, bought land and farmed in Clear Lake Township for several years, until he sold his holdings there in order to remove to Buffalo Hart Grove, where he continued farming some years, removing thence to a farm near Spaulding, Ill., which he purchased and which he worked till he retired from active life. He then located at Dawson, where he died in 1894 and where his widow and members of his family are living at this time. He was a Democrat, a man of decided public spirit and for twelve years honorably filled the office of School Director. He was identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, as are also Mrs. Cooley and members of her household.

Mrs. Cooley was Miss Nancy E. McDaniel. She was born near Barclay, Sangamon County, a daughter of William M. McDaniel, a native of Bracken County, Ky. Her mother was of Illinois nativity, born on the site of Barclay. Mr. McDaniel farmed and raised stock in Sangamon County until his death, which occurred March 29, 1854. Mrs. McDaniel survived till 1899, dying at her home in Riverton. Philip Smith, Mrs. Cooley's grandfather, was a soldier in the Black Hawk War. She had a brother and two sisters. Her brother has passed away; her sister Lillie is the wife of William Randolph, who lives near Spaulding, Ill.; her sister Kate married Albert Libka and lives near Riverton, Sangamon County.

The home and other property of Mrs. Cooley at Dawson rank with the good property of the town. She bore her husband eight children, six of whom are living. The eldest of these is Virginia, a teacher and a member of her household. Her sons Charles H. and Louis C. live in Dawson. Lillie M., a daughter living with her mother, is a teacher in the Dawson public school. Her daughter Ethel M., is the wife of James Rutherford, of Rochester, Sangamon County. Marion G. Cooley lives in Montana.

COONS, James (deceased).—The hardships endured by the early farmers of Illinois cannot be appreciated by the present generation, who are used to the conveniences of today. Yet if it had not been for the efforts of these pioneers the mighty Commonwealth, of which we are all so proud, would still be a wilderness, with wild animals prowling over the vast expanse of prairie. The Coons family is one which was prominently associated with the development of this locality, and one of them who was for many years a successful farmer of Clear Lake Township was the late James Coons. He was born in 1833, a son of Martin and Margaret (Grimsby) Coons, natives of Kentucky. Martin Coons moved to Morgan County, Ill., from Kentucky in 1829, and, locating on a farm on Big Indian Creek, five miles north of Jacksonville, made it his home for a quarter of a century. After the death of his wife he went with his family to Sangamon County, in 1850, and settled on a

farm near New Berlin, where his death occurred. There were seven children in his family, and of them two now survive: George E. Coons, now of New Berlin, who is ninety-four years of age, and Benjamin, of Kansas, eighty-four years old.

James Coons was educated in the little log school north of Jacksonville, Morgan County, where he sat on slab benches and did without any of the modern appliances of a schoolroom. At the same time, he was brought up to hard work by his father, who taught him to be an efficient farmer. When the family moved to Sangamon County, James came with them, and after the father's death, with two of his brothers worked on the homestead for a time, then bought a farm in Clear Lake Township, which continued to be his home until his death, which occurred in 1888.

Mr. Coons was married March 3, 1850, in Morgan County, to Sarah E. Sturgis, born seven miles north of Jacksonville, Morgan County, November 2, 1832. Her father was born in North Carolina, on Christmas Day, in 1798, while her mother was born in Zanesville, Ohio, February 8, 1799. Mr. Sturgis came from North Carolina to Morgan County, Ill., in 1823, locating on a farm, which continued to be his home for two years. He then entered government land to the amount of 163 acres seven miles north of Jacksonville, but in 1856 sold this and bought another farm, dying there in May, 1874. His widow came to Sangamon County, locating near New Berlin, where she died in 1881. The grandfather of Mrs. Coons, Joseph Vance, was a soldied in the Revolutionary War. Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis had seven children, two of whom survive: James Sturgis and Mrs. Coons. This brother lives with Mrs. Coons and her sons, on a forty-acre tract in Clear Lake Township, which she owns. She and her husband had five sons and five daughters, six of whom are now living: John E., a farmer and carpenter, who lives with his mother; George B., also lives at home; Margaret, wife of Andrew Reynolds, of Benton, Mo.; Luna R., and Charles D., farmers of Rochester Township; Elizabeth, wife of Richard Smith, of Springfield. There are twenty-one living grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Coons was a consistent member of the Baptist Church and died firm in its faith. He had been a liberal contributor and was missed from its congregation. The Republican candidates received his vote and he earnestly supported the principles of his party. He was quiet and unostentatious and was devoted to his family. He worked hard all his life and was well satisfied with his surroundings. His memory is kept green in the hearts of his widow and children, who knew and appreciated his many virtues.

COOPER, David D. (deceased).—What the earlier farmers of Sangamon County accomplished during the years they struggled with the many disadvantages always present in an undeveloped country, no mere words will describe. That they succeeded, probably far beyond their wildest hopes, existing conditions prove, but not enough gratitude is shown for their work, their privations and their plans, laid with such care that those who have succeeded them, are able to carry them out without trouble. One of these men, whose names are remembered with respect and veneration, is the late David D. Cooper, formerly a farmer of Section 29, Williams Township. He was born near Sherman, Sangamon County, August 10, 1829, being a son of Meredith Cooper, of Tennessee, where he married.

The parents came from Tennessee to Illinois, making the trip on horse back. They carried a feather bed, and slept on it in the open air. Reaching Sangamon County, they located on land near Sherman, and there they developed a farm, brought up their nine children, and lived out their useful lives. During the Black Hawk War, the father defended his brood and community by enlisting, and was one of the honest, sturdy old pioneers of this county.

Growing up amid strictly pioneer conditions, struggling for every advantage, David D. Cooper developed a fine character. While attending the primitive schools of his day he did a man's work on the homestead, rendering his father loyal and efficient service. Over fifty years ago he bought thirty acres of land in Section 29, Williams Township, where his demise took place March 8, 1900. His widow still resides on the farm his loving care provided for her, surrounded by the comforts of life.

On May 17, 1855, Mr. Cooper was married in Williams Township, to Juliette Withrow, born in Macoupin County, March 22, 1840. Her father was born in Kentucky, where he married, and with his wife came to Illinois at an early day, settling five miles south of Springfield, and later moved to Williams Township where they died. There were three sons and three daughters in the family, Mrs. Cooper being the only survivor. Five sons and three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, six of whom survive: Mrs. Susie C. Wright, widow of Walter Wright, resides in Riverton; James A. resides in Roodhouse, Ill.; Mary D., wife of N. Huffman, resides near Dawson; Eugene resides near Sherman; Augustus resides at home with his mother; Myrtle E., wife of William Gladden, resides in Hayworth, Ill.

Mr. Cooper belonged to the Methodist Church, and took much comfort in his religious associations. His life was ordered according to the creed of his church and he lived and died a true Christian. His widow belongs to the same religious denomination. In politics he was a Democrat and faithfully supported the candidates of his party. Steadfast of purpose, earnest in his work, Mr. Cooper rounded out a useful life and left behind him the memory of many kindly deeds, numerous acts of charity and a general uprightness of living that had

its influence not only upon his immediate family, but upon all with whom he came in contact.

COOPER, Robert V. (deceased).—The Cooper family is one which bore a prominent part in the settlement and development of Sangamon County, its representatives having come here when this part of the State could not boast of its present value; when a wilderness prevailed, occupied principally by roving Indians and wild animals. Here they entered land and laid the foundations of a home. The mighty forests were felled, the prairies planted, roads developed from Indian trails, and eventually Sangamon County was made over into one of the most progressive portions of the mighty Commonwealth we are all proud to own as our State. The late Robert V. Cooper, although not himself a pioneer, for he was born in the county, July 10, 1834, participated in much of the early settlement work, and suffered with the others all the privations and dangers of those days. He made his home on Section 32, Williams Township for many years prior to his death, and was one of the best known men of the county. Mr. Cooper was a son of Meredith and Polly (Witcher) Cooper, both of Tennessee.

The parents came to Illinois at a very early day, at a time when land could be obtained for $1.25 per acre, settling on a farm which lay along the Sangamon River. Several years later they came to the farm near the one now owned by the widow of Robert V. Cooper, and both died there. They were parents of twelve children, but only one, Ambrose Cooper, of Missouri, survives. During the Black Hawk War Meredith Cooper served as a soldier, for Indian atrocities were very real in those days and the men of Sangamon, although not in a direct line of most of the trouble, felt very uneasy for the safety of their families.

Robert V. Cooper was educated in Williams Township and worked on the farm for his father, spending his entire life in this township, with the exception of two years when he lived in Kansas. While in that State he was a Justice of the Peace and was conscripted into the Southern Army, but was fortunate enough to escape service. Returning to Sangamon County, he resumed farming on the homestead, where his death occurred, January 13, 1886.

Mr. Cooper was married in Riverton, Ill., February 9, 1864, to Lavina H. Garner, born in Washington County, Ind., July 20, 1844, a daughter of A. S. Garner, who was born in Tennessee, but his wife was a native of Indiana. Mr. Garner moved from Tennessee to Virginia, where he married, and in 1850 went to Indiana, remaining in Madison County for a short time. Later he came to Sangamon County and settled in Williams Township, two miles from Williamsville, where he operated a farm for two years, then moved to a farm near Mr. Cooper's. Later he bought a farm near Sherman and lived on it until his death in 1876. His wife had died in 1854, having borne him four children, two of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper had no issue. Mrs. Cooper is proud of the fact that her great-grandfather, John Smith, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, being a body guard of General Washington. Her grandfather, Elijah Smith, was born on a battle field, when families were gathered on the field, and was named by General Washington. Mrs. Cooper rode on the first engine run over the Chicago & Alton Railroad, from Williamsville to Springfield. As she remembers much of the early history of this locality, her conversation is very entertaining. Abraham Lincoln was a familiar figure to her, as was Stephen A. Douglas, and other great men of the period. Further than this, Mrs. Cooper had the pleasure of being in Mr. Lincoln's office after his election to the presidency for the first time, and shook hands with him, proffering her congratulations, which he appreciated and accepted in his characteristically genial manner. The farm of forty acres owned by Mrs. Cooper on Section 32, Williams Township, is numbered among the most valuable in the township.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cooper early joined the Methodist Church, and Mr. Cooper died, as he had lived, firm in its faith, a true Christian gentleman. In politics Mr. Cooper was a Democrat. He was a man of kindly disposition, whose many charities were distributed in secret, for he was retiring by nature, and preferred to do good without publishing it to the world. The family with all of its connections, is well known here, as are the connections of Mrs. Cooper, and all are highly esteemed.

COPPLE, Jacob.—One of the men who through long years of hard work and careful saving accumulated property sufficient to keep him in comfort the rest of his life, is Jacob Copple, residing at No. 2106 East Cook Street, Springfield, who was born in Indiana, March 12, 1852, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Copple, both natives of Indiana. The parents came to Illinois at a very early date, spent a short time in Sangamon County, then removed to a farm in Christian County. They rented land in Christian County and lived there until the mother died. The father died one year later. Three of the several children of the family survive: Jacob; Matthew, a farmer of Mechanicsburg Township; and Bessie Warcutt, of Galveston, Tex.

Jacob Copple received a common school education and after leaving school engaged in farming. He farmed in Christian County for some years and then began farming in Mechanicsburg Township, thus continuing until his retirement to Springfield in 1897. He then purchased his present residence, where he lives in well-earned retirement.

Mr. Copple was married in Montgomery County, Kan., in 1892, to Mrs. Amanda (Kelly) Wilson, daughter of William Kelly and widow

of Solomon Wilson. She was born in Mechanicsburg Township, March 12, 1840. Her parents were farmers of the township, and there died.

By her first marriage, Mrs. Copple had ten children, those living being: James, of Leavenworth, Kan.; Louis, of Oklahoma; John, of Springfield; Luther, living in the west; Solomon, of Joplin, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Copple had one child now deceased. Mrs. Copple has twenty-four grandchildren.

Mr. Copple owns his home and is a man of means. He belongs to the Christian Church, as does his wife. The Republican party expresses his political views and he gives its candidates his support.

CORDES, Michel.—Germany has contributed much towards the citizenship of the United States, and emigrants from the Fatherland have invariably turned out to be thrifty, honest and energetic, ready to do their share in the advancement of the interests of their adopted country and, by making the best of the opportunities offered them, winning success in whatever line of endeavor they have adopted. Michel Cordes, a self-made man, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits on a farm of 247 acres on Section 7, Gardner Township, is a German-American citizen, born January 26, 1851, in Horsten, a son of Schwur and Anke Mary (Helmmearch) Cordes.

The father of Michel Cordes was a weaver by trade and also had a small farm in his native land, where he and his wife died about 1893. They had five children, as follows: Mary, the wife of Heinrich Gebhards; Annie, the wife of Albert Behrends; Johanna, the wife of Dietrich Harms, a farmer of Gardner Township; Ameta, the wife of Gerhard Ghirlen, a farmer in Curran Township; and Michel.

Michel Cordes received his education in the schools of Germany, attending from the time he was six until he was fourteen years old. After leaving school he started to learn the trade of weaver, but not liking this trade, went to work on his father's farm, on which he continued until he was twenty years old. In 1871, hearing of the opportunities offered to the ambitious young man in America, he decided to visit the New World, intending to return to Germany in two years if he was not satisfied with conditions as he found them. He left home in August, 1871, and after a voyage of twelve days landed at New York, whence he came to Illinois, locating at Eureka, Woodford County, but two weeks later went to work for a German farmer, Herman Harms. In the spring of 1872 he worked for various parties, earning good pay, and in 1873 secured employment on the farm of Isaac Reding, near Tallula, Ill., with whom he continued until the winter of 1876. In the spring of 1875 Mr. Cordes had been married to Miss Gerhardina Husmann, who was born in Etzel, Germany, where her parents had both died. Mrs. Cordes' only sister, Johanna, married Reppe Heinrichs, remained in Germany, and had two sons, one of whom is living with her in the Fatherland and the other, Henry Heinrichs, is a farmer in Bethel Township, McDonough County, Ill.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cordes rented a farm near Salisbury, in Salisbury Township, and continued thereon until 1877, when they removed to the farm of a Mr. Pierce in the same township, but in 1879 again moved, renting the farm of John Watts, a tract of 160 acres located in Cartwright Township, in company with two other parties. In 1880 Mr. Cordes decided to rent on his own account and subsequently located on the 200-acre farm of John N. Watts, and for thirteen years continued to reside there, being very successful in his operations. Having saved some money, Mr. Cordes then purchased 247 acres of land on Section 7, Gardner Township, paying $75 per acre, and there he has continued to reside to the present time. Coming to this country practically penniless, Mr. Cordes has worked his way to the front ranks of the substantial men of his community by perseverance, good management and honest dealing, and his farm is now one of the best in his section of the country, the brush having been cleared, the land cultivated so that it yields fine crops, and the farm stocked with fine horses, cattle and hogs, of the latter the Duroc-Jersey being Mr. Cordes' favorite breed. During the forty years that he has resided in Sangamon County he has established a record for uprightness of character, and is esteemed and respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. A stanch Democrat in political affiliation, he has often been asked to hold public office, but with the exception of a long term spent as a member of the District School Board and a term as School Trustee, he has declined public preferment. He and Mrs. Cordes are consistent members of the Lutheran Church, of which they are liberal supporters. In addition to his farming operations Mr. Cordes is a stockholder in both the Farmingdale and Richland Elevator Companies, which have been very successful in handling the farmers' produce.

Mr. and Mrs. Cordes have been the parents of five children, as follows: Schwur Albert, born November 15, 1876, now assisting his father in the cultivation of the home farm; Herman H., born November 14, 1879, a farmer in Cartwright Township, married Anna Wilms, has a daughter, Louise; Anna M., born September 19, 1882, married Dietrich W. Evers, a farmer near Greenview, Menard County; Johanna C., born October 11, 1886, living at home; and Margaretta, Gerhardine, born May 15, 1892, died September 25, 1909.

CORRELL, Charles David.—A seven hundred acre farm is a large one to be operated by one man, and yet so thoroughly have modern methods been installed in Sangamon County that progressive agriculturists there do not find the duties too onerous, assisted as they are by sons

or efficient hired men. Such a property is owned by Charles David Correll of Section 18, Illiopolis Township. He was born in the village of Illiopolis, September 30, 1878, being a son of David and Sarah Elizabeth (Peden) Correll, the former born in Mechanicsburg Township, September 3, 1835, and the latter in Zanesville, O., October 19, 1856. The father was a farmer and stockraiser all his life. The grandfather on the paternal side of the house moved to Sangamon County at an early date, and helped in its development, being numbered among the pioneers of those times.

Mr. Correll, of this record, received an excellent education, attending ward schools at Springfield and Decatur, and graduated from Whipple Academy at Jacksonville, from a two-years' course at Illinois College of Jacksonville, and graduated in law from the legal department of the University of Michigan.

On January 27, 1904, he married Violet Jane Rule, born January 23, 1887, in Pioneer, Iowa, daughter of Thomas O. and Barbara (Dann) Rule. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Correll are: Charles Rule, born November 11, 1904; Barbara Isabelle, born December 20, 1906, and an infant born August 5, 1911. Since his marriage Mr. Correll has lived on his farm. It contains 700 acres and he devotes it to raising stock for the market. The old tavern, or half-way house, used to stand near the spot where stands his present residence, some 300 yards back from the road, on a high knoll, which overlooks the surrounding country. The house is modern and well adapted for comfortable living.

Since March, 1910, Mr. Correll has been President of Illiopolis Bank. Fifteen years ago he joined Company I, Fifth Regiment, Illinois National Guard, and served three years. He belonged to the Illiopolis Lodge No. 521, A. F. & A. M., since 1899, and eleven years ago connected himself with Kedron Chapter. In 1909 he joined Lodge of Perfection; in 1910, Rose St. C., and Princes of Jerusalem. While not taking any active part in politics Mr. Correll generally votes the Democratic ticket. He is a member of the Methodist Church. Leading a quiet, eventless life, Mr. Correll is contented with his lot and well he may be, for he stands very high in his community, and has a fine farm and a delightful family, while his surroundings are as pleasant as any man could ask.

COULTER, Earl C., was born in New Berlin, Ill., January 31, 1876, and is a son of Frank G. and Mary C. Coulter. He is a grandson of Francis Taylor, who was one of the pioneers, having come from Bridgeport, Conn., to Sangamon County in the autumn of 1850.

Mr. Coulter spent his boyhood days on his father's farm and received his education in the public school of New Berlin, graduating from the High School in the class of 1893. After finishing school he remained on the home farm until he reached his majority, when he rented some land west of New Berlin and started life on his own account, with a determination to make the best of his opportunities, and with several years of valuable farming experience to his credit.

In 1901 Mr. Coulter purchased eighty acres of land situated in Section 21 of his native township and built thereon a home, where he still resides. His first house was destroyed by fire in the winter 1906 but in 1907 he erected a very comfortable and handsome residence to replace the old one. He has excellent buildings on his farm for sheltering his stock and also his farming implements. He has always been a great lover of good horses, and has given considerable attention to the breeding of mules. In 1910, in partnership with Charles Shuff, he purchased a celebrated jack known as "High Tide," standing 14½ hands high and black in color, which at the age of two years weighed 1,050 pounds, and was the winner of the highest award in the two-year-old class and also winner of the award in the grand champion exhibit for all ages at the Illinois State Fair in 1910. In the same year Mr. Coulter and Mr. Shuff also purchased a pure bred Percheron stallion, weighing 1,800 pounds, known as "Lee." Both the jack and the stallion are kept on Mr. Coulter's farm, which is known as "Clover Leaf Farm."

Mr. Coulter has always been devoted to farm life and has always taken great pride in keeping high grade stock. He is an excellent judge in this line and is a leader in stock-raising in his part of the county. He has brought his eighty acre farm to a high state of cultivation and is known as a hustling, energetic young man, whose success is the result of untiring perseverance and good judgment. He takes a deep interest in every public enterprise, and is always to be found on the side of right. Reared by a devout Christian mother, he united with the Presbyterian Church early in life, and has for years been a supporter of the church and of the moral uplift of the community.

In politics Mr. Coulter is a stanch Republican and he was one of the Yates delegates to the State Convention made famous by the deadlock which lasted twenty-five days. He is President of the Sangamon County Farmers Institute and is a gentleman in the highest sense of the term and a man of earnest purpose and endeavor.

He has spent his entire life in New Berlin Township, where he has many warm personal friends and well wishers.

COUNCIL, Alvin, belongs to one of the oldest families of Sangamon County, his grandfather having come to Fancy Creek Township as early as 1819. He was born on the Council homestead, on the Springfield and Peoria turnpike, near his present home, May 19, 1873, son of George Washington and Olivia Laura (Miller) Council. The father was born August 6, 1834, and the mother, a native of West Liberty, Ohio,

was born February 17, 1851, and they were married March 24, 1868, locating on the farm where his parents settled in 1819. George W. Council enlisted October 25, 1862, in Company B, One Hundred Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, for three years, and was transferred to Company G, First New Orleans Volunteer Infantry, in which he was Second Lieutenant, in which capacity he served nearly a year after the close of the war, then was honorably discharged.

Hardy Council, father of George W., was born near Tarboro, N. C., September 20, 1793, was taken by his parents to Tennessee, thence to Barren County, Ky., and subsequently to White County, Ill. He was there married in 1816 to Jane Hanna, who was born in Kentucky, February 25, 1795, and the next year they came to Sangamon County on horseback, arriving there in August, 1819, and locating in what became Fancy Creek Township. Mrs. Council brought with her, on her horse, a sack of wheat and many household implements, and Mr. Council carried what farming tools and implements he was able to bring. He built a rough cabin and, unable to obtain a plow, took a grubbing hoe, or old-fashioned mattock, and dug up about an acre and a half of land, on which he sowed the wheat his wife had carried, and raised a good crop. When the land was surveyed there was a line between his cabin and the ground where he had raised his crop, and he was able to enter but one piece, choosing the one containing his habitation. He and Robert McClelland, who came at the same time as himself, cut a large amount of grass, which they stacked for their horses and cattle, but not being aware of the danger from prairie fires, were unprepared for such a contingency, and before they knew it their hay was all burned. They fed their stock by cutting down elm trees so they could eat the buds. He and his wife had seven sons born on the farm, of whom five reached maturity: John H., Wesley, William F., Robert and George W. Hardy Council and his wife both died in Sangamon County, he July 26, 1873, and she March 30, 1863.

Alvin Council received his education in the public schools and early chose the occupation of farming, in which he has always met with gratifying success. He became associated with his father in farming and stock raising. He has lived twelve years on his present place, which contains two hundred ninety acres of good farm land, and although for the past five years he has been unable to take an active part in its cultivation, still lives there and superintends the work. He belongs to the Methodist Church and is a Republican in political belief. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen and interested in every movement for the general welfare and prosperity. He served some six years as School Director, but otherwise has held no public office. He is one of the best known men in the community, where he has a large number of friends.

Mr. Council was married January 17, 1898, to Rita Kate Barber, also a native of Fancy Creek Township, born April 12, 1877, daughter of Andrew Jackson and Margaret Elizabeth (Lake) Barber, her father a native of Virginia, born in Fauquier County, October 5, 1836, and her mother born in Fancy Creek Township, December 15, 1843. The grandfather of Mrs. Council, Bayliss G. Lake, was born in Fauquier County, Va., November 1, 1795, and was married in Frederick County, October 5, 1820, to Eliza Glascock, born in Loudoun County, October 31, 1800. They moved to Clark County, Ohio, where three children were born, Bayliss G. Lake and John McBeth started April 3, 1827, on foot, to see Illinois, and arrived at Springfield, April 14th. After spending a month with some friends in Sangamon County, Mr. Lake made an engagement to help herd some cattle and drive them east, and arrived home in June of that year with more money than he had when he started. He returned to Sangamon County with his family, taking a wagon drawn by four horses, and arriving in the fall of 1827, in what became Fancy Creek Township, where he and his wife had six more children.

Two children have been born to Alvin Council and wife, Florence Bessie, October 3, 1900, and Harold Barber, February 28, 1901.

COUNCIL, Emerson, is one of the younger farmers who have won success in Sangamon County, and owns the Council family homestead in Section 12, Fancy Creek Township, which place was secured in 1819 by his grandfather, Hardy Council, one of the earliest settlers of the locality. Emerson Council was born on this farm July 27, 1885, son of George Washington and Olivia Laura (Miller) Council, the father born on the family homestead, August 6, 1834, and the mother born at West Liberty, Ohio, February 17, 1851. They were married March 24, 1868, and located on his father's farm. George W. Council enlisted October 25, 1862, in Company B, One Hundred Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, for three years, and was transferred to Company G, First New Orleans Volunteer Infantry, in which he was Second Lieutenant, and served in that capacity until nearly one year after the close of the war, being then honorably discharged. He and his wife became parents of the following children: Clifford, Ida E., Alvin, born May 19, 1873, a sketch of whom appears in this work; Emerson. The family was established in Sangamon County by Hardy Council, who was a native of North Carolina, and prominent among the first farmers of Sangamon County, a full account of whom appears in connection with the sketch of Alvin Council in this work.

In boyhood Emerson Council attended public school and helped with the work on the home farm. He has never cared for other occupations than farming and has studied the needs and possibilities of Sangamon County land. He enjoys a quiet, peaceful life and has a comfortable home. He is progressive along all lines of

agriculture and stock-raising, and is the owner of a desirable farm. He is well known and popular among his neighbors and associates, and is interested in local affairs, although taking no active part in politics. He is a Republican in his views and has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for four years. In religious belief he is a Methodist, being a member of the church at Sherman. He is unmarried.

COX, Thomas, a section foreman for the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company and one of the most faithful employes of that system, is a reliable and well-known resident of Springfield, living on West Mason Street. He was born in Belfast, County Derry, Ireland, November 11, 1859, a son of Thomas and Mary (Lamb) Cox, both natives of Ireland, who lived and died on the family farm in that country. One of their daughters resides in Belfast, Ireland, and she and Thomas are all who now survive.

After a common school education received in Ireland, Thomas Cox was brought by an aunt to America, when only eleven years old. They landed in Boston, whence they went to Warren County, N. J., where the lad found work with a farmer. Later he entered the employ of the Delaware & Lackawanna Railroad, in New Jersey, but in 1890 came to Illinois, settling in Chicago, where he remained for a time. He then worked in the stone quarries near Joliet, and about 1895 he entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, remaining with them for a time. He was then with the Big Four as section foreman at Carbon, Ind., but in 1900 returned to the Chicago & Alton at Springfield, and is now in their employ.

In November, 1888, he was united in marriage, in Springfield, to Miss Mary Fogarty, born near Farmingdale, Ill., a daughter of Irish-born parents, who settled there at an early day. Mr. Fogarty was a farmer for many years, but later worked for the Buffalo & Ohio Railroad Company, continuing in their employ until his death. His widow survives him, making her home in Farmingdale. She and her husband had six sons and five daughters, of whom four survive. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have no children. He is a Democrat and belongs to the Modern Woodmen. He and his wife are Roman Catholics and belong to the St. Agnes parish. Mr. Cox is a solid, responsible man, who has many friends and deserves the prosperity which is his.

COX, Thomas. (Vol. I, p. 123.)

CRAIG, John Newton, a well known and successful farmer of Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War, having served three years in the Confederate Army. He was a brave and faithful soldier, and (though in the light of subsequent events he feels he should have been enlisted for the other side) did his full duty as he then saw it, and is worthy of credit and honor for the part he played in the struggle. Mr. Craig is a native of Scotland, born August 7, 1836, son of James and Martha (Arbuckle) Craig, both also born in Scotland. The parents were farmers and came to America in 1847, landing at Quebec, where the mother died while in quarantine. The father moved farther west and his death occurred at Guelph, Canada, during the same year. They were parents of four children, all of whom survive, namely: Daniel, John N., John D. and Jennie. The Craigs were descended from an old English family, of royal descent, and the grandparents of John N. Craig died in England.

The boyhood of John N. Craig was spent on a farm and he received his early education in the Canadian schools. He afterward attended Tennessee College in Giles County, Tenn., and also studied in night school in Louisville, Ky. He moved from Canada to Michigan, thence to Springfield, Ill., and then to Pulaski, Tenn., and was living at the latter place at the beginning of the Civil War. He enlisted in Company K, First Tennessee, Captain C. Fields, under the command of George Manney, and served from 1861 until 1863, leaving the service after the Battle of Chickamauga. He was wounded at the Battle of Perryville and taken prisoner, but soon afterward exchanged. The important battles in which he participated included: Shiloh, Perryville, Chickamauga, Greenbrier, Cheat Mountain and many skirmishes.

As a young man Mr. Craig learned the trade of cabinet-making, but has spent most of his life in agricultural pursuits. He has always been fond of outdoor life and as a boy liked all kinds of sport. He was married (first) in 1866, in Springfield, Ill., to Jennie Dowling, and they became parents of children as follows: James S. and Flora, both of whom are deceased and are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Mr. Craig was married (second) in Springfield, in 1880, by Rev. Hale, to Mary Ann Murphy, born in Ireland, daughter of William and Lettie (Hill) Murphy, both natives of Ireland, the latter of whom died in Illinois. Five children were born to Mr. Craig and his second wife, as follows: William H., born May 7, 1881, married Dora Hyle and they live in Chicago; John Arbuckle and Alexander, twins, born August 17, 1883; Matilda Bess, August 17, 1886, and Jennie Lind, August 12, 1888. All were reared and educated in Sangamon County and all survive. The family are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Craig is held in high esteem by all and is considered an industrious, useful citizen. He served sixteen years as Justice of the Peace of Cotton Hill Township. He owns eighty-five acres of fertile land where he lives, and carries on general farming. He is honest and upright in all his dealings and interested in the welfare and progress of the community.

CRANE, James L. (Vol. I, p. 605.)

CRAWLEY, James (deceased).—In naming those who have been representative men in their va-

rious lines in Sangamon County, Ill., mention should be made of the late James Crawley, who for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits and in blacksmithing on Sections 1 and 2, Ball Township, and who fought as a Union soldier during the Civil War. Mr. Crawley was born in St. Joseph, Mo., March 20, 1840, a son of Conrad and Elizabeth (McClellan) Crawley, natives of Missouri, where the latter died, the former passing away in Menard County, Ill. Mr. Crawley's grandparents on the paternal side were Missourians and spent their entire lives in their native state, while his Grandfather McClellan came to Sangamon County, and there his death occurred.

James Crawley secured his education in the country schools of Sangamon County, Ill., and his boyhood was spent on the home farm. As a youth he engaged in blacksmithing and lived with his parents, who were Abolitionists. Mr. Crawley was living in Illinois when the Civil War broke out and enlisted in Company I, Seventh Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which organization he served until the close of the war, being mustered out July 9, 1865, at Springfield, at which time he had risen to the rank of Lieutenant. During his army service Mr. Crawley engaged in many desperate battles, including Corinth, Chattanooga, Nashville and Clarksville, and be was twice wounded, once in the arm and once in the head. After returning from the war Mr. Crawley again engaged in blacksmithing and farming, and his widow is now living on the homestead farm of fifty-eight acres situated on Sections 1 and 2 in Ball Township. Mr. Crawley was a Republican in politics, but could never be induced to accept any position of public preferment. His family are members of the Christian Church and, while he was never a member of any religious denomination, he was always charitably inclined and supported the Christian Church to the extent of his financial ability. Mr. Crawley was a popular comrade of A. J. Weber Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Pawnee, Ill.

Mr. Crawley was married in Sangamon County, Ill., December 7, 1865, to Elizabeth Shoup, who was born in the county June 18, 1840, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Keyes) Shoup, natives of Ohio, who died in Sangamon County, both being buried in Newcomer Cemetery. Mrs. Crawley's grandparents on both sides of her family were natives of Ohio, who came as agriculturists to Sangamon County, Ill., and there died.

To Mr. and Mrs. Crawley were born three children, as follows: Mary Edna, born September 11, 1866, married J. T. Weston, resides in Springfield, Ill., and has one son, Harry, who married Martha Schafer, of Chicago, by whom he had a child who died in infancy, and they now reside in St. Louis; John E., born April 14, 1869, married April 27, 1898, Sarah A. Young, born in Sangamon County, January 21, 1879, and they live on the old home place and have two children, Gracie May, born January 25, 1899, and Ernest Leo, born July 14, 1900; and Clara May, born July 9, 1876, married Edward Rohrer, a well-known agriculturist carrying on operations in Sangamon County, and they have three children—Elmer (born August 12, 1894), Leroy (born January 12, 1896), and Irene J. (born April 4, 1899).

CREAMER, Patrick.—Some of the most brilliant men this country has ever had were either born in Ireland or came of Irish parentage. Not only are they successful in a business way, but they dominate politics and make friends wherever found. Sangamon County, fortunately, has many of these genial, pleasant sons of Erin, and one who has friends all over this part of the state is Patrick Creamer, now living retired in his pleasant home in Illiopolis. Mr. Creamer was born in the western part of Ireland, in 1833, being a son of Michael and Ann (McGarry) Creamer, natives of that country. Neither of his parents came to America, but passed away in Ireland. Of their large family Mr. Creamer is the only one now living.

Growing up on the family farm in Ireland, Mr. Creamer attended the parish school, but was not at all satisfied with his opportunities, so in 1848 left home, going first to Liverpool, whence he sailed to New York. Arriving in that city he spent a week there, then went south to Philadelphia, where he arrived, February 12, 1849. This continued his home until 1858. During this time he worked along different lines, finally leaving for Chester County, Pa., to farm. Returning to Philadelphia, he remained there a short time, then came west to Elkhart, Logan County, Ill., where he worked on various farms for nine years, but during this time bravely served his adopted country, enlisting in 1862 in the One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was discharged on account of illness. Returning to Sangamon County, he resumed his farming. By saving his money he was able to buy land, now owning eighty acres in addition to his home in Illiopolis. This farm he operated until his retirement in 1896, since which time he has taken life more easily.

The marriage of Mr. Creamer occurred in Philadelphia, January 31, 1866, to Mary McCabe, born in Ireland. Both of her parents came to America, settling first in Logan County, but several years later moving to Sangamon County, where they bought a farm, making it their home until death claimed them. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Creamer, who died in infancy.

The Democratic party has always found a stanch supporter in Mr. Creamer, but he has never cared to run for office although his personal popularity would doubtless cause him to run ahead of his ticket. Since childhood Mr. Creamer has been a consistent member of

the Roman Catholic Church, and the parish priest of Illiopolis finds in him an able lay assistant in religious work.

The records of the lives of those men who came to Sangamon County before it had attained its present importance, show how much the people of today owe to those who prepared the way. Farming in earlier days was not the profitable business it is today, nor was it prosecuted so easily. There was but little demand for products and prices were low. Transportation to the larger cities was costly, so the farmer of half a century ago did not expect to do much more than make a bare living. This being true, it is easy to recognize what sacrifices were entailed so that even little might be saved. Literally, penny by penny was the necessary money accummulated to make a payment on a bit of land. Once it was owned there came the hard work of breaking the soil, planting the seed, harvesting, and then, most difficult of all, finding for the grain a good market. No wonder the farmers of those days wore out and are now enjoying a much-deserved rest, retired from business worries.

CREIGHTON, James A. (Vol. I, p. 124.)

CRISSEY, Stephen T.—Agricultural conditions in Sangamon County, Ill., have changed greatly during the past twenty-five or thirty years, and even the farmer of a decade ago is surprised by the innovations he finds when he makes a trip to a farm, the operation of which he has turned over to other hands. Methods, machinery and ideas have improved, with the result that better crops are grown and the farmer's work becomes more and more a thing of machinery, to replace the hard physical labor of a few years ago. One man who has seen the various changes in the calling of farming is Stephen T. Crissey, a venerable citizen of Springfield, and a veteran of the Civil War, who was for thirty years engaged in agricultural pursuits in the county. Mr. Crissey was born in Westchester County, N. Y., March 20, 1838, and is a son of Alva and Julia A. (Tuttle) Crissey, natives of Bedford, N. Y., where the former was born in 1797 and the latter in 1807. The family resided in Westchester County until 1854, at which time they moved to Bates, Ill., sixteen miles west of Springfield, and after spending two years there moved to a farm near Springfield, where Mr. Crissey's parents died. His paternal grandfather fought during the American Revolution.

Stephen T. Crissey received his education in the country schools of his native locality, after leaving which he went to learn the printer's trade in New York City, and worked there for a short time. He came West with his parents in 1854, and there continued to farm for many years, retiring in 1899, when he came to Springfield. He owns a comfortable home at No. 1227 West Lawrence Avenue, in addition to a large farm and fruit orchard, and is considered one of the substantial men of his community. Mr. Crissey has always been a stanch Republican and has served a number of terms as School Director. In 1860, while living in Loami, Ill., Mr. Crissey took part in a political parade as a member of the "Wide Awake Marching Club," which went from that town to Springfield, the delegation carrying a rail, which was deposited in the yard of Abraham Lincoln's home, and serenaded Lincoln at the ratification of his nomination. He showed his patriotism later by enlisting in Company B One Hundred Thirtieth United States Infantry, from Bunker Hill, Ill., and was a prisoner at the Confederate prison in Smith County, Tex., at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln. In August, 1865, he was mustered out of service, his time having expired. He is a member of Stephenson Post No. 30, Grand Army of the Republic. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Church.

On April 2, 1870, Mr. Crissey was married in Springfield to Emma Duey, who was born in Chippensburg, Pa., in 1850, and whose parents, Philip and Catherine (Dunbar) Duey, natives of same place, were farming people, and came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1866. Both died there. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Crissey the following are living: Warren, a pattern-maker at Ides foundry, residing on South Eleventh Street; Lula, wife of Harry Roundtree, in the employ of the Bruce Searles Piano Company; May, wife of George Henze, a cigar manufacturer of Jacksonville, Ill.; and Florence, wife of Frank Williams, in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company at Springfield, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Crissey have thirteen grandchildren.

CRISSEY, William Henry (deceased), who was for many years a carpenter and builder of Springfield, Ill., was born in Westchester County, N. Y., February 5, 1828, and spent his childhood and youth in his native State, where he received his education. He was a son of Benjamin and Julia (Tuttle) Crissey, the former a native of Westchester County and a shoemaker by trade. After leaving school William H. Crissey engaged in farming and in 1852 came to Illinois, locating on the Ketcham farm in Sangamon County. This farm contained 3,500 acres and Mr. Crissey was engaged in farming on it as assistant manager. In 1864 he located in Springfield, which has since been the family home, and soon became engaged in carpenter work. He later began contracting on his own account and became very successful in this line of enterprise.

Mr. Crissey was married in Westport, Conn., December 17, 1851, to Miss Hannah Jennings Lockwood, who was born in that State, August 2, 1832, daughter of Samuel and Susan Julia (Bunell) Lockwood, both natives of Connecticut. Ten children were born to Mr. Crissey and his wife, of whom five survive, namely: Frank L., a contractor residing in Springfield;

Hattie B., unmarried and living at home with her mother; Nellie M., wife of Frank R. Rogers, resides in Springfield, and have two children—Hattie E., wife of Herbert L. Moore, and F. Donald, resides in Springfield: Susie married Frank P. Gayle, lives in Chicago, and they have one child, Frank W.; Frederick, of Springfield, is married and has five children—Norman H., Harold E., Frederick, Robert and Howard, all at home except Norman and Harold, who attend school.

Mr. Crissey was a member of the First Methodist Church at Fifth and Monroe Streets, Springfield, and in politics was a stanch Republican, although he never took a very active part in public affairs. He was an expert carpenter and won an excellent business reputation. He was a man of social instincts and had many friends, who genuinely mourned his loss. He was devoted to his family and always solicitous of their welfare. Mr. Crissey died in Springfield, December 19, 1879, and his remains were buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

CROOK, Alija Robinson, Ph. D., traveler, educator, author and scientist, on December 15, 1906, became Curator of the Illinois State Museum of Natural History, at Springfield. Heredity and environment both had their influence in shaping the life and career of one who for years has reflected honor upon the State of Illinois. The story of his ancestors is interwoven with the early settlement of New England, and he is a direct descendant of William Bradford, the second Governor of the Plymouth Colony. Of the same family came Major-General George Crook, of military fame.

Alija Robinson Crook was born at Circleville, Ohio, June 17, 1864, a son of Rev. Isaac and Emma (Wilson) Crook. Dr. Isaac Crook was born at Crossenville, Perry County, Ohio, December 9, 1833, and is now a resident of Spokane, Wash. He married Emma Wilson, who was born at Delaware, Ohio, November 10, 1836, both he and his wife were graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University, and he has the degrees of A. M., D. D. and LL. D. For many years he was a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for a number of years was President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Athens, Ohio. At the time of his superannuation, he was Presiding Elder of the Chillicothe (Ohio) District. He was a Delegate to the General Conferences and to the Ecumenial Conferences held at Washington and the World's Missionary Conference at Edinburg. He is the author of a number of works, the best known perhaps being: "Jonathan Edwards," "John Knox," and "The Great Expectation," and as a contributor to numerous magazines.

Alija R. Crook secured his degree of A. B. at Ohio Wesleyan University in 1887, and further pursued is studies at Berlin, Zurich and Munich, receiving the degree of Ph. D. at Munich University in 1892. Subsequently, he was a special student in the British Museum, the Jardin des Plantes and the Brussels Museum, but prior to this, he had been superintendent of the public schools of Mt. Carmel, Ohio. After three years of study in German universities he became professor of natural history at Wheaton (Ill.) College, and continued there until 1893, then became professor of mineralogy and economic geology, at Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., where he remained until 1906, when he accepted the position of Curator of the Museum of Natural History in Springfield. Prof. Crook has traveled extensively and has written much, while as a lecturer he has appeared before many scientific bodies, his knowledge of numerous subjects having been obtained first hand. He has climbed Mt. Blanc, Orizaba, and other peaks, has been a member of numerous scientific expeditions, and has personally visited almost every part of the United States and Mexico, and has also made trips to Siberia and Asia Minor. In order to be able to enjoy many of these expeditions and take an able part in the work then done, Prof. Crook has found it necessary to be something of an athlete, and acknowledges a fondness for aquatic and ice sports, also being a tennis player of no small skill.

December 28, 1904, Prof. Crook married, at Chillicothe, Ohio, Miss Florence Wayne Purdum, who was born at that place December 4, 1875. They have three children, Elinor, born August 27, 1907; William Henry, born January 10, 1909, and Robert Purdum, born May 23, 1911. Prof. and Mrs. Crook are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his political convictions, he is a Republican, and it is a part of his creed that a public office is a public trust. For fraternal organizations in general, he has never had any taste, but he is identified with a number of scientific bodies, and retains his interest in his old college Greek fraternity. He was twice Secretary and twice President of the Science Club of the Northwestern University; was twice Honorary Curator of the Chicago Academy of Sciences; is a member of the Sigma Xi, (an honorary scientific society); belongs to the National Geological Society and the Academy of Sciences of St. Louis; is a Fellow of the A. A. A. S., a Fellow of the Geological Society of America; Mitglied Der Deutschen Geologischen Gesellschaft. He was the organizer of the State Academy of Science, and its Secretary during 1907-10.

CROWDER, James H. (deceased).—Kentucky has given to Illinois some of its best citizens. The people of the Blue Grass State came of pioneer stock that pushed bravely into the wilderness and redeemed it from the savages. When the offspring of these pioneers grew to maturity the same love of adventure, the same longing to carve out new homes, assailed them, and they in turn sought new territory, and thus many of them came to Illinois, finding here congenial surroundings. The late James H. Crowder, who for many years was a prosperous far-

mer and stock dealer of Sangamon County, was born in Green County, Ky., a son of John C. and Polly (Lasswell) Crowder, natives of Kentucky and Tennessee. The father was a farmer and stockman, who in 1824 brought his little family from Kentucky to Illinois, locating in Sangamon County, where they farmed for years. Eventually the parents moved to Springfield, where both passed away, having rounded out useful lives.

James H. Crowder was brought up in Sangamon County, attending district school and working with his father. Those were primitive times, but he never thought he was in any way harmed by the hard work and hardships, for they developed his character and made him able to meet his after experiences bravely and well. In 1849 he secured 160 acres of land, which he began developing into a stock farm. In time he became the owner of about 200 acres, and was recognized as one of the best farmers and stockmen in Sangamon County. However, in the later years of his life he met misfortunes and reverses came. In one respect he was fortunate in having a wife who was a true companion and helpmate, and through her untiring efforts he was well provided for up to the day of his demise. Gradually he began dealing in stock and his business was conducted upon an extensive scale. His death occurred April 15, 1900, at the family residence, No. 1241 West Edwards Street. He had retired from his farm in 1875, moving to Springfield, which continued to be his home until his death. In politics he was a Republican, but, although he cordially supported the candidates of his party, he did not care for public life. He early joined the Methodist Church, of which his wife was a member.

On April 10, 1849, Mr. Crowder was married in Springfield to Mary Ann Wright, born in Kentucky, November 7, 1831, a daughter of Thomas O. and Jane (Phillip-Sparks) Wright, who came to Sangamon County when Mrs. Crowder was eight years old. There are two of the Wright children surviving: Thomas Wright, of Springfield, and the widow of Rev. Armenstraut, a minister of Griggsville, Ill., during his life, and there Mrs. Armenstraut still resides. Mr. and Mrs. Crowder had no issue. Mrs. Crowder was interested in her home and the work of her church, and was a pleasant, kindly, Christian woman, who accomplished much good and had many warm friends. Mrs. Crowder is now deceased.

CROWDER, Rev. Thomas Jefferson (deceased), for many years prominent in the Methodist Church, and an active supporter of Prohibition, was one of the honored residents of Springfield. He was born May 28, 1835, in the west end of Springfield, a son of John C. Crowder, born in Green County, Ky., in 1802, who there married Mary Laswell. With his wife and two children, he came to Sangamon County, in 1824, entering land in what is now the west end of Springfield, and becoming one of the most successful farmers of his locality, raising fine stock. He died in his farm during an epidemic of cholera, in 1863, and is buried on the home farm.

Thomas J. Crowder was educated in the country schools and even in childhood was a great reader of the Bible, and espoused the cause of temperance at a very tender age. He signed the pledge when twelve years old, and Abraham Lincoln guided his hand as he wrote his name. This occurrence took place in a school house, after the to-be-distinguished man had addressed an enthusiastic audience on the subject of temperance. Having always been of a religious turn of mind, Thomas J. Crowder began preaching when not more than eighteen years of age. He held charges in both Kansas and Nebraska during the stirring days in the history of those two States, and, needless to say, advocated the Free Soil principles, suffering for his ideas.

On January 14, 1874, Mr. Crowder was married in Jacksonville, Ill., to Martha Tomlin, who was born on her father's farm at Pleasant Plains, September 11, 1839, but later lived in Jacksonville. She is a member of the State Historical Society and the W. C. T. U., having been connected with the latter for thirty years. In the Second Presbyterian Church she is a strong and influential member, and gives much attention to its Missionary Society. All her life she has been a teacher in the Sunday school, and she shared in her husband's advanced temperance ideas. Mr. and Mrs. Crowder had children as follows: J. William, at home; Elizabeth, Mrs. John E. George, of Springfield; Martha Louise, at home; and Edward, of Springfield.

Mr. Crowder passed away February 22, 1911, being seventy-five years and nine months old. During his long and active life he gave liberally of his time and mental attributes to the various causes he so deeply loved. He enlisted for service in the Civil War and although refused on account of physical defects, served in the Home Guard. He held many responsible offices, belonging to the Republican party after its formation, until the Prohibition party became national, and he always acted as his conscience dictated. In 1895 he located in Springfield, at No. 926 Governor Street, where his death occurred. His work as a member of the State Historical Society cannot be over-estimated, and he wrote a number of treatises to defend his position and advance his cause. Charitable and loving, following out in his daily life the principles of the religion he taught, Mr. Crowder rounded out a useful life, and when he died the whole community sorrowed as over the loss of a personal friend. He had lived in stirring times; the earlier part of his life was spent in struggling to help free the black man from the curse of slavery, and the latter part was equally strenuous in behalf of the slaves of alcohol. Such a man will never be forgotten; the good he accomplished will live on into eternity, and men will grow better, civic conditions will improve, and the cause of Prohibition and religion advance, because of the never-ending

efforts of those whose sole purpose in life is to uplift their fellows.

CROWDER, William A. (deceased), for many years a resident of Springfield, Ill., was one of that city's most useful and worthy citizens, being ready to give his support and influence to the promotion of any public movement or enterprise. He was a native of Springfield, born April 15, 1842, son of Washington and Isabel (Laughlin) Crowder, the former born in Lexington, Ky., July 9, 1813, and the latter, also a native of Lexington, born September 27, 1817. The father was a farmer and came to Sangamon County in an early day, settling just outside of Springfield, where the remainder of his life was spent.

The education of William A. Crowder was acquired in the public schools of Springfield and in a business college in that city. After leaving school he taught for several years in the business college then conducted by Messrs. Rutledge & Davidson, and then moved to Oskaloosa, Ia., where he worked in the grocery store of his uncle two years. He then returned to Springfield, and after working two years for his father on the farm, took a position as book-keeper in the grocery store of George Connelly, where he remained eight years. Then for a short time he filled a similar position in the employ of A. H. Saunders, after which he retired from active life. He was an industrious and faithful worker and looked after the interests of his employers carefully. He won many friends in the course of his residence in Springfield, and his loss was keenly felt in many circles. His death occurred at his home, 806 North Tenth Street, Springfield, in 1891. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church and in politics was a Republican.

Mr. Crowder was married in Springfield, November 31, 1865, to Isabel Lauterman, a native of Springfield, born December 23, 1841. Her father came to Springfield from Lexington, Ky., at an early day and entered land where the State House now stands, and afterward entered land which is now included in Washington Park. His wife came from Greensburg, Ky., to Springfield, also in an early day. He died in 1863 and she in 1861, both in Springfield. The Lauterman family lived near the home of Lincoln in Springfield, and were often favored with his visits, so that Mrs. Crowder has many pleasant memories of him, having known him well as a neighbor. Ten children were born to Mr. Crowder and his wife, of whom seven are now living, namely: Charles L., of Springfield, a baggage-man in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railway Company; Fred C., also of Springfield; George E., of St. Louis, a pressman by trade; William L., of Springfield, linotype operator for the Springfield News; Ethel B., wife of F. L. Irwin, of Fresno, Cal.; Gertrude, wife of William Pannell, a stationary engineer living in Springfield; Henrietta, wife of Arthur Billington, an employe of the Illinois Watch Company. Mrs. Crowder has five grandchildren.

CRUDDEN, Patrick (deceased).—Springfield is in the center of a rich mining district that attracts workers from all over the world. The mines give employment to thousands of men, who find in the dangerous occupation a means of obtaining a livelihood. Patrick Crudden, now deceased, was a coal miner there. He was born in County Monahan, Ireland, in 1827, and was a genial, warm-hearted, hard-working man, who had friends wherever he went. He was a son of Barney and Mary (Matthews) Crudden, both born in Ireland, where the father was a farmer.

Growing up in Ireland, Patrick Crudden lived with his parents and worked on their farm, until he came to America in search of better opportunities. About 1866 he located in Springfield, which continued his home until his demise, May 4, 1907. His remains were interred in Calvary Cemetery he having been a consistent member of the Catholic Church. In political faith he was a Democrat, but never cared for office.

Mr. Crudden was married in Durham, England, in 1853, to Bridget McCardle, born in Ireland, January 5, 1839, a daughter of John and Alice (Murray) McCardle, also natives of Ireland. Mr. McCardle was a farmer in Ireland, which remained his home until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Crudden had the following children: Patrick, born May 9, 1857; Mary Anna, born May 7, 1859; Burnett, deceased, born December 22, 1869; Alice, deceased, born January 1, 1868; Rose, born July 5 1870; Kate, born in 1874; Margaret, born January 5, 1882. Mrs. Crudden's home is at No. 1803 East Jackson Street. The family are prominent in the Catholic Church, to which all belong. The respect and confidence which Mr. Crudden inspired for his honesty and integrity, won for his family a recognized place in the community, and they are reaping the benefit of his hard work and sterling traits of character.

CULLOM, Shelby M. (Vol. I, p. 125.)

CUMBERWORTH, George H.—Many representative men of Sangamon County, after being engaged in a number of other undertakings, return to the cultivation of the soil, believing that in nothing else can they obtain such satisfactory results from their investments of time and money. One of the progressive farmers of Capital Township is George H. Cumberworth, born twelve miles from Sheffield, in Derbyshire, England, October 17, 1859, a son of Henry and Caroline (Hawkins) Cumberworth, both natives of England. Henry Cumberworth was a miner, who followed his calling in his native land until he left for America in 1866, sailing from Liverpool and landing in New York. From that city he came direct to Springfield, where he found

employment with the Wabash Railroad Company, but after a year with that company commenced farming. For four years he farmed, but then began mining, and is still in that line of work, although now seventy-eight years old. His home is in Gardner Township. He had the misfortune to lose his wife, June 3, 1895. Their family of three children are all living; George H.; Joseph, a farmer of Capital Township, and Mrs. Anna Cummins, of Gardner Township.

The education of George H. Cumberworth was obtained in a ward school in Springfield. He came to America a year after his father. After leaving school his first work was on his father's farm, but later he went into the mines, and continued in them until he was thirty-two years of age. At that time he embarked in a moving and transfer business in Springfield but after continuing it a quarter of a century, sold out, and in 1902 bought his present farm in Capital Township.

The mariage of Mr. Cumberworth occurred in Springfield, October 18, 1893, to Mary Davis, born in Illinois, January 6, 1856. Her father was a farmer, but is now deceased, as is the mother. Mr. and Mrs. Cumberworth are the parents of two children, Earl and Clara, both of whom are at home. The Methodist Church holds Mr. Cumberworth's membership. He has voted the Democratic ticket since attaining his majority, but does not seek public office. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Americans. He is one of the progressive men of his township, thoroughly abreast of the times, and understands and appreciates the immense possibilities of agriculture.

CUMMINGS, Joseph.—There are many men now living who remember well the great martyr Abraham Lincoln, whom the world recognizes as the greatest American. They recall the man as they knew him in Springfield, remembering nothing but good, and even to this day their eyes fill with tears as they think of his fate. One who has this distinction is Joseph Cummings, a retired farmer of Illiopolis, born in Ross County, Ohio, July 17, 1832. He is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Shriver) Cummings, the former born in Maryland in 1803, and the latter in Little York, Pa., in 1822. Robert Cummings was a farmer and came to Illinois in 1840, settling in Logan County on a farm which he continued to operate up to the time of his death, in 1865. The family born to himself and wife comprised ten children, but all who survive are Joseph Cummings; Mrs. Elizabeth Corn, of Coffey County, Kan.; Mrs. Catherine Trolipp, of Delavan, Tazewell County, Ill.; Mrs. Margaret Payne, of Normal, Ill.

Joseph Cummings was educated in the country school near German Prairie, Clear Lake Township, and during his boyhood he worked for his father on the farm. Learning this line of work in his youth, Mr. Cummings has carried it on all his life in Sangamon and Logan Counties. In 1898 he moved to Illiopolis Township, but in 1906 retired to the village, buying his present very comfortable home.

On October 25, 1866, occurred the marriage of Mr. Cummings and Miss Mary J. Cochran, in the old American House at Springfield. She was born in Franklin County, Pa., in 1834, a daughter of Samuel Cochran, who came to Illinois in an early day, locating in Sangamon County, where he engaged in farming, thus continuing until his death. Mrs. Cummings died in 1900, having borne her husband three children: Mary E., wife of George Rose of Pekin, Ill.; Winfield S., of Sangamon County; and Laura F., of Deland, Ill. There are two fine grandchildren in the family.

The religious connections of Mr. Cummings are with the Methodist Church. He is a Republican and had the honor of casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Cummings greatly misses his wife, whose death was a great shock to him. She was a lovely lady, whose sweet and Christian character endeared her to everyone who knew her. After a long and useful life Mr. Cummings is now enjoying the fruits of his well-applied industry.

CUMMINGS, Peter (deceased), who for many years carried on a farm in Sangamon County, Ill., passed away in the prime of life, leaving a widow and five children to mourn his loss. He was born in Quebec, Canada, and received his education there. His father, Edward Cummings, a butcher by trade, was born in Ireland, and his mother, Alice (Butler) Cummings, was a native of France. The parents were married in Canada and there spent the remainder of their lives.

Mr. Cummings joined the navy in boyhood and served several years. He came to Sangamon County after the close of the Civil War and there became a successful farmer. He was married in Sangamon County, November 11, 1870, to Adaline Slaven, born in Pike County, Ill., daughter of W. H. Slaven, a native of Virginia, while his wife was born in Tennessee. W. H. Slaven was an early settler of Pike County, where he carried on farming for a time, then removed to Iowa and spent the remainder of his life there, passing away January 31, 1865. His widow survived him until June, 1876, and died in Williamsville. Mr. Slaven enlisted in a Missouri regiment for service in the Civil War. Five children were born to Mr. Cummings and his wife, of whom four survive: William, a painter living in Springfield; Nellie, wife of Jerry McGrew, of Williamsville, has two children, Bessie and Henrietta; Thomas, in the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company, lives at Taylorville; George, a chef, living at Williamsville.

In religious views Mr. Cummings was a Methodist, and his widow is a member of the Baptist Church. He was a Republican in politics, but took no active part in public affairs, being much devoted to his home and family. He died January 21, 1887, in his fortieth year,

and was buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery. He was respected and esteemed by the entire community where he had lived many years, and his loss was genuinely mourned by many friends. For the past twenty-three years his widow has lived in her present home in Williamsville, which she owns. Mr. Cummings was an enterprising and industrious farmer and upright and honest in all his dealings, enjoying an excellent reputation among his associates.

CURRIER, Mrs. Mary Priest.—No names in the long list of prominent and useful men of Illinois stand higher, or have a better chance of preservation against forgetfulness, as generations sweep on into eternity, than those of Priest and Currier, both of which are so intimately associated with the history of the State. The remarkable careers of John W. Priest and Silas Wright Currier, have already been covered in another portion of this work. Their successes were built on such firm foundations, that only total oblivion can erase their names from the tablets of Illinois' great and noble men. Their descendants and those who were in any way associated with them, have every reason to be proud of them.

Mrs. Mary Priest Currier, daughter of one of these men and widow of the other, is one of the most highly esteemed ladies of Springfield. She was born in that city, November 2, 1848, daughter of John W. Priest, whose biography appears on another page in this volume. Mrs. Currier is a graduate of the Springfield High School, and learned in her home those virtues and housewifely characteristics which have made her so excellent a wife and mother. She did more, however. Realizing very early in girlhood that she possessed a mind that was masculine in its strength, she daily added to her store of knowledge growing up interested in all that took place about her. She has taken an active interest in all that tends to the advancement of womanhood and character, having served on the Board of Managers of the King's Daughters' Home for Old Ladies, and the Home of the Friendless; is a member of the Woman's Club of Springfield; is a life member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; is a member of the King's Daughters, of the Foreign and Home Missionary Societies of the Baptist Church, and the Ladies' Aid Society. No mere words can do justice to what she has accomplished through her efforts and influence. It is to such women as she, that so many of the improved conditions in Springfield, and the State of Illinois, are due. Mrs. Currier is entitled to several bars on the insignia of the Daughters of the American Revolution, from the fact that she is a descendant of several participants in the war for American Independence, and is also entitled to membership in the society of Colonial Dames.

On July 15, 1878, Mrs. Currier was united in marriage with Silas Wright Currier, born in Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., January 8, 1846. One daughter, Mary Currier Hatcher, was born in Springfield, June 19, 1880, a full sketch of whose life will be found elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Currier has long been an active and very efficient member of the Central Baptist Church of Springfield.

CURRIER, Silas Wright (deceased).—When a man who has been a power in any community dies, his loss is felt keenly, and it is then that his true worth is first realized. His work among his fellow citizens had been going on, quietly and steadily, but had not been appreciated until his taking away deprived others of the benefit of his labors, so it was not until then that they could fully sense his true merits. Silas Wright Currier, one of Springfield's foremost men, whose death robbed the community of an able, upright citizen, was born in Potsdam, N. Y., January 8, 1846.

Frederick Currier, the father of Silas W. Currier, was born in Vermont, in 1806, of English and Welch ancestors, and his life occupations were those of a farmer and carpenter. He was married to Adeline Ellis, whose ancestors fought in the Revolution, born in 1810, in Vermont, of Scotch lineage. They had the following children: Mrs. Hannah Hand, now a resident of Flushing, L. I.; Mrs. Adeline Roe and Mrs. John Young, both of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Edward F., who resides in Oneonta, N. Y.; Franklin, a Civil War veteran, who died in Michigan; Theodore, also a soldier, who died at David's Island during the war; Silas Wright; Henry and George, both of whom died at Norfolk, N. Y.; Harriet, who died at Brooklyn, N. Y., at the age of seventy-two years; and Ida, who died in infancy. The father passed away at Norwood, N. Y., in 1882, and his widow died in Brooklyn, in 1899.

Silas Wright Currier was a business genius, and he had no peers in the line of organization and promotion. The one thing, and the only one, that held him back was his utter refusal to take part in any plan that would deprive others of their just and full due. Clean, honest and upright in all of his own dealings, he could not see his way clear to associate himself with others who were not as scrupulous. Mr. Currier was the organizer of the Elevator Milling Company, which purchased the old Eastman elevator and later erected a plant and warehouse. This business grew to extensive proportions becoming one of the most important industrial interests in Springfield. He remained in the capacity of president and treasurer of this large enterprise up to the time of his death, his service covering a period of sixteen years. In addition he was a stockholder and Director in the State National Bank; a stockholder in the Springfield Paving Brick Company, a heavy stockholder in the Hotel Silas, which he himself erected; was also engaged in farming in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, and in Christian County, Ill. Mr. Currier's interests were of a varied character, but

he handled them all in that keen, decisive manner that marks a leader in the business world, notwithstanding the fact that for years, he was handicapped by poor health.

On July 15, 1878, Mr. Currier was married, in Springfield, to Mary E. Priest, a native of that city, born November 2, 1848, daughter of John W. Priest, one of Springfield's most prominent citizens, whose biography appears on another page in this volume. One daughter, Mary (Currier) Hatcher (whose biography also appears elsewhere in this work), was born of this union, June 19, 1880. Fraternally, Mr. Currier was connected with the Elks and belonged to the Sangamo Club. He was always a generous contributor to church, fraternal and charitable movements, as well as to any enterprise that promised to be of benefit to Springfield or the State. The name of Silas Wright Currier will ever be associated with all that is sincere and upwright, and he will be remembered as an example of the highest type of citizenship. His death occurred November 20, 1902.

DALBEY, James Eastman, member of a family that has long been prominent in Springfield, Ill., was born at the family home at 1157 North Third Street, October 23, 1876, the only son of Joel and Araminta L. (Power) Dalbey, the paternal ancestors being of Scotch-Irish parentage and the maternal ones English. The Power family emigrated from Kentucky, where they were people of position and prominence, to Sangamon County, Ill. Joel Dalby was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, about 1827 or 1828, and passed his boyhood on a farm there. As a young man, he and two of his brothers came to Springfield, Ill., and shipped live stock from there. The parents of James E. Dalbey were married in Springfield and made their home at the house on North Third Street which has since been owned and occupied by the Dalbey family. The father died in 1903 and the mother in 1906. They were members of the First Presbyterian Church and were parents of two children, Jenny Emeline, who was born in 1872 and died in 1876, and James E.

In boyhood James Eastman Dalbey attended the public schools of his native city, from which he graduated with the class of 1895, and when eighteen years of age entered the employ of the Municipal Electric Light Company, where he works at the present time. He has become a skilled and capable electrician and is one of the city's most trusted employees. He is most thorough and conscientious in his work and has thus been able to secure an advance in his position from an inferior one in the beginning to one of importance and responsibility.

Mr. Dalbey was married in Springfield, November 14, 1906, to Miss Bertha Kelly, daughter of the late J. H. and Tilda Kelly, and one child has blessed this union, Araminta Tilda. Mr. Dalbey inherited the family home at the death of his parents and has kept this handsome place in good repair. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church, of which Mr. Dalbey is Trustee at present. Mr. Dalbey is a Republican in National elections but in general votes for the best man, regardless of party affiliations.

DAMKUS, Joseph K., a well-known citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born in the village of Sothkalneie, Russia, March 19, 1875, his parents being natives of the same village. The father, Baltrameius Damkus, was born in 1825 and died in 1910, and the mother, Antinie Tomoszaitis, was born in 1832 and died in 1907. The father was a farmer and he and his wife spent their entire lives in Russia. They were parents of ten children, nine sons and one daughter, Joseph K. being the ninth child. They were: Benedict; John; Tom; Frank; William; Michael, died at the age of thirty-eight years; Anton died at the age of twenty-one years; Joseph, named after the oldest child, who died three years of age; Sister Weronika, lives in Russia.

In youth Mr. Damkus was unable to attend school, and is practically self-educated. He remained at home and worked on his father's farm until eighteen years of age, when he came to America, arriving in 1893. He remained in Chicago until 1896, being employed at various kinds of work, but in that year came to Springfield. In 1897, he returned to Chicago, but the following year came again to Springfield, where he located permanently. He followed coal mining several years, and in 1906, under the administration of Mayor David Griffiths, was appointed on the police force. He has served as police officer under the administrations of Mayors Roy Reece, and John Schnepp. He is independent in political views, and is a member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. He has made the most of his opportunities for education and improvement since coming to America, and is able to speak ten different languages, being a natural linguist.

Mr. Damkus was married in Springfield June 11, 1901, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, by Father Hickey, to Isabel Adomaitys, who was born in Balandzin, Russia, in 1876, a daughter of Michael and Peatronely Adomaitys Sztokans. Her father was born in 1844, and died in 1902, and her mother, born in 1849, died in 1886. Mrs. Damkus is the oldest of three children, the others being Annie and Anton. Mr. Damkus and wife have two children: Joseph Silveryans, born June 20, 1902, and Dionizijans M., born October 22, 1903. The family are well known and have a number of friends. They reside at 1809 North Tenth Street. Mr. Damkus is of striking appearance, being six feet one and one-half inches in height, and weighs 340 pounds.

DANIEL, Nathan T.—One of the important features of all Illinois cities is the location there of retired farmers who, after years devoted to the tilling of the soil, have given up active pursuits

and are prepared to devote more time to the study of civic conditions. Nathan T. Daniel has made Springfield his home for some years and in earlier years was a well-known agriculturist. He was born in Clay County, Ill., November 10, 1847, a son of John and Paulina (Barrah) Daniel, the former born in Clay County, Ill., in 1824, and the latter in Ohio, in 1825. The father was a farmer and spent his life in Clay County, where his death occurred. The paternal grandfather was a soldier of the Mexican War, who located in Clay County, Ill., at a time when that locality was but sparsely settled.

Nathan T. Daniel grew up in Clay County, working on a farm, and he has devoted his life to this class of work. In the fall of 1866 Mr. Daniel left Clay County, going to Kansas, where he remained until 1871 when he moved to Indiana. In 1875 he returned to Clay County, whence he came to Sangamon County, which has since been his place of residence. Mr. Daniel served under Custer, in Company S, Nineteenth Kansas Cavalry, participating in the battle of Antelope Bluff, in which Chief Black Kettle was killed. In addition, he was a participant in other less important engagements. While a stanch Republican, Mr. Daniel has not taken an active part in public life, but can always be counted upon to give an active support to any enterprise he believes will be beneficial to the community at large. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Daniel was married in Clay County, Ill., August 20, 1875, to Sarah Davis, born in Ohio, in 1855. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel: Estella, born August 28, 1876; Flora, born in October, 1878; Edward, born April 29, 1880; Elizabeth, born November 7, 1882; Louis E., born in October, 1884; John, born April 2, 1886, and Alma, born August 30, 1892. The family have a pleasant residence at No. 1700 East Maple Street. He is a man of pleasing manner, social in his tastes, and has a number of warm personal friends in Sangamon and Clay Counties. Before his retirement he had owned and developed a fine farm which was one of the best in his neighborhood. His success was due to his industry and thrift, as well as to his knowledge of the best methods of farming.

DANIELS, James M., who has long been a resident of Sangamon County, Ill., and has seen many changes take place in this section, has the distinction of being one of the self-made men of Pleasant Plains, where he is now engaged in the poultry, egg and fish business. Mr. Daniels was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, November 18, 1841, a son of John and Percilla (Radcliff) Daniels, and a grandson on the paternal side of a Revolutionary soldier who served throughout the war.

The parents of Mr. Daniels, both natives of West Virginia, were married in that State, which they left about 1827 to go to Chillicothe, Ohio, where seven of their fourteen children were born. Of their children those living are: Nancy Daniels, widow of Chesley D. Smith, now residing in Oklahoma City, Okla.; Samuel, who resides in South Dakota; and James M. In 1849 John Daniels and wife settled in Cartwright Township, Sangamon County, but in 1852 the family went to Daviess County, Mo., and lived until 1858, then moved to Abingdon, Ill. While at this place the mother and two children died of cholera, there being an epidemic in Illinois at that time, and the father returned to Daviess County, Mo., where he remained until his death in February, 1865.

In 1860, when but nineteen years old, James M. Daniels decided to return to Illinois, working his passage back by helping his brother-in-law, William Willis, drive his stock from Missouri to Sangamon County. He had left with a cash capital of ten cents in his pocket, but during a friendly scuffle with his brother, John, lost this small sum. John Daniels afterwards went to Centralia, Ill., and there died. Thrown thus on his own resources, James M. Daniels secured work by the month in Illinois and about 1866 had saved enough to rent a farm. On January 9, 1868, he was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Parkison, who was born near Circleville, Ohio, November 15, 1850, daughter of Hugh and Ellen Frances (Jackson) Parkison, natives of New York and Baltimore, Md., respectively. The Jackson and Parkison families both removed to Circleville, Ohio, where Mrs. Daniels' parents were married, and they came to Illinois in 1856, settling in Cartwright Township, where Mr. Parkison carried on farming until 1874, in that year removing to Christian County. Here he purchased a farm, which he operated until his death about 1892, while his widow still survives, having reached the ripe old age of eighty-five years. To them there were born a large family of children as follows: Stephen, who died at the age of forty-one years; David, who died in 1901, when fifty years of age; Carrie, who was the wife of George Sutton, both being deceased; Sarah, who died at the age of sixty-four years; John, who lives with his mother at Millersville, Ill.; Joseph, a retired merchant of Springfield; Ella, the wife of Thomas W. Knott, of Millersville; Anna, the wife of Cyrus Moore, of Assumption; Minnie, the wife of Edward Allison, of Chicago; William, a farmer near Pana; and Newton, residing at Shelbyville, Ill.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Daniels located on a farm and in 1871 purchased a farm in Cartwright Township, which Mr. Daniels operated until 1882, then selling out to buy the farm now operated by Marshall Grider. In 1887 that farm was sold and Mr. Daniels entered the lumber business, but for the past few years he has been engaged in the egg, poultry and fish business at Pleasant Plains. He can look back with pleasure over his many years of hard work, from the time when the present town of Pleasant Plains was but a mud-

hole and the country wild and uncultivated, and can also take pleasure in the fact that he is now a substantial business man through the efforts and industry he has expended, from the time when his capital was ten cents. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels now reside in a pleasant home on East North First Street, where all the friends of the family are sure of a hearty welcome. They have long been members of the Methodist Church and Mr. Daniels, while never seeking public preferment, has always been interested in Democratic politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America at Pleasant Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels have had four children: David, born September 4, 1869, a traveling lumber salesman whose home is in Springfield, married Olive Smith; Luther, born September 18, 1871, section foreman for the Central Pacific & Saint Louis Railroad Company, married Mollie McGraw and has one child, Velma; Hattie, born October 10, 1873, is the wife of Albert Irwin, of Flora, Ill., and has two sons—Loran and Leonard; and James A., born October 15, 1876, Cashier of the bank of Heyworth, Ill., married Miss Libbie Purvines and had two children, Russell and Guinlin.

DASHER, Edwin Huston, Sr.—Sangamon County has an established reputation all over the State for the quality and excellence of its instructors, through whose efforts the schools of this locality have been developed so remarkably. One of the men who have been largely instrumental in bringing out this desirable condition of educational affairs, is Edwin Huston Dasher, Sr., now of Pleasant Plains, Ill. Mr. Dasher was born at Columbus, Ohio, November 19, 1873, being a son of George Clay and Frances Beatrice (Thomas) Dasher. The father was born at Lewisburg, Ohio, June 12, 1845, while his wife was born at Columbus, Ohio, September 19, 1851. For a quarter of a century, the father was a teacher, during which time he was professor of mathematics at Columbus, Ohio, besides holding numerous superintendencies. His parents came from Virginia, and were of German descent. The Dasher settlement in Ohio occurred in 1835. The Thomas family came from the North of Ireland, so Mr. Dasher has good, sturdy ancestors back of him.

Mr. Dasher graduated from Lincoln High School in 1893, from the Interstate Correspondence School in 1901, and Brown's Business College in 1910. He located in Sangamon County in 1907, when he settled at Pawnee, coming there from Christian County, Ill. He began teaching school September, 1893, at Blue Grass, near Atlanta, Ill., remaining there for a year. He then took charge of schools near Morrisonville, and taught there for nine years, when, in 1897, he taught at Monegan for a year. In 1898, 1899 and 1900, he taught at Shiloh, and for the following two years was at Evergreen. From 1903 to 1904 he taught at White Oak; returned to Evergreen for a year, and then, in 1905, went to King. In 1907 he taught at Sanders, and during 1908 and 1909 was Principal of the Pawnee High School, now holding the same responsible position with regard to the Pleasant Plains High School, receiving a salary of ninety dollars per month. Mr. Dasher has always been enthusiastic regarding his work, and never neglected any opportunity for enlarging his scope or broadening his outlook. He is a man who possesses in marked degree the power to impart knowledge, and has always been very popular with the pupils and their parents, who have appreciated his efforts. Believing in organization, Mr. Dasher is an active and valued member of the Sangamon County Teachers' Association and the Illinois State Teachers' Association.

On January 18, 1899, Mr. Dasher was united in marriage at Morrisonville, Ill., with Clara Reasoner Lyles, born near that town, December 30, 1880. Mrs. Dasher's parents, John W. and Harriet J. (Bettis) Lyles, came to Christian County, Ill., in 1869, locating one mile south and one mile east of the southeast corner of Sangamon County. Mr. and Mrs. Dasher are parents of the following children: Daniel Archie, born July 24, 1902; Mildred Evelyn, born October 6, 1906; Edwin Huston, Jr., born June 23, 1908, and Roscoe Wiley, born November 20, 1910. Mr. Dasher's conscientious scruples and principles make him a Prohibitionist. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and for six years was superintendent of a Sunday School near Pawnee and one year at Pawnee. Alive, thoroughly abreast of the day, keenly interested in everything pertaining to his profession, Mr. Dasher is one of the best teachers this county has ever secured, and his valuable services are estimated at their true worth.

DAVIDSON, George W.—One of the most prominent farmers of Sangamon County, Ill., is George W. Davidson, who is always ready to lend his influence and services to any public enterprise in his community, or to help those in trouble or need. Mr. Davidson was born in Ball Township, Sangamon County, March 12, 1855, son of Samuel and Amanda (Knuckles) Davidson whose biography appears on another page of this work.

In boyhood George W. Davidson attended Oak Ridge School in Pawnee Township, and lived at home until he was thirty years of age. He then began farming on his own account and has been very successful. He bought and shipped stock for many years, and has been enterprising and progressive in his operations, being a man of excellent business judgment. He is very found of fox hunting and outdoor sports of all kinds, and spends many of his hours of leisure in this diversion. He has traveled but little, being very fond of home and devoted to his family. He now owns 410 acres of fine farming land on Section 10 of Divernon Township, and carries on general farming, besides caring for his other business interests. He is

a stockholder in the Divernon Grain Elevator Company.

Mr. Davidson was married in St. Louis, Mo., October 22, 1888, by Rev. Matthews, to Ann E. Shepherd, born in Sangamon County, December 12, 1862, daughter of Thomas B. and Arminda (Pyle) Shepherd, the former a native of Maryland and the latter born in St. Clair County, Ill., October 13, 1838, died in Sangamon County, January 30, 1907, being buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield. Mr. Shepherd has retired from active life and lives in Pawnee. Mr. Davidson and his wife have three children, namely: Flossie L., born August 18, 1889; Lelia F., December 3, 1891; and George S., April 15, 1907, all at home. Mrs. Davidson is one of three children, the others being: Thomas A., the oldest, a prominent farmer of Sangamon County, married Marian M. Weber and they have three children—Stella M., George W. and Charles R.; Mary E., married Charles W. Anderson, who died in March, 1901, and she now lives in Pawnee and has two children—Leslie C. and Nellie S. Mr. Davidson was one of nine children, of whom four are deceased.

In politics Mr. Davidson is a Democrat, but usually votes for the man rather than for party. He has served as Road Commissioner and School Director. Fraternally he belongs to Co rt of Honor No. 334 and to the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 200, at Divernon. He and his family are earnest members of the Methodist Church and active in church and benevolent work.

DAVIDSON, Samuel, now living retired from active life, on Section 3, Pawnee Township, Sangamon County, Ill., has carried on agricultural operations all his life and has been successful to a gratifying degree. Mr. Davidson was born in Davidson County, Tenn., October 19, 1821, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Hall) Davidson, the former born in North Carolina and the latter in Tennessee. The father was a farmer and was brought by his parents to Tennessee when a boy, Davidson County, that State, being named after his father, John Davidson moved from Tennessee to Indiana, bringing his family with him, and later came to Illinois. He located first at Vandalia, and afterward moved to Macoupin County, where both he and his wife died, on a farm about four miles west of Girard. The maternal and paternal grandfathers of Samuel Davidson died in Tennessee, where they had located at an early day.

Samuel Davidson received his education in the country schools of Illinois and lived on his father's farm until he reached his majority, then lived in the family of Abner Knotts until his marriage. He has been a resident of Illinois since he reached the age of five years and has lived in his present home since 1857. He was a hardworking and energetic farmer and brought his land to a high state of cultivation. He has lived retired for several years and hires the work done by others, but retains charge of the conduct of the farm. He owns 160 acres of excellent land and has good substantial buildings on same. He and his wife have witnessed the remarkable development of central Illinois, as she was born in Sangamon County and he has spent most of his life in the State. His parents came with a wagon from Tennessee, and the family bore the hardships and dangers incident to early frontier life.

The marriage of Mr. Davidson took place in Ball Township, May 9, 1850, when he was united by Rev. Bradshaw with Amanda Knuckles, daughter of John and Ann (Collins) Knuckles, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of New Jersey. The father of Mr. Knuckles was a native of North Carolina, where his death occurred, and the father of Ann Collins, who was born in Virginia, also died in that State. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, of whom four are deceased. Those living are: Samuel M., born September 5, 1861; Thomas J., born March 4, 1864, married Carrie Johnson; George W., born March 12, 1855, lives near his father, is the owner of 560 acres of land, and married Anna E. Shepherd; Amanda V., born May 26, 1866, is unmarried and lives at home; Miriam, born October 5, 1868, is the second wife of Samuel Stout; Charles C., born June 5, 1872, died August 25, 1892; Ann, born April 24, 1881, married John Moore, and died February 18, 1905; Emma A., born March 25, 1858, was the first wife of Samuel Stout (who married as his second wife her sister Miriam), and died September 13, 1891; Douglas, born June 25, 1853, died November 6, 1869. There are thirteen grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Davidson and his family are active members of the Methodist Church and live up to the principles and tenets of their faith. He has been a resident of his present home more than half a century and is well known and much respected by the entire community, as a man of sterling worth and high character. He is a Democrat in politics and served many years as School Director. He has also been for many years a Trustee in the Methodist Church and is interested in every good cause.

DAVIES, Morgan A.—One of the men of Sangamon County in whom burns the fire of poetic genius is the well known poet, Morgan A. Davies, who was highly honored at the Columbian Exposition in 1893, as well as upon many other occasions. He is a native of Wales, born March 15, 1845, being a son of David and Amelia (Jones) Davies, the former born in London, England, and the latter in Wales. The paternal grandfather was an eminent divine of the Baptist faith, while the maternal grandfather was prominent in local affairs, serving his parish as Road Commissioner for forty years. Both parents of Mr. Davies spent their lives in Great Britain, dying in Wales, and he is the only one of his family to come to the United States.

After a boyhood spent in hard work for his father and in the Welsh mines, during which time he received no educational advantages, Mr. Davies came to the land of promise, landing at Castle Garden, July 19, 1869. At once he found employment in the mines at Akron, Ohio, where he remained until 1877, when he removed to Macon County, Mo., there embarking in a grocery business. From that location he went to New Mexico; thence to Spring Valley, finally settling at Divernon, Ill., which is now his place of residence. Since locating here he has taken an active part in local matters, being a strong Republican, and aside from acting as Election Judge upon many occasions, is now Justice of the Peace.

On May 13, 1875, Mr. Davies was married at Coal Valley, Rock Island County, Ill., to Lucy Phillips, born in Wales, who came here when only one year old. Her parents, William and Hannah (Reece) Phillips located first in Irontown, Ohio, upon their arrival in the United States, but later removed to Coal Valley. Still later they went to Carroll County, Iowa, where both died on a farm they had bought. The grandparents of Mrs. Davies never left Wales. Mr. and Mrs. Davies became the parents of one child, a son, Ithel B., born in Rock Island County, Ill., February 29, 1876. Mrs. Davies was one of six children born to her parents. She and another were born in Wales, but the remaining four were born in the United States.

Mr. Davies is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Red Men and Foresters, and is next to the oldest member in the first named lodge. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational Church. Since early youth he has been connected with this denomination and counts his religious experiences as among the happiest of his life. He is a man who carries his religion with him, not making a task of carrying out its mandates, but enjoying them, and his influence for good is deeply felt by all who are brought into contact with him.

Without regular scholastic training, Mr. Davies has taught himself, and has developed his talents until he is one of the best representatives of Welsh poesy the country knows. During the World's Fair at Chicago Mr. Davies had the distinction of being sent to it as the representative of the Welsh Literary World, and while there gained many honors. His genius was recognized and he has a number of medals won during that period. While enjoying his poetic work, Mr. Davies has not neglected practical matters, but has amassed a considerable amount of property, a portion of which has been gained from his writings, and is one of the solid men of Sangamon County. His verse rings with the true Welsh spirit, and his words of encouragement have raised many a drooping spirit and brought back into the fold more than one straying brother, who had forgotten early teachings in the glare of worldly pursuits. Mr. Davies' son is a shareholder and Manager of the Bradley Knitting Company, of Delavan, Wis., also was for twelve years Superintendent of Schools at Delavan, Wis., and Sparta.

DAVIS, George, who has been a resident of Springfield since about 1883, from that time to the present has been connected with mining interests in the vicinity. He has been employed as mine inspector and mine manager by various concerns, and is at present connected with the Chicago & Springfield Mining Company. He has spent most of his life in mining, having worked in several English mines before coming to America. He was born in Gloucestershire, England, July 1, 1846, and after attending the country schools near his home, where he paid a tax of about two cents per week for the privilege, attended a college. He was one of the five children (four sons and one daughter) of Thomas and Ann (Newell) Davis, both of whom spent their entire lives in England, being natives of Gloucestershire. The father was a contractor.

After leaving school George Davis was apprenticed to the trade of tinner, but worked at it only a short time and then became employed in a mine. He traveled throughout England and worked in different capacities in various mines. He emigrated to America in 1881, landing in Boston, and shortly afterwards came to Braceville, Ill., where he spent two years, before locating in Springfield, which has since been his home. He possesses business and executive ability and has for several years past been a manager for the company by which he is now employed. He is popular with his associates and respected by all who know him, as an enterprising, useful citizen.

Mr. Davis was married, in England, December 24, 1869, to Miss Joanna Jones, who was born in Brecknockshire, South Wales, in 1849, and died in Springfield, February 19, 1910. Her father was a shepherd in South Wales, where he and his wife spent their entire lives. They had two sons and three daughters. Mr. Davis and his wife had eight sons and four daughters, of whom but four sons survive, namely: George, of Springfield; Ernest, of Kansas City, Mo.; Thomas J. and William, of Springfield. Mr. Davis has seven grandchildren. He resides at 1711 East Sangamon Avenue, Springfield. Mr. Davis is a member of the Methodist Church and is affiliated with the Royal Circle organization.

DAVIS, James E.—The family of which James E. Davis is a member, has been well known in Sangamon County, Ill., for eighty years. Mr. Davis is a native of the county, born November 17, 1840, son of Richard and Elizabeth (Neal) Davis, natives of Kentucky, the former born in April, 1800, and the latter born in Nelson County, about 1803. They were married and had one child in Kentucky and emigrated to Sangamon County, Ill., arriving before the deep snow of 1830-31. They had three children born in Sangamon County. Richard Davis was a shoemaker by trade and served in the Black Hawk War. The children born to him and his wife were: George L. died unmarried in 1856;

Diana married Philip Loeb; John H., and James E.

The education of James E. Davis was acquired in the public schools of Springfield and he has lived in the city most of his life. Upon leaving school he began work at brick-making, and enlisted, August 2, 1862, in Springfield, in Company F, Twelfth Volunteer Infantry, serving under General Wallace. He served to the end of the war in this company and made a record of which he is justly proud. He was mustered out at Richmond, Va., August 11, 1865, having participated in many of the important engagements of the war, among them: Battle of the Wilderness, Weldon Railroad, North Ann, Cold Harbor and Pebble Farm. He is a member of Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., and also belongs to the M. W. A.

Upon his return after the close of the war, Mr. Davis was employed in the blacksmith shops of the Wabash Railroad Company for about eight years, then became a member of the Springfield Fire Department about 1900 and has lived retired ever since. He has always been an enterprising citizen of Springfield and has been deeply interested in its progress and welfare. Having been born and reared in the city, he has a large number of friends. He is highly esteemed for his kindly, genial disposition and his many sterling qualities. He owns a very comfortable home at 907 North Third Street, Springfield, and there he and his wife delight in meeting and entertaining their friends. Mr. Davis is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and in politics is a Democrat.

The marriage of Mr. Davis took place at Springfield, August 8, 1868, when he was united with Rose McGrane, daughter of Lawrence and Catherine (Bradley) McGrane, born in County West Meath, Ireland, November 31, 1852. Her parents embarked on board a ship which was wrecked, and they were seven months at sea, before landing in New York. They came to Morristown, N. J. The wife died there about 1895. Mrs. Davis was the youngest of eight children and all are deceased. They were all members of the Catholic Church. Two children have blessed this union, Christina, born July 30, 1880, and William J., November 22, 1874. Mrs. Davis is a woman of culture and high character and is loved by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance.

DAVIS, James W.—After many years devoted to arduous toil, Sangamon County farmers feel that they have earned the right to enjoy the fruits of their labors and, retiring from active work, settle down in towns adjacent to the scenes of their former homes, where they are free to give more attention to civic matters. A representative of this class is James W. Davis, of Illiopolis, born in Adams County, Ohio, March 4, 1833, a son of John and Martha A. (Douglas) Davis, the former born in New York City, and the latter in Pennsylvania. John Davis was a cabinetmaker and wheelwright.

The Davis family originated in Germany, the grandparents of James W. Davis having come from that country to America, locating in New York City. Later they moved to Ripley County, Ind., but, after farming there a short itme, went to Kentucky, dying there. From Kentucky John Davis moved to Adams County, Ohio, at an early date, locating in West Union, where he followed his trade of cabinetmaking until 1847, but in that year, losing his wife, he went to Lewistown, Ill., and there spent the remainder of his life, dying at the home of a daughter. There were five children in the family, but all are now deceased except James W.

Mr. Davis was given better educational advantages than many, having the privilege of attending the city school of West Union. During his boyhood he assisted his father, later engaging in different lines. He was in Kentucky when the war broke out, and farmed eight years in Mason County. He then came to Illinois, locating at Mechanicsburg. At the end of two years he went to Lake Fork, Logan County, farming there for three years. From there he came to Illiopolis, resuming farming. He is now one of the retired residents of his town, owning his comfortable home.

Mr. Davis has been thrice married, his first wife having been Margaret Scott whom he married in Kentucky. She was born in Mason County, Ky., and died in Mechanicsburg. She bore her husband four children: Joseph, living at Harristown, Ill.; Sarah, living in Springfield; Mattie, wife of George Phillips, an engineer, living in Illiopolis; George living in Springfield. Mr. Davis was married in Mechanicsburg to Lula Rousch, born in Macoupin County, Ill., and died in Illiopolis, having borne her husband one son, William, living in Springfield. The third marriage of Mr. Davis took place in Illiopolis, to Mary Regar, born in Ohio. Her parents were among the pioneers of Illinois. Mrs. Davis died April 11, 1906. By this marriage there were five children: Edward and Roy, living in Illiopolis; Pearl married John Gano, of Springfield, and one child, Walter, deceased.

A stanch Democrat, Mr. Davis has always supported his party, and appreciation of his services was shown in his election to the office of Constable, in which he served four years. He also served for five years as Town Marshal, and has been Street Commissioner, giving faithful and valuable service in each office. In the Christian Church he has long been a power, contributing liberally towards its support and aiding in its good work. Through earnest efforts he has accumulated considerable property, which places him in comfortable circumstances, and he is now enjoying the results of a well-spent life. There are few men who stand higher in his community than he, and his success is merited, for it has been earned through hard work.

DAVIS, John, who owns a tract of twenty acres of valuable land on the edge of the city of

Springfield, Ill., has been very successful in carrying on farming and gardening and has lived in the vicinity of his present home for twenty-six years. Mr. Davis was born in Somersetshire, England, August 27, 1852, and is a son of Samuel and Anna (Garland) Davis, both natives of England, the former born in 1835 and the latter in 1831, and both died in England. The parents resided on a farm and were parents of four children, three daughters and one son: Eliza Jane, deceased; Sarah Ann, wife of Walter Penn, living in England; Emily, wife of John Cullen, a farmer living near Macomb, McDonough County, Ill., and John. The mother passed away in 1901 and the father the following year.

In boyhood John Davis attended the public schools of his native country and worked on his father's farm until about seventeen or eighteen years of age, then worked by the week at farming for three years, being employed by various neighboring farmers. He came to America in 1873 and located first in Sangamon County. He went to Christian County in 1876 and worked there two years, then returned to Sangamon County and purchased a small tract of land where he now lives. He owns twenty acres and, as the land is within the city limits, it is worth about six hundred dollars per acre He devotes much of it to market gardening and has met with gratifying success in this enterprise. He has a comfortable house at 2300 East Laurel Street.

Mr. Davis was married in Springfield, April 5, 1879, to Miss Mary A. Eddington, born August 27, 1853, daughter of Joseph and Rhoda (Pittman) Eddington, who came to America from England in 1880, locating on Cook Street in Springfield, and both are now deceased. The father died in 1903, at the age of ninety-five years, and the mother in 1907, at the age of eighty-four years. Ten children were born to Mr. Davis and his wife, namely: William, a gardener of Sangamon County; Genevieve, wife of Everheardt Heissinger, a gardener of Sangamon County; Joseph, a gardener; Edward works at home; Anna, wife of Troy Foster, at home; Lillie and Albert at home; Samuel, a miner in Springfield. Mr. Davis has four grandchildren, two girls and two boys.

Mr. Davis is a member of Liberty Camp No. 1534, Modern Woodmen of America, and has belonged to the order about twenty years. His wife is a member of the Royal Neighbors. He also belongs to the Congregational Church. In political views he is a Republican. He came to America a poor young man, about the time he reached his majority, and through his own efforts has acquired a competence. He was reared to habits of industry and sobriety and has governed his actions in accordance with principles of honesty and integrity, thus winning the esteem and confidence of his fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been to England twice and expect to visit their native home again.

DAVIS, J. McCan.—There are few more interesting personalities in Sangamon County, Ill., than J. McCan Davis, through whose intimate knowledge of men and events, grasp of politics and political situations, his fellow citizens have gained their comprehensive view of what has been the making of history. A man of versatile talents, seemingly he would have been successful in almost any line of endeavor, and has been particularly so in his literary work, which has covered both journalism and authorship.

J. McCan Davis was born in Fulton County, Ill., November 19, 1866, and obtained his early educational training in the public schools. In boyhood he developed a taste for journalism and at the age of fifteen years was a contributor to newspapers. He learned shorthand by self-instruction and while yet a boy was able to report speeches. Later he taught school for a short time, but when nineteen years old became editor of a weekly paper at Canton, Ill., and during that time also acted as official court stenographer. For a short time he was engaged in newspaper work in Iowa, being managing editor of a daily paper at Council Bluffs.

In the fall of 1888 Mr. Davis came to Springfield and became connected with the Illinois State Journal. In 1889 he became resident correspondent for the Chicago Times and other metropolitan papers, and from 1890 for many years he was correspondent of Chicago, St. Louis, New York and Boston newspapers. In 1891 he was appointed correspondent of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, and has continuously represented that paper at the State Capital. For a number of years Mr. Davis held the position of manager of the Legislative Bureau of the Associated Press. He has a wide acquaintance with and a comprehensive knowledge of public men. From 1895 until 1899 he practiced law. In 1897 he was appointed Secretary of the State Board of Arbitration and became an authority on industrial conciliation and arbitration. In 1900 he was called before the U. S. Industrial Commission for expert testimony and drafted the acts passed by the Legislature in 1899 and 1901, amending the arbitration law.

Mr. Davis is widely known as a writer, and is a high authority on the life of Abraham Lincoln, as well as the politics and history of Illinois. Among his books are "The Breaking of the Deadlock," "Abraham Lincoln—His Book," "How Abraham Lincoln Became President" and (in collaboration with Ida M. Tarbell) "The Early Life of Abraham Lincoln." In April, 1911, he founded "The Illinois Statesman," an illustrated weekly magazine for Illinois.

In 1908 Mr. Davis made a notable campaign for the Republican nomination for Clerk of the Supreme Court of Illinois. He was successful and in November of that year was elected to that office by a plurality exceeding 165,000. His term expires in 1914.

Mr. Davis is married, his wife having been

formerly Miss Florence Flower Packard of Canton, Illinois.

DAVISON, James.—Most of the early settlers of Sangamon County have disappeared from the busy haunts of men. Their names may be forgotten, their dust moldering in the tomb, but their influence remains. These fertile fields, these busy, teeming cities, are all the magnificent results of their sacrifices and forethought, and will be their silent and enduring monument forever. One who has the distinction of belonging to one of the old pioneer families of the county is James Davison, one of the most prosperous farmers of his part of the State. He was born in Sangamon County, February 20, 1835, a son of William and Sadie Davison, natives of Kentucky, and sturdy pioneers who came to Illinois in 1818 and spent the remainder of their useful lives within the confines of Sangamon County. Their first home was a little log cabin, but they worked hard, reared their children, and departed this life, having rounded out their lives, and developed fine Christian qualities.

James Davison was educated in Sangamon County and remembers well the primitive log schools which form such a vivid contrast to those of the present day. His life work has been farming, and there is probably little about practical farming that he does not know. He owns a magnificent farm in Cartwright Township, where he has spent all his life, and no one there stands higher in the esteem of his neighbors. Mr. Davison has never married. His life has been ordered by the Golden Rule, and he has given of his means to many of whom the world knows nothing, for he does not tell of his charities. A Democrat, he is content to show his support of the party by voting for its candidates. Genial, kind-hearted, always willing to lend a helping hand, Mr. Davison is a great favorite, and is easily one of the leading men of his township.

DAWLEY, Joseph C.—The carpenters and builders of a community contribute much towards its material advancement, as well as to its beauty and substantial appearance. One who has been engaged along this line of endeavor for some years is Joseph C. Dawley, who was born near Rochester, Sangamon County, June 20, 1861, a son of Harrison and Jane (Campbell) Dawley, the former a native of New York State and the latter of Tennessee. The father was a farmer and came to Illinois at an early day, first settling near Old Salem, where he remained several years, then moving to a farm in the vicinity of Rochester, Sangamon County. In addition to farming during the early days, he drove the stage coach between Rochester and Beardstown. He remained on his farm until his death, which occurred in 1883, his widow surviving him until 1885. They had six sons and three daughters, but only two survive, Joseph C. and William, who live with him.

The education of Joseph C. Dawley was secured in the schools of the county and in Rochester, and during his boyhood he worked on the farm, growing up amid healthy agricultural conditions. When he attained his majority he began learning the carpenter's trade, which he has followed ever since, some of the best buildings in Rochester being the result of his work. He is conscientious about carrying out his contracts and has gained a well-merited confidence.

Mr. Dawley has never married, he and his brother living together. He gives much of his spare time to the Methodist Church, of which he is a consistent member, enjoying his association with its religious life. A Democrat, he confines his public efforts to voting for the candidates of his party, not desiring office. In addition to his home, Mr. Dawley holds four city lots in Rochester which are very valuable. He has confidence in Rochester realty, as is evinced by his investments, and is one of the solid, reliable men of his community.

DAWSON, Henry M.—The agricultural interests of Sangamon County are important and extensive, and some of the most progressive and energetic men of the locality are engaged in farming, realizing that in this calling are big profits for those who understand their work. One of these representative agriculturists is Henry M. Dawson, of Section 32, Woodside Township. He was born in Scott County, Ill., July 11, 1859, being a son of Jesse and Anna (Groom) Dawson, farming people, born in Delaware and Scott County, Ill., respectively.

Jesse Dawson came to Illinois from his native State, at a very early day, locating on a farm in Scott County, where he resided until his death, which occurred in February, 1908, when he was ninety-three years of age. His wife passed away in 1882, having spent her life in Scott County, where her parents had been early settlers. She bore her husband four sons and four daughters, and the family is well and favorably known throughout southern Illinois. Four of Jesse Dawson's brothers served in the Civil War.

Growing up on his father's farm, Henry M. Dawson attended the country schools and learned how to till the soil. He remained in Scott County until 1890, but in that year came to Springfield, where he formed a partnership with R. M. Dockum, for the purpose of conducting a grocery on North Grand Avenue, but after six years in this connection embarked in a grocery business of his own on North Sixth Street, continuing there for a year. He then moved to the vicinity of the Leland Hotel, continuing there for ten years, but in 1906, purchasel eighty acres in Woodside Township, moving there and becoming very successful as a farmer.

On April 22, 1880, Mr. Dawson was united

in marriage at Winchester, Scott County, to Anna Towel, born in Canada, January 5, 1858. Her parents moved to Illinois, settling in Madison County, where they lived until their deaths. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dawson: Nettie (Mrs E. V. Percival, of Urbana, Ill.); Leonard, Clinton, Mary, Henry and Nellie, all at home. They, with their parents, belong to the Methodist Church.

While residing in Springfield Mr. Dawson served as a member of the Fire Department under Mayor Phillips and gave the city efficient and faithful service. He is a Republican in political faith. Fraternally he belongs to Capital Tent, No. 1, Maccabees, and is much interested in that order. He is a live, energetic business man and an excellent farmer. He conducts his business in a thoroughly up-to-date manner, and has won and retains the confidence of those with whom he is brought in contact.

DAWSON, James H.—Some men attain prominence through financial importance or political influence, but those who endear themselves to their associates because of their Christian virtues are truly great, for their treasures are not of this earth. As long as the religious history of Sangamon County is written it will bear conspicuously upon its pages the name of James H. Dawson, who has ever been active in church and Sunday School work in connection with the Methodist denomination of Buffalo. Mr. Dawson is also a well-known business man of this place conducting, as he does, a first-class wagon-making and blacksmith establishment. He was born in Sussex County, Del., July 12, 1821, being a son of Jesse and Sarah (Beauchamp) Dawson, natives of Delaware. The grandfather on the paternal side of the house was born in England, while the descent on the maternal side was from German stock. Jesse Dawson migrated to Illinois in 1835, arriving in Scott County on August 25th and locating on a farm which he operated in conjunction with a saw-mill, thus continuing for six months, when he bought a half-interest in a grist-mill, operating it for three years. He then bought 240 acres and continued to farm this property until his death, in 1861. His widow survived him for several years. Eight children were born to these parents, two sisters of Mr. Dawson being the only survivors in addition to himself. They reside in Jacksonville. Jesse Dawson served his country as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was a brave man in both war and peace.

James H. Dawson attended school in both Delaware and Scott County, Ill., and worked hard for his father. At the same time he learned the carpenter trade and found ready employment at it in Scott County. Later he conducted a carpenter shop in Winchester, Ill., for seven years. He then went to Harrisonville, Mo., where he worked at his trade for six months, then returned to Scott County and there operated a steam saw-mill, but in the fall of 1863 he came to Sangamon County, to spend two years in farming. For the four years following this he again worked at his trade, after which he located in Buffalo and in 1866 established his present business, conducting a wagon-making and blacksmithing business. Although eighty-nine years old, he is very vigorous, and does a full day's work regularly.

On November 14, 1844, Mr. Dawson was united in marriage in Scott County, Ill., to Elizabeth McLaughlin, born in Ohio, August 16, 1827, and died June 26, 1890. Her parents came from Ohio to Scott County, Ill., at an early day, settling on a farm where both died. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, three of whom survive: Thomas R. who lives in Denver, being engaged in the insurance business; James M. who lives in Danville, Ind., being a paperhanger, and Anna V., who lives at home, keeping house for her father. There are thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren in the family. Mr Dawson owns his comfortable home in Buffalo, and is a man of means.

His first vote was cast in 1842, and when the Republican party was organized he discovered in its platform a true expression of his political views, henceforth giving its principles and candidates his hearty support. Since boyhood he has been an earnest worker in and member of the Methodist Church. He it was who organized the first Sunday School in Buffalo, conducting it in connection with the Methodist Church, and he has served as Superintendent and teacher. Mr. Dawson is a man who carries his religion into everyday life, and it would be difficult to estimate how much good he has done, both by teaching and example. His is a beautiful Christian character, and he is beloved by a wide circle of friends throughout the county.

DAWSON, John (deceased).—In the records of every community there are certain names which stand for much that is good and noble. Their owners are responsible for large developments; have lent their influence to securing improvements, or borne an important part in the political life of the locality. The history of Sangamon County would not be complete without a sketch of the late John Dawson, a hero of the War of 1812, and a man whose probity of character and public-spirited interest in local affairs placed him among the foremost pioneers of this county. Mr. Dawson was born in Fairfax County, Va., in November, 1791, being a son of William and Nancy Dawson, also natives of Virginia. The wilds of Kentucky attracted them, and they moved to that State with their family prior to the War of 1812, and were identified with its growth.

John Dawson, growing up in Kentucky amid the strictest of pioneer conditions, became hardy and self-reliant, so that when he enlisted in the second war with England, he was able to bear the hardships of that struggle better than many, as well as the sufferings imposed upon him after being taken prisoner in the battle of the River

Raisin. Here he was wounded and carried the bullet in his left lung up to the time of his death. For all of the winter that followed he was held by the enemy, and in after life did not like to think of that period of his existence. After his honorable discharge he returned to Kentucky and continued farming. On October 9, 1817, he was united in marriage with Cary R. Jones, and they had ten children, all of whom are now deceased except Minerva Isabelle Rouse. Mr. Dawson became a trader on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, and in the intervals continued farming. On his trips, which sometimes extended to New Orleans, he was on the outlook for a suitable location, so that when he decided that Sangamon County was a good one, he came here in 1827, locating a timber tract in the eastern part of Mechanicsburg Township, on the edge of the prairie. To this he added, both by entry and purchase, until he owned 640 acres. From that time on he was intimately associated with the development of the county, giving to it his best efforts. A strong Whig, he represented his party in the State Legislature, both at Vandalia and Springfield, upon several occasions. Mr. Dawson was one of the "Long Nine" who brought about the removal of the capital from Vandalia to Springfield. Probably no one man contributed more than he to the advancement of Springfield and Sangamon County, and his memory is tenderly cherished by those who appreciated what he accomplished.

Mrs. Rouse, the only surviving daughter of Mr. Dawson, was born in December, 1833, in the home she now occupies, which stands on the land her father entered from the Government. Her girlhood was spent in the county, where she attended district school and learned from her mother the household graces which made her so excellent a wife. She now owns the homestead of 250 acres, but since the death of her sister in 1909, rents this farm and resides with a friend, a Miss Neilson. The homestead has been highly improved, all but twenty acres being cultivated, and it is now very valuable. Mrs. Rouse is a consistent member of the Christian Church.

John Dawson has passed away but the memory of the good he accomplished remains. Many of the decisions he gave while acting as Magistrate in his vicinity have stood as precedents for later decisions. He never allowed personal feeling to bias his action but was influenced solely by the highest purpose, and his daughter has every reason to be proud of him and the fact that she is descended from so patriotic, loyal and true a man and public servant.

DAWSON, John. (Vol. I, p. 129.)

DAY, Edward Chester.—Farming rich Sangamon County land is a very profitable business, now that agriculturists operate along scientific lines, and one who is making a success of his work is Edward Chester Day, of Section 26, Illiopolis Township. He was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., May 6, 1842, a son of Frank and Amelia (Hogal) Day, natives of Massachusetts, the father having been born May 16, 1816. He was a farmer, who emigrated to Springfield, Ill., in 1852, spent three years farming in that vicinity, and was also superintendent of a saw-mill. In 1855 he moved to Decatur, to become superintendent of a saw-mill, where he remained until 1862. In that year he embarked in a grocery business, continuing for twelve years, when he moved to Michigan. Spending two years in that State, he then went to Oakley, Ill., where he established a general store, remaining there until his death, which occurred in 1901. He and his wife had two daughters and one son: Amelia, who became the wife of Edward Bullman, a traveling salesman, who lived in Chicago until his death, when his widow married Walter Griffith, Superintendent of the Knickerbocker Roofing Company, of Chicago; Miranda, who married A. Fitzgerald and lives in Chicago; and Edward C.

The education of Edward Chester Day was obtained in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and Springfield and Decatur, Ill. He assisted his father in all his undertakings, until the latter left Decatur. The young man then went to Lake Fork, Logan County, Ill., where he farmed until his enlistment, on August 9, 1862, in Company B, One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He participated in many bloody engagements, including the Siege of Vicksburg, Little Rock and others. One of his painful duties was assisting in burying twenty-seven of his own regiment in a well. Food during those terrible days was very scarce, so that cattle were seized and cooked with gunpowder as salt. After many exciting experiments and many narrow escapes, Mr. Day was mustered out at Pine Bluff, Ark., July 12, 1865, and honorably discharged at Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill., August 9, 1865. He then went to Michigan, where he remained during the winter, but later went to the southern part of the State and spent six months. He then went to Traverse Bay, Mich., but a short time later moved to Manistee, Mich., returning to Sangamon County in 1868. He located four miles south of Illiopolis, where he farmed five years, then went to Illiopolis and lived there five years more. He then bought the farm he now owns, consisting of eighty acres in Section 26, Illiopolis Township, which has become very valuable.

Mr. Day was married near Illiopolis, in 1868, to Mary Gassaway, born in Ohio, in March, 1842. Her parents both died in her infancy, and she did not remember either. Her death occurred in January, 1884, after she had borne her husband four daughters and two sons, three of whom survive: Frank R., who lives with his father; Amelia, wife of John Denlian, a farmer of Butler County, Kan., and Mary E., wife of L. A. Bullman, of Chicago, an officer of one of the lake vessels. There are seven grand-chil-

dren in the family. A veteran of the Civil War, Mr. Day is entitled to distinguished honor for his bravery and patriotic spirit and his after efforts to establish himself, overcoming the disabilities from which all soldiers suffered, in greater or less degree, as a result of exposure and hardship. He enjoys his connections with the Illiopolis Post, G. A. R., of which he is Adjutant, as well as with the Knights of Pythias. The Methodist Church holds his membership. Always a strong Democrat, he has been called upon to hold the offices of Commissioner of Highways, Assessor and Collector, all for one term, in Illiopolis Township.

DAY, John W.—When the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic has given a final response to the eternal roll call, then will the veterans be properly appreciated. As long as many remain, the soldiers of the Civil War are considered as belonging to the present, and nothing is truly valued until it is taken from us—this is human nature. However, while full honor is not yet accorded those who belonged to the "Boys in Blue," still a large amount is already given and they stand high in the esteem of their fellow citizens wherever they are found. One of the representative old soldiers of Springfield is John W. Day, born in Muskingum County, Ohio, April 9, 1840, a son of John and Mary (Carr) Day, natives of Pennsylvania. They were farming people, who came to Ohio in an early day and died there. The Grandfather Day also came west to Ohio, spending his remaining days on a farm in that State.

John W. Day was reared like any country boy, receiving a district school education and a thorough training in cultivating the soil and obeying his parents. In 1862 he found expression for his patriotism in enlistment in Company B, Tenth Illinois Cavalry, and was mustered out in 1865, receiving final discharge at Camp Butler. He participated in the battles of Bayou Metoe, Prairie Grove, Little Rock and Cane Hill, as well as others of minor importance. For the past forty-three years Mr. Day has been a resident of Illinois and is loyal to his adopted State. For many years he was engaged in farming in Gardner Township, owning sixty acres, but in 1900, came to Springfield, which has since been his home. He owns 160 acres near Manito, Ill. He belongs to Stephenson Post, G. A. R., and is much interested in it. His political associations are with the Republican party and for years he served his township as School Director. Mr. Day is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church and gives liberally towards its support.

In Springfield occurred the marriage of Mr. Day and Louisa Williams, the ceremony being performed March 20, 1851. She died and he married (second) Lucy Ann Babcock who died Jan. 6, 1909. Mrs. Day was born in Springfield in 1839, the year the city became the State Capital. Her father and his family came originally from Delaware, but for years were connected with Sangamon County and its affairs. Mr. Day is the father of children as follows: Clarence, who lost his life in the United States service during the Spanish-American War; Walter and Miles, who are both deceased, and Charity, wife of Henry Moore, of Bradford, Ill. While Mr. Day has been a man of unassuming manner and retiring disposition, devoting his energies to his farming, he has always given his support towards securing good educational advantages and the best government, and can rightly be called one of the public-spirited men of the city.

DEDRICH, Frederick, who has been a resident of Springfield since 1870, has for several years been retired from active life. He has occupied his present home, at 1059 North Sixth Street, for the past forty years, and has seen many changes and improvements in the city during that time. He was born in St. Louis, Mo., February 28, 1833, a son of Frederick and Margaret (Nicholas) Dedrich, both of whom were born in Lorraine, Germany. The father was a farmer by occupation and came to America in 1826, locating in St. Louis, where he spent the rest of his life. The mother died at the age of ninety-two years.

Frederick Dedrich, the subject of this sketch, received his education in a log school house in the vicinity of St. Louis, and at an early age learned the trade of blacksmith. He conducted a blacksmith shop in St. Louis for many years, but after coming to Springfield worked three years in the rolling mills. He was afterwards employed twenty-six years by the Wabash Railroad Company as blacksmith, but retired several years ago. He has been industrious and thrifty and has been able to accumulate some city property. He takes a commendable interest in public affairs and in politics is a Democrat. He is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church and belongs to St. Joseph's Parish.

Mr. Dedrich was married, in Springfield, June 10, 1857, to Miss Bridget Maloney, who was born in Ireland in 1840 and died in Springfield in 1890. Her parents spent their entire lives in Ireland. Mr. Dedrich and his wife had six children, all of whom are living, namely: James, of Little Rock, Ark.; Joseph, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mary, living at home; Nettie, wife of Thomas Rhodes, of Buffalo Hart, Ill.; Ada, of Scranton, Pa.; Mrs. Cora Alpizer, a widow, living in Chicago. There are three grand-children in the family. Mr. Dedrich is well known and enjoys the companionship and society of his friends.

DeFRATES, James.—There are several lines of business which are absolutely necessary to a community, enterprises which the people must depend upon for their daily sustenance, namely: the bakery, the meat market and the grocery. Probably the latter is the most important, and

the former often combined with it. The grocery business is profitable if properly conducted, if the stock is complete and of good grade, the prices scaled reasonably, and (above all) if the proprietor has learned by experience or keensightedness what his patrons want. James DeFrates, who conducts a flourishing grocery business on Enos Avenue, is one of Springfield's self-made men. He is a native of the Capital City, born April 1, 1870.

Antony DeFrates, the father of James, was born on the Isle of Madeira, in 1822, where he carried on a retail mercantile business. Soon after his marriage he came to the United States, landing in New York City, whence he came direct to Springfield, and arrived there in very humble circumstances. One of his first employments was chopping wood for Abraham Lincoln, but later he engaged in a teaming business, became successful, and spent the latter years of his life in comfort. His first residence was No. 1012 Miller Street, but he subsequently built a home at Fourteenth and Madison Streets, where his death occurred in 1896. Antony DeFrates married Mary Govia, also a native of Madeira, who died in Springfield about 1899, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, to which both she and her husband belonged. Their children were as follows: John, Joseph, Mary, Henry Lewis, Mrs. Joseph Barbour and Mrs. Victor Francis. John is a resident of Decatur, Ill., while the rest live in Springfield.

After attending the public schools of Springfield until fourteen years of age, James DeFrates drove a grocery wagon two years for Joe Roderick, and the following fourteen years were spent in the employ of his brother. He was careful with his earnings and finally accumulated enough to enter the field himself, subsequently opening an establishment at Sixth and Madison Streets, in 1902. His business grew to such an extent that he was forced to find larger quarters and sold out, removing to No. 503 North Sixth Street. In April, 1907, his business demanded a larger store, and he sold out to Frank Elshoff. He built his present place of business at No. 711 Enos Avenue, where he has conducted a first-class establishment to the present time, carrying fancy and staple groceries and provisions of all kinds, and catering to some of the best trade in the city.

On June 20, 1890, Mr. DeFrates was married in Springfield to Irene M. Uhler, born on East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, September 28, 1870, and educated at St. Mary's and McClermond public school. Her father was born at South Eighth and Monroe Streets, Springfield, a son of John and Margaret (Hughes) Uhler. John Uhler was born in Pennsylvania, and after his marriage in Maryland, came West, settling in Springfield, where he carried on blacksmithing. Mrs. DeFrates' father spent all his life in Springfield until 1900, when he went to Quincy, Ill. As a lad he helped his father in the blacksmith shop, later carried on a livery business for a few years, and then entered the feed business, operating a sawmill near Sherman. When he was eighteen years old the first call for volunteers for service in the Federal Army during the Civil War was made, and he enlisted in the Seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three months. Later he re-enlisted for three years and serving throughout the war with signal bravery, participating in some of the fiercest struggles of the great Rebellion, including Shiloh and Corinth. He is a charter member of Stephenson Post, Grand Army of the Republic. His wife died in 1896, having been the mother of but one child, Mrs. DeFrates.

Mr. DeFrates is a Republican in his political views. He and Mrs. DeFrates are consistent members of the Third Presbyterian Church, and have been active in church and charitable movements. They have one daughter, Ruth, at home.

DE FRATES, Manuel.—Portugal has given Sangamon County a number of residents, and they are numbered among its most respected and useful people. Some of them have become specialists along certain lines, and the work they produce is second to none in the country. One of the best representatives of this far-away country in Sangamon County is Manuel De Frates, residing at No. 1102 East Miller Street, Springfield. He was born on the Island of Madeira, Portugal, September 25, 1848, being a son of Anton and Josephine (Greray) De Frates, both of Portugal. The parents came to Springfield in 1852, where the father became a peddler, thus continuing until his demise in 1905.

Manuel DeFrates was brought up in Springfield, receiving an education in the public schools there. His favorite pastime during boyhood was playing ball. Later he became interested in horses and for fifteen years was engaged in the race horse business. In 1880, however, he began learning the painting and graining business, eventually embarking in this line of work. He has become so proficient along this line that he now specializes on high-class work only. A true artist, he takes great pride in his finished work and his services are in great demand all over the county.

The marriage of Mr. DeFrates occurred in Springfield, in June, 1867, when he was united with Addie Garden, also a native of Portugal, a daughter of Joseph and Frances Garden, natives of the same land. Joseph Garden was a sea captain, who amassed considerable property in New York City, but did not live long to enjoy it, being drowned in the Gulf of Mexico, while on one of his voyages. His widow survived him, living until about six years ago, when she too passed away in Springfield. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. DeFrates: Ervie, Henry, Bonnie, Lulu, George, Fannie and Myrkle.

Mr. DeFrates' religious connections are with the First Portugal Presbyterian Church of Springfield, of which he is a member. In poli-

tics he is a Democrat, while fraternally he is a Modern Woodman, having joined in 1900. Quiet in manner, devoted to his work, conscientious in carrying out contracts, Mr. DeFrates has firmly established himself in the confidence of the business public.

DE FRATES, Manuel.—While there are some large farms in Sangamon County, many others which are smaller in extent are so highly cultivated that they are almost priceless in value, and produce magnificent crops that yield a handsome income to their owners. The climatic conditions of the county make it an ideal place for fruit and truck farming, and many of the farmers devote themselves to one or both of these special lines, with very gratifying results. One of the men who have proven the value of Sangamon County farm land and one who has succeeded far beyond his hopes, is Manuel De Frates, residing on his ten acre farm in Clear Lake Township. He was born on the Island of Madeira in 1850, being a son of Frank and Joanna (Fernandes) De Frates, natives of the same place. Realizing that their home place afforded few opportunities, the parents left it and came to America in 1857, selecting Springfield as their destination. Arriving in the city they located there, and made it their home until they passed away, the father dying in 1900, and the mother in 1906. They had three sons and four daughters and three children still survive.

Manuel De Frates received a good common school education in Springfield, and after he left school worked at teaming for several years, when he left that occupation and for thirty years carried on farming northwest of Springfield, then moved to his present place of ten acres, in Clear Lake Township.

The marriage of Mr. De Frates occurred in Springfield, November 18, 1872, when he was united with Elizabeth De Frates, born in Springfield, November 14, 1853, but her parents came from the Island of Madeira to Springfield in 1850. Her father was a farmer and he and his wife both died in their new home, where they had made themselves respected by all who knew them. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. De Frates: six daughters, including Mrs. Manuel De Frates, and four sons, of whom five children survive. Manuel De Frates and his wife have had three children: Maude, wife of Kenneth Polk, a carpenter of Springfield; Ralph who is in the employ of C. A. Power, and one who is deceased. There are three grandchildren in the family, who are the pride of their grandparents' hearts.

Mr. De Frates is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and contributes liberally towards its support, for he believes in the good influence exerted by religious bodies. In political faith he is a Republican, but has never aspired to public honors. Hard-working, earnest and conscientious, Mr. De Frates has made the success of his farming which he deserves and it has been gained through his own efforts intelligently directed.

DeFRATIS, John, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a valuable citizen of Springfield, has spent most of his life in that city, having come there with his parents as a small child. By his honest, upright life and his habits of industry he has been successful in a financial sense and has won the esteem and confidence of all who have had business or social dealings with him. Mr. DeFratis was born on the Island of Madeira, about 1846. The father was a retail merchant there as a young man, but not many years after his marriage brought his family to the United States, coming direct to Springfield. Further mention of the family is to be found in connection with the sketch of Joseph DeFratis, a brother of John, which appears in this work.

John DeFratis acquired his education in the public schools of Springfield, receiving but limited opportunity for attending school, and as a boy began to earn his own living. While still young he engaged in driving a team in the city. He enlisted in Company B, One Hundred Forty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for ninety days, and served one year altogether.

Mr. DeFratis was married in Springfield, to Miss Mary Gardner, and four children have blessed this union. He erected a one-room house, in which the family lived for a time, and by subsequent additions from time to time, as he was able to make them, has now completed a very comfortable home on East Miller Street. Mr. DeFratis is a member of the Republican party and greatly interested in everything pertaining to the public welfare.

DeGAN, George A. (deceased), spent most of his life in Chicago, but since his death his widow has resided at 407 South Sixth Street, Springfield, in the home that was formerly occupied by her parents. Mr. DeGan was a native of Canada, born September 22, 1859, came with his parents to Chicago, as a boy, and there received his education in the public schools. His father was a stone cutter by trade. When the son reached manhood he became active in political affairs and all his life was a stanch Democrat. He became a member of the Cook County Democracy and served some time as Sergeant of Police in Chicago. He was connected with the Chicago Drainage Canal Board. He was a prominent and well-known citizen, and his death occurred in Chicago, by drowning in Lake Michigan, July 3, 1902. He was buried in Graceland Cemetery, and his widow soon after left the city. He left many warm friends and his death was widely mourned. He was a member of the Catholic Church and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Mr. DeGan was married, in Chicago, June 17, 1891, to Miss Anna Evans, who was born in Streator, Ill., December 10, 1870, daughter of

John and Mary (Jones) Evans, both natives of Wales. Mr. Evans, and his wife came to America and settled at Streator, where he purchased a farm and conducted it many years. Later they located in Springfield, where he died September 29, 1895, and his widow March 22, 1904. Both are interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Their former home is now the property of their daughter. Mrs. DeGan has won many friends in Springfield and is a woman of high character and refinement. She and her husband had no children.

DEICKEN, Adolph F., Assistant Cashier of Ridgely National Bank, of Springfield. The interests of any financial institution must be carefully guarded and none but the most conservative and experienced men are placed in official positions by careful stockholders. Upon these officials rests the responsibility for the safe conduct and guarding of the standing of the bank and the interests of the depositors. Ridgely National Bank is one of the sound, reliable, conservative moneyed institutions of Sangamon County, and numbers among its depositors many of the best business houses in its locality. It has always been the policy of the bank to have in its office men whose probity is beyond question and whose experience in the financial world would be of service to it and its patrons. In Adolph F. Deicken, the present incumbent of the office of Assistant Cashier in this institution, they have found a man in every way worthy of the trust reposed in him.

Mr. Deicken was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, July 15, 1848, being the son of John and Johanna Deicken. After spending his boyhood in Germany, where he received a common school education in the excellent public schools of his native place, at the age of sixteen years, Adolph F. Deicken, with his widowed mother, came to America, landing in New York, in 1864. There he found employment as a clerk until 1868, when he came to Springfield, and since that time has been associated with the business and financial interests of that city. His association with banking affairs dates from 1871, and in 1896 he became Assistant Cashier of the bank with which he is now connected. His long career as a banker has been marked by a conservative policy and governed by a keen, shrewd comprehension of the conditions with which he has been surrounded.

In 1870 occurred the marriage of Mr. Deicken and Elizabeth Spath, who died in 1887. Later Mr. Deicken married her sister, Julia Spath. He became the father of four daughters and five sons, and all survive with the exception of one daughter. Two of the daughters are married and all the sons are prominent and successful business men. One son is in the bank with his father and shows signs of becoming as good a financier as the latter. Mr. Deicken's fraternal affiliations are with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor and the Loyal Americans. For years he has been a Democrat, but does not confine himself rigidly to party lines in local affairs.

The work of a man like Mr. Deicken cannot be too highly praised. Coming to this country an ignorant young man, with little knowledge of the language and none of the customs of his new home, he obtained immediate employment and steadily forged ahead, always working hard and being economical in his expenditures. Not only did he save money but he invested it wisely, and in time found himself engaged in helping others to do the same. The principles which he employed in the handling of his own resources he still applies to the banking institution of which he is so important an official, with the result that it occupies an enviable position among financial houses of its kind, and his advice is asked and taken by the most substantial men of his part of the State.

DE JONG, Gerhard.—From the beginning of Holland as a nation, its people have been noted for their thrift and industry, so that whenever one of its sons comes to the United States, he is welcomed, for it is known he will become a good citizen. One of the men who is representative of the best class of his countrymen is Gerhard De Jong, born in Holland, March 15, 1845, now living on the edge of Springfield. His father, who was born May 22, 1824, and died in 1899, was a farmer, and the parents spent their lives in their native land, being content with conditions there. They had children as follows: Gerhard, Arnold, Peter, William, Cornelius, Patermillia, Marie, Cornelia, Andrena and Johanna.

After being educated in his home schools, in 1884 Gerhard De Jong left Holland and came to the United States, locating directly in Springfield. He followed printing a number of years, and later became foreman of the West End Brick Yard, but recently retired from active business, having amassed a comfortable property.

On May 23, 1886, Mr. De Jong was married in the Lutheran Church, at Altamont, Ill., to Minnie Zilman, born there in 1867. She passed away January 10, 1904, having been a devoted wife and mother. Her father, Lewis Zilman, was born in Germany, in 1836, and died in 1891. His wife, Minnie, died in 1907. There were the following children in the Zilman family: Houston, Annie, Minnie, Bertha and Gusta. Mr. and Mrs. De Jong had children as follows: Henry, born March 13, 1887; Christian, May 23, 1891; Arnold, July 16, 1893, and Gerhard, born September 1, 1898, and Annie, wife of Emil Reisch, of Springfield.

Mr. De Jong is a Democrat, a Lutheran and a member of the Home Circle Society. He owns a beautiful home on one and a quarter acres of land, where he lives, as well as a house and lot at No. 1917 Laurel Street and two lots at the foot of East Carpenter Street. His life has been an example to others, for he has shown

what a young man, ignorant of the language, can accomplish by steady persistence and thrifty saving.

DEMENT, Henry Dodge. (Vol. I, pp. 131-132.)

DENEEN, Charles Samuel, the first Governor of Illinois who, in thirty years, has been elected for a second term, was born in Edwardsville, this State, May 4, 1863, his parents being Samuel H. and Mary F. (Ashley) Deneen. He represents one of the oldest Illinois families. His great-grandfather, Risdon Moore, was a native of Delaware, and from Delaware came to St. Clair County, this State, in 1812. He had previously served as a soldier of the Revolutionary War. On coming to Illinois he brought with him all of his slaves, but after reaching his destination at once gave them their freedom. He figured prominently in the public life of the Territory, became one of the political leaders and was Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives in the Territorial Legislature in 1814. Following the admission of the State into the Union he served as a Member of the First General Assembly and again in the Third and Fourth Assemblies. In the Legislature of 1823 he was one of the most active in opposing the calling of a constitutional convention for the purpose of changing the constitution and making this a slave State. He was one of the two men who signed a minority report in opposition to that movement and also demanding the total abolition of slavery, this occurring forty years before Abraham Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation. Because of this, on his return from the Legislature, he was burned in effigy by his opponents at Troy, Madison County, but at the following election was again chosen as a free State Member of the Illinois House of Representatives.

The Rev. William L. Deneen, grandfather of the Governor, was born at Bedford, Pa., October 30, 1798, came to Illinois in 1828, and was for nineteen years a Methodist minister in the southern part of the State. On account of illness, in 1847 he was obliged to discontinue public speaking and took up the profession of surveying, serving as County Surveyor of St. Clair County from 1849 until 1855. His death occurred in 1879. His son, Samuel H. Deneen, father of Charles S. Deneen, was born near Belleville, St. Clair County, Ill., in 1835, but was reared in Lebanon and was graduated from McKendree College. He afterward served for thirty years as a professor in that college, holding the chair of Latin and ancient history. During the Civil War he served as Adjutant in the One Hundred and Seventeenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and filled the office of United States Consul at Belleville, Ontario, under President Harrison. He wedded Mary Frances Ashley, a representative of one of the oldest families of Lebanon, Ill., where she was born December 18, 1836, her father being Hiram K. Ashley, of that place.

Governor Deneen spent his youthful days under the parental roof, his early education being acquired in the public schools of Lebanon, and supplemented by a course in McKendree College, from which he graduated in 1882. When a boy he had to work upon his father's farm and parental authority attempted to develop in him habits of industry and diligence. It is told that on one occasion he emulated the example of the renowned Tom Sawyer when his father arranged that he should cut and cord a certain amount of wood for a stipulated sum. He gathered together all of his boy friends who needed money and hired them to do the work at so much per day. A few weeks later the father found the work had been done, and the son was several dollars the richer because of the money he had cleared from the labors of the other boys. This ability to manage others has characterized his entire life. When still a young man he determined upon the practice of law as a life work and studied at nights in an interior Illinois county, providing for his own support in the meantime by school teaching, which profession he followed for three terms in the country schools near Newton, Jasper County, and for two terms near Godfrey, Madison County. He came to Chicago in 1885 and started to complete his law studies in the Union College of Law, now the Northwestern Law School. But ere he had mastered the full course his money gave out and he attempted to obtain a position as clerk in a law office. For days he sought employment of this character, but no one needed his services. Finally he was offered a position in St. Paul at a meager salary and he spent a short time there, after which he returned to Chicago and became a teacher in the public night schools, while the day was devoted to the pursual of his law course. His first law office was a most unpretentious one, containing only a few much worn books, a desk and two chairs. Clients, too, were slow in coming, and to keep busy he haunted the county jail and defended the prisoners who were without counsel. Months passed thus and the experiences there gained stood him in excellent stead when he became State's Attorney. Slowly but surely he worked his way upward, manifesting ability that at length won wide recognition. In the early days he would not always contend that his client was not guilty but he would at times contend that sufficient evidence had not been brought out to prove him guilty. This line of reasoning brought to Mr. Deneen no little success and eventually led to his retention as counsel in cases of greater importance. At length his ability brought him to the position of prosecuting attorney and this office proved the stepping-stone to the higher positions which he has since filled. When he took the oath of office it had almost become a proverb that the criminal with any influence could escape. Mr. Deneen, however, announced that he would administer the duties of his office according to law and that an indicted man,

no matter what his social position, financial standing, his religion, his politics or his race, must stand trial. When his assistants were ready to present to the Grand Jury the case of George W. Spalding, President of the Globe Savings Bank, and Treasurer of the State University, Mr. Deneen called them into conference. One said: "I think we'd better try to have Spalding indicted on the one count—it's the strongest against him." Mr. Deneen asked: "How many counts are there against him " and received the answer: "Twenty-five." Came the quick reply: "Present every count to the Grand Jury." Mr. Deneen was prosecuting attorney when the case of Edward S. Dreyer, Treasurer of the West Chicago Park Commissioners, came up. It was a bitter fight and the case went to four higher courts, being twice before the Supreme Court of Illinois, and finally was taken to the United States Supreme Court, where opinions were sustained resulting in conviction. Equally representative of Mr. Deneen's methods was his prosecution of a candidate on the same ticket with him in 1900, thereby imperilling in the minds of the party leaders the success of the ticket at the pools. When this was said to Mr. Deneen he replied: "It may not be expedient but it is right." And with Charles S. Deneen to believe in the right of his position is to follow it.

In the early days when Mr. Deneen was waiting for practice he became interested in politics. At first it was a local interest that brought him to leadership in his ward and led to his election to the State Legislature in 1893. The position which he took concerning certain vital questions has since made him a factor in National as well as State affairs, and he is again and again called to Washington in consultation with the heads of the party concerning the situation in the Middle West. He proved himself as forceful and as resourceful as a State leader as he had in the office of Attorney for Cook County. He received his party's nomination for Governor in 1904 and during the campaign announced himself as the supporter of an enactment of a Constitutional Amendment to enable the General Assembly to pass special laws for Chicago; the civil service law to be applied to the State penal and charitable institutions and the rehabilitation of the State charitable institutions, together with the enactment of a compulsory primary law. At the close of his first term, in the face of strong factional opposition, he was again nominated and re-elected and that he has stood by his campaign pledges is indicated in the fact that during his administration, which now covers six years, legislation has secured the Direct Primary Law, Municipal Courts for Chicago, a State Highway Commission to encourage good roads, a State Geological Commission for the study of State resources, forestry preserves have been provided for, a State Dental Board has been created, safety appliances are required on railroads and inspectors provided for the placing of children in homes and providing for their visitation. The State has also been divided into Insane Districts and the county insane have been taken over by these districts. Legislation has also led to the adoption of a Local Option Law; employers have been required to report all accidents to employes; an act requiring the protection of men employed in structural work; an act for the registration of nurses; coal mining laws were revised demanding the examination of all miners; a two-cent passenger rate law was passed; an act requiring the State Treasurer to turn the interest on State money over to the State; a law regulating motor vehicles; an act giving the State Food Commission the right to inspect all foods; the West Park Commission authorized to issue three-million-dollar bonds; an Internal Improvement Commission created and deep-waterway legislation begun; Commission; an act providing for an Educational Commission to revise all school laws; legislation revising and improving insurance laws: North Park Commission authorized to issue one-million-dollar bonds for small parks; a law authorizing the city of Chicago to fix rates and charges for gas and electricity for power, heating, lighting and other purposes; a Negotiable Instrument Act; the revision of the Practice Act; an act to suppress mob law; an act to prevent policy playing; and thirty State buildings were either built or remodeled.

On the 10th of May, 1891, Governor Deneen was united in marriage to Miss Bina Day Maloney, of Mount Carroll, Carroll County, Ill. Their children are four in number, namely: Charles Ashley, Dorothy, Frances and Bina. The wife and mother was educated at the Frances Shimmer Academy of Mount Carroll. Governor Deneen is the idol of his family circle and spends his happiest hours with his wife and children. Mr. and Mrs. Deneen hold membership in the Methodist Church and in a quiet, unostentatious, yet effective way, he aids in church work and in various charitable movements. Well poised and with imperturbable spirit, the shafts of political enmity glance off, leaving him unharmed, and while there has been nothing spectacular in his life history and in his administration, it is doubtful if any of his predecessors have more genuine friends and admirers than Governor Deneen now has.

DENNEY, James.—When a man has passed the age of four score years and ten, spent in earnest endeavor in business and commercial enterprises, in patriotic service during two wars of his adopted country, and in no less patriotic peace, and has then finally settled down to a well-earned rest, he must be considered one of the foremost men of his community, a man whose example should prove of benefit to the youth of the generations to come. James Denney, of No. 1318 East Washington Street, Springfield, one of the oldest men in the county and a resident of Springfield since the year 1872, has such a record. Born February

8, 1820, in County Meath, Ireland, he is the youngest and only surviving one of the family of eleven children of Michael and Bridget (Gannon) Denney.

Michael Denney, whose occupation was that of a farmer in Ireland, served in the British army, and was under General Wellington at the battle of Waterloo, where he lost his right arm and left leg. His death occurred at the old home in Ireland, in 1840, his widow surviving him until 1854, when she passed away at the same place. After the death of the father the children all came to the United States, where all except James have since died.

James Denney was but a lad when he came to this country with an uncle, Ned Denney, and had attended school in Ireland for four years. The passage was made to New York City in the steamship "City of New York," under Captain Copper, and young Denney went to Brooklyn, to live with a sister, Mrs. Ellen Flanagan. There he pursued his studies in a night school until his uncle took him to Scranton to work in the mines, but after one and one-half years there he became a marine on the U. S. Battleship "Brooklyn," on which he continued to serve until his enlistment in the Twenty-second New York Regiment, under Colonel Bassett, for service during the Mexican War. The regiment had just arrived at the mouth of the Rio Grande, when news was brought of the surrender of Buena Vista, and was ordered back to New York City and mustered out of service. Soon thereafter Mr. Denney came to LaSalle County, Ill., where for a time he was employed in the United States bonded warehouses, but subsequently took up farming in Stark County, and then went to mining and sinking mines throughout this part of the country, at which he was engaged at the time of his enlistment in the Union Army for service during the Civil War. At Kewanee, Ill., he became a private in Company H, Ninth Illinois Cavalry, under Colonel Brackett, of Chicago, and served with bravery until the close of the war, receiving a bullet wound in the neck, at Tupelo, Miss.

After receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Denney returned to Kewanee, where he had located some years before, but in 1872 came to Springfield, and that city has been his home to the present time. For many years he was engaged in mining and mine sinking, and in this field became one of the best known men in the State. Finally, deciding that he had earned a rest from his labors, he retired, and is now living in his residence at No. 1318 East Washington Street, which he bought in 1872, on first coming to Springfield. But few citizens attain the grand old age of ninety-two years.

Mr. Denney was married in 1849 to Bridget Quinn, also a native of County Meath, Ireland, who came to the United States when a young woman. Mr. and Mrs. Denney have had eight children, namely: Michael J., Thomas, William, John Joseph, Lawrence, Margaret, Elizabeth and Catherine, of whom the first two are deceased and the rest residents of Springfield. The family hold membership in the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception. In political belief Mr. Denney has always been identified with the Democratic party.

DENTON, Preston.—Only the veterans themselves know what the country owes them, for they passed through the mighty struggle, risking life and limb in defense of the starry flag every American loves so dearly. They kept its silken folds free from the stain of dishonor and kept it waving, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. While it is free from soil, the blood of thousands who did not return, dyed the battle fields a terrible crimson, and many others have gone through life maimed because of war's mighty cruelty. Sangamon County is proud indeed of her veterans, and shows her appreciation of them, especially on Decoration Day, when both the living and the dead are honored above all others. One of the most highly respected of the old soldiers of the county is Preston Denton, now a retired farmer of Buffalo. He was born in Shelby County, Ill., January 2, 1845, a son of Jonas and Fannie (Nelson) Denton, he born in the North of Ireland and the mother in Tennessee. Jonas Denton came to the United States with his father, who first located in Virginia, but later moved to Illinois, becoming one of the pioneers of Shelby County, where he engaged in farming. Jonas Denton also farmed in Shelby County, but death called him away when Preston was still a lad. The mother survived until 1885, dying in Bourbon County, Kan., where she had gone to reside. There were six sons and three daughters in the family, but Preston Denton is the only survivor.

The education of Mr. Denton was obtained in the school of his district, and even in boyhood he was called upon to do a man's work on the farm owned by his mother. In 1856 he moved to Kansas, where he lived for three years, but then returned to Shelby County to resume farming there. From this place he moved to Christian County, and after farming there for four months, his labors were interrupted by the outbreak of the war, and he enlisted from there in Company C, Sixty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under command of Colonel True, serving nearly four years. He participated in several important battles, among them being Corinth, Gettysburg, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Holly Springs and Bowling Green, as well as many skirmishes, during which time he gave his country a brave and efficient service. He received his honorable discharge, in March, 1866, at Fort Smith, Ark. After this he returned to Christian County to resume farming, but after nine years there, moved to Dawson, Ill., to take up railroad work with the Wabash Railroad Company. He continued in this for five years, then went back to farming. He came to Sangamon County, where he operated property for

seven years, but his health, sadly undermined by the privations endured while he was a soldier, broke down, and he was forced to retire. He came to Buffalo, which has since remained his home. He has a pleasant home and receives a pension from a grateful Government.

The marriage of Mr. Denton took place in Christian County, September 6, 1866, when he was united to Mary M. Coffer, born in Putnam County, Ind., May 31, 1844. Her parents moved from Indiana to Iowa, where her father died, but her mother passed away in Kansas. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Denton, three of whom are still living: James M. resides on a farm near Sherman, Ill.; Armilda married Albert Statts and lives in Buffalo, and Hattie M., married Franklin Smith and lives in Buffalo. There are eleven grandchildren in the family.

The first vote Mr. Denton cast was for Abraham Lincoln whom he had seen many times, and for whom he entertained a lasting admiration. He is a member of John Beerbaum Post, No. 613, G. A. R., and for the past sixteen years has been its Officer of the Day. He has friends all over the county. He is a consistent member of the Christian Church, and few men of Mechanicsburg Township stand higher in the public esteem.

DERRY, James S.—Farming is the oldest recorded calling, and from the beginning of the world men have been profitably engaged in tilling the soil. Many of Sangamon County's most prosperous men are farmers, and one of them is James S. Derry, who rents 140 acres in Springfield Township. He was born in Rochester Township, Sangamon County, October 10, 1862, being a son of Frank M. and Margaret J. (Tibbs) Derry, the former born near Harper's Ferry, Va., September 15, 1837, and the latter in Woodside Township, Sangamon County, September 12, 1844.

Frank M. Derry resided in Virginia until he attained his majority, when he came to Illinois, locating in Rochester Township to engage in farming, although he had learned the undertaking and cabinetmaking business in Harper's Ferry. Until 1884 he continued his farming, but in that year engaged in operating a general store. This he sold in 1889 to resume farming in Rochester Township. In 1894 he left the farm and located in Springfield, where for a year he conducted a feed store, but at the expiration of that time, retired. On the maternal side of the house the grandparents were from North Carolina and moved to Berry Station, Sangamon County, where they died many years ago. Frank M. Derry had two uncles who served in the War of 1812, and they were the great uncles of James S. Derry. There were four children in the family born to Frank M. Derry and wife, of whom but two survive, James S. and Willard F. Two died in infancy. While residing in Rochester Township, Frank M. Derry served as School Director.

The education of James S. Derry was secured in Rochester Township district schools. During his boyhood he worked for his father, but later learned the machinist's trade, securing employment with the Sattley Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for three years, later traveling through the northwest, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin and South Dakota for two years. In 1904, tiring of this kind of life, he began farming in Rochester Township, buying a farm, which he sold and moved to his present one in Springfield Township, comprising 140 acres of as fine land as can be found in the county.

The marriage of Mr. Derry occurred in Rochester, March 30, 1886, to Mary E. Blair, born in Clay County, Ill., April 4, 1864, being a daughter of William Blair, a native of North Carolina, who came to Clay County many years ago, dying there with his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Derry became parents of four children: Harrison taught school in Divernon for two years, but is now in New Mexico; Myrtle M. married Ellis Hawthorne, connected with the Springfield Car Company; Addie B. lives at home; the eldest, Jessie E., died in 1888.

Mrs. Derry is a member of the Douglas Avenue Methodist Church. Fraternally Mr. Derry belongs to the Modern Woodmen and has held every office in that order, being now one of the high dignitaries. In politics he is a Republican and gives the party his hearty support upon all occasions. For some time he was Tax Collector of Springfield Township, and while living in Rochester was Alderman for a number of years. He is a progressive man, who believes in carrying on business according to modern methods. His success has been rapid, but has been legitimately attained. He has never been afraid of hard work and has intelligently directed his efforts in whatever line he has pursued with the result that he has progressed. Socially he and his family are prominent, and all have many friends in the community in which they reside.

De SILVA, Emanuel, an industrious and successful farmer of Sangamon County, has lived on his present farm for thirty-five years and has brought his land to a fine state of cultivation. He was born in Portugal, May 11, 1850, son of John De Silva and wife, both natives of Portugal, the former born in 1829 and died about 1894, and the latter died in 1875. The parents were farmers in their native country and came to America in 1864, locating in Sangamon County, where they spent one year, then moved to Portage Hill. Later they came to Springfield, where they spent one year, than moved to a farm five miles northeast of the city, where they lived five years, when they moved to Sawyer Avenue, Springfield, and spent seven years there. The mother died in 1875 and the following year the father returned to Portugal and spent five years there, then returned to Illinois and located on the farm where his son Emanuel

now lives, and where his death occurred. Both he and his wife were buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He had one other son besides Emanuel, who came to America, and who is also a farmer. This son has five children: William, Frank, Robert and Eli, farmers, and Louis, at home with his father.

Emanuel De Silva has been engaged in farming since he was twenty-six years of age and has met with gratifying success. He is an energetic and intelligent man and pays careful attention to all the details of his work. He owns seventy-three acres of excellent land and devotes it to general farming. He is accounted a useful and public-spirited farmer and in politics is a Republican, having served three years as School Director. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and is interested in many charitable and public causes.

Mr. De Silva was married in Springfield, February 16, 1876, to Mary De Fraties, born June 6, 1855. Her father died in 1875 and her mother in 1903, having located in Sangamon County at an early day. Mr. DeFraties was a gunsmith and for a number of years carried on a business of his own. Five children were born to Mr. DeFraties and his wife, of whom two survive, Mrs. De Silva, and Mrs. Anna Veare. Mr. and Mrs. DeSilva became parents of six children, three sons and three daughters: Mamie, a dressmaker in Springfield; Anna and Pauline, living at home, the latter learning the dressmaking trade; John, in drug business in Chicago; Emanuel, Jr., at home; Joe, working in a shoe factory in Springfield. Mr. DeSilva readily makes friends and is known as being honest and reliable in his dealings.

DE SOUZA, Canada B.—Nearly every country of the world has given the United States some reliable and desirable citizens, fewer from Portugal than from many others, but they are none the less welcome. The people of this faraway land are frugal, industrious and religiously inclined, and when given the opportunities offered here develop into excellent examples of American citizenship. The above is true of the Portuguese in general, but there are special instances when those of that nationality deserve more than passing mention, and this is the case of Canada B. De Souza, of Mechanicsburg Township, Sangamon County. He was born in Portugal, September 29, 1851, being a son of Joseph and Mary (Spindel) De Souza. Unfortunately he has no knowledge of his mother, she having died before he could remember her gentle and fostering care. The father was engaged in agricultural pursuits in his native land, where he died about 1900.

Having heard of better advantages to be obtained in America, Canada B. De Souza decided to take his chances and, after much planning and much saving, secured the money to embark on the long trip, from which he landed in Boston, Mass. From that city he came direct to Springfield, where he secured employment on a farm. For the ten years that followed he worked with one great object in view, eventually owning land of his own. Little by little he saved up the money, until in 1881, he bought forty acres of timberland in Mechanicsburg Township. From then on he labored early and late, first clearing off the timber, then planting his land with the seed best adapted to it. From time to time he has added to his farm until he now owns 220 acres in one body, which is as good farming land as can be found in Sangamon County. All of this is under cultivation, with the exception of five acres, left in timber, which he uses for pasturage. On this land he carries on a general farming business, raising cattle, horses and hogs in addition to grains. By experimenting he has learned the best methods of farming and often sets an example his neighbors are not slow to follow.

In March, 1882, Mr. DeSouza married Malinda Dillon, born in Sangamon County, Ill., daughter of Abram and Christina Dillon. Mr. and Mrs. De Souza have children as follows: Abram, Canada, Mary, Frank and Emanuel, all at home. These have been given excellent educations, for, although his own advantages were limited, he believes in education for his children of whom he is very proud, and entertains high hopes for their future.

Politically Mr. De Souza is a Democrat, but he has been so occupied with his own affairs that he has not taken a very active part in local matters, although if occasion arose he could be counted upon to take the side of law and order. Frugal, hard-working, and quick to embrace any opportunity offered to better his condition, this son of Portugal has carried out his plans and ought to be proud of what he has accomplished. It is not an easy matter for one foreign-born to come to a new country, being ignorant of customs and language, and not only get along, but be eminently successful, so that Mr. De Souza must be accorded the highest of praise. He owns a fine farm, supports local improvements, and has reared up a family that is a credit not only to himself and wife, but also to the community in which they have lived.

DE SOUZA, Manuel (deceased).—Springfield has had representatives from almost every part of the world among its population, and the city has proven a happy home for those who sought here what they could not find in their native lands, freedom to earn a comfortable living and to worship according to the dictates of their conscience. The late Manuel De Souza came from the Island of Madeira, where he was born November 2, 1840, being a son of Frank and Rosa Ann DeSouza, natives of that island, where the father was a stock farmer.

Manuel De Souza was adopted by an aunt, Mrs. Mary De Frates, when he was two years old, and by her was brought to Springfield. He attended school there, and afterwards learned the machinist trade, at which he worked during the remainder of his life, becoming very

expert and commanding high prices for his services. Mr. De Souza passed away August 22, 1906, having lived in Springfield for sixty-eight years. During this time he served the Republican party as Alderman from his ward, and was Supervisor more than once. He was made Superintendent of the Water Works, and in this capacity his skill as a machinist came into good play, so that he was able to render most efficient service to the city. For many years he took an active part as a Mason, an Odd Fellow and member of the A. O. U. W., of Springfield. The Presbyterian Church of this city held his membership, and he died firm in the faith of that denomination.

Mr. De Souza was married in Springfield, March 26, 1860, to Charlotte Roderick, born in 1841, on the Island of Madeira. Her father died July 16, 1911, the mother also being deceased. Mr. and Mrs. De Souza had the following children: Frank, born December 23, 1866; Joseph, born November 11, 1868; Lottie, born May 27, 1871; Louis, born May 11, 1878; Rose, born July 26, 1880, and Ruth, born April 9, 1882. Mrs. De Souza owns her residence at No. 1205 East Jefferson Street. The family has been active in many movements and its individual members enjoy the confidence of all with whom they are brought in contact. Mr. De Souza was a public-spirited man, and contributed both time and money to secure improvements in the city. He believed in its future and was taken away in the midst of a busy, happy life, when he still had much to live for. He left a fine family that is held in high esteem. Mrs. De Souza has eight grandchildren all living in this city. She has a son and daughter at home. She has lived forty-one years in her present home. Mr. De Souza worked at Abraham Lincoln's house for several months and was there when the later was elected President. He always ate at the table with Mr. Lincoln.

DE SYLVER, John, who is proprietor of two hotels at Springfield, Ill., favorably known to a wide circle, including business men, politicians and others who are continually attracted to the capital of the State, is a representative citizen along many lines. He owns and conducts both the De Sylver Hotel and the Brunswick Hotel. He was born in the city, May 5, 1868, a son of John and Lucy (Figueira) De Sylver. The parents of Mr. De Sylver were both born in Portuguese possessions, the father in 1831, and the mother on the Island of Madeira, in 1836. They came to America and to Springfield, in 1851. The father had been trained more or less in agricultural pursuits, and these he continued in Illinois until his death, which occurred at the home where he had resided in Sangamon County, in April, 1909. He had acquired considerable real estate and a part of it is in the city of Springfield, and is of much value. He married twice, his first wife dying in 1880. He married as his second wife Miss Jessie Silva, who survives him. He was the father of seven children, three sons and three daughters, namely: Julia, who died in 1901, was the wife of Charles Seaman; John; Lewis, who is a resident of Springfield; Minnie, who is the wife of Joseph Roderick, of Springfield; Frank, who died early; Mamie, who is the wife of Elmer Roderick, of Springfield, and Minnie Lucy, born in June, 1870, died in 1877.

John De Sylver, with his brothers and sisters, attended the schools of his home township. Afterward he assisted his father on the home farm until he was twenty-five years of age, when he entered into the hotel business at Springfield, immediately meeting with success in the undertaking, and recently has added to his business scope and responsibilities. He is proprietor of the De Sylver Hotel, at No. 505 East Madison Street, and his more recent acquisition was the Brunswick Hotel. Both houses are conducted on the American plan, and it is the aim of Mr. De Sylver to give his guests real comfort, an excellent table and attentive service.

Mr. De Sylver was married by Rev. Vanders Cantrall in Illinois, on October 13, 1891, to Miss Alice Conner, who was born at Pleasant Plains, Ill., June 12, 1871, a daughter of Jefferson and Louisa (Adams) Conner. Mrs. De Sylver's father was born November 1, 1859, and died December 23, 1883, and her mother was born August 28, 1864, and died October 22, 1899. Mr. Conner was a Democrat in politics, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were the parents of six children, Mrs. De Sylver being the oldest: Annie, who is the wife of William C. Conner; Addie Belle; Albert, and John, these three residing at Springfield, and Sylvester, who died at the age of three years. Mr. and Mrs. De Sylver have one child, Ernest, who was born July 9, 1893. They attend the Second Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican in politics, but takes more interest in his business than in office-seeking. He is identified fraternally with Aerie No. 437, Eagles, with Nest No. 1191, Owls, and with the Court of Honor, with which his wife is also identified.

DICKMANN, Casper (deceased).—The records of Sangamon County are filled with the struggles of those brave pioneers who came there full of confidence for its future, investing their scanty earnings in farm land. The 'fifties saw the settlement there of many foreign-born men, who sought in the new land a home and freedom. In those early days Sangamon County farm land was not so valuable as it is today. Those settling upon it had to overcome much, and yet many lived to reap large returns from this very land. One of the most successful of these early farmers, was the late Casper Dickmann, born in Germany, October 5, 1826, a son of a German-born farmer. Neither of the parents ever left the fatherland, but died within its confines.

Like thousands of other German boys, Casper Dickmann grew up in the country neighborhood

in which he was born, enjoying such educational privileges as the schools there afforded, and after working some time for his father on the farm, left home to come to America in 1856. Landing at New Orleans, he made his way to St. Louis, and a short time later left that city to press on to Springfield and vicinity. There he bought land and farmed on it until his retirement in 1886, when he located in the city. His death occurred May 11, 1907, and he died firm in the faith of the German Lutheran Church, to which he had belonged for many years.

On January 27, 1876, Mr. Dickmann was married in Springfield to Anna E. Schmoll, born in Germany September 7, 1834, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Oshman) Schmoll. Her parents also spent their lives in Germany. The father died in 1868 and the mother in 1843. Mrs. Dickmann made a trip home in 1909, enjoying very much her visit to her birthplace. Mr. and Mrs. Dickmann had children as follows: Conrad, who lives in Springfield; Catherine E., wife of Rev. William Roesener, a minister of the German Lutheran Church, who lives at Bremen, Ind.; and Mary, wife of Rev. Gottlieb Theis, lived at Stuttgart, Ark., but died six months after marriage. There are nine grandchildren. Mrs. Dickmann owns her pleasant home at No. 315 West Carpenter Street, as well as the farm of 160 acres, which lies on the county line between Sangamon and Morgan Counties. Mr. Dickmann made a success of his farming and was proud of his work. While never interested in public affairs, to the extent of desiring office, he could always be counted upon to give his support to any measure he believed would work out for the good of the community, and had many warm personal friends throughout both Sangamon and Morgan Counties, where he lived for so long.

DILLARD, R. Martin, of Springfield, Ill., belongs to one of the old families of Sangamon County, of which he is a native. He was born in Springfield Township, January 22, 1847, son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary (Crowder) Dillard, the father a native of Virginia, born August 10, 1810, and the mother a Kentuckian, born in 1818. The grandfather, William Dillard, was born in Virginia and in 1830 came to Sangamon County, where he spent the remainder of his life. Benjamin F. Dillard was educated in Virginia and as a young man removed to Kentucky, where for a number of years he was engaged as stage driver. In 1830 he settled in Springfield Township, Sangamon County. The place where he located was known as the old McKinnie Settlement. His wife had come to Sangamon County with her parents when a small child, the trip being made by wagons. Her parents were also farmers. Benjamin F. Dillard was married in Sangamon County, where he lived until his death, September 1, 1869, his widow surviving him until 1870. When he came to Sangamon County he also made the trip by wagon and upon his arrival entered eighty acres of land, which he improved and operated, and he was active and successful in this work until the time of his death. Both died on the home place, where their five children had been born. They were: Eustatia, wife of Edward E. Keys, died recently; John J. died on the home place in 1864; William R. lives on the old home place; Mary E., deceased; R. Martin.

R. Martin Dillard was educated at the Liberty School, about four miles north of Springfield, and his first work was performed on his father's farm, where he grew to maturity and remained until he reached his majority, when he began farming on his own account. He continued this occupation until 1903, then took up his residence in Springfield, and now occupies a most comfortable residence at No. 633 West North Grand Avenue. He is employed by the Lincoln Park Coal & Brick Company.

Mr. Dillard was married in Springfield by Rev. E. B. Rogers, of the Central Baptist Church, May 3, 1893, to Lucy Frances Coy, who was born in Macon County, Ill., on a place near Mount Zion and eight miles east of Decatur, August 18, 1854. She is a daughter of John T. and Martha A. (Cox) Campbell, the father born in Virginia, December 22, 1831, and the mother a Pennsylvanian, born December 6, 1835. Seven children were born to Mr. Campbell and wife, the oldest being Mrs. Dillard and the others as follows: Emma, wife of Lewis Carpenter, a farmer of Colorado; Luella, wife of William Maxie, a farmer of Fort Scott, Kan.; Clara, wife of Thomas Prigmore, of Reeds, Mo.; Martha, wife of Charles Broodway, a farmer living near Joplin, Mo., where he has an extensive strawberry farm; and Wiliam. Lucy Frances Campbell married (first) George W. Coy, September 8, 1871. Mr. Coy was a native of Indiana, born in 1850, and died in 1891. Five children were born of this union: Clara, born May 18, 1872, died in 1881; Rose, born December 21, 1874, wife of John Burns, of Springfield; Arthur L., born November 4, 1876; John W., born January 25, 1878; Edward A., born December 21, 1880. By her second marriage Mrs. Dillard had two children, namely: Alice, born September 27, 1894, a telephone operator and living at home; Benjamin Franklin, born April 10, 1896.

Mr. Dillard is a member of the Baptist Church and in politics is a Republican. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and has a large circle of friends. He remembers his attendance at the first State Fair ever held at Springfield, and has witnessed many changes and improvements in the city and its environments since he was old enough to take cognizance of such matters.

DILLER, Isaac Roland, has spent his entire life in Springfield, which is his birthplace, with the exception of a few years when he was away at school. Mr. Diller was born July 14, 1854, son

of Roland Weaver and Esther Coates (Ridgeway) Diller. The father was born at Downingtown, Chester County, Pa., October 3, 1822, and his wife was born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 20, 1821. Roland W. Diller in early life, learned the trade of printer, settling in Springfield, in 1844, there securing employment on the Illinois State Register. He worked in the State Auditor's office and, having learned surveying in the East, took a contract for platting part of the State of Iowa. He served as Lieutenant in a company enlisted under Gov. Ford in the Mormon War. In 1849, he formed a partnership with Charles S. Corneau, under the firm name of Corneau & Diller, purchasing the drug store of Wallace & Diller, and for over fifty years conducted the business on the east side of the Square. Mr. Diller was converted in religious faith in 1866, and shortly after united with the Presbyterian Church, being elected a Ruling Elder and serving faithfully in that capacity until his death, August 18, 1905. Mrs. Diller was of Quaker descent, but also united with the Presbyterian Church in 1866, and lived a consistent Christian life until her death, March 31, 1889.

The early education of Isaac R. Diller was acquired in the Springfield public schools and he was graduated from the High School in 1871. He attended the Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1873-74, and was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in the Centennial Class, in 1876. He entered his father's drug store, upon leaving school, and followed that business until 1901, with the exception of two years devoted to Y. M. C. A. work. He has been connected with the local branch of the Association since he helped organize it in 1874, and has always been most actively interested in its good work. Since 1907, Mr. Diller has been engaged in the business of Real Estate, Mortgage Loans and Insurance.

Mr. Diller was married in Springfield, Ill., June 30, 1880, to Addie May Hughes, who was born in Springfield, February 19, 1856, daughter of William Thompson and Dorinda (Scott) Hughes. Mr. Hughes was a native of Kentucky, but was opposed to the institution of slavery and moved to Illinois at an early day. His wife, Dorinda Scott, was a native of Sangamon County, where her father was one of the early settlers, being one of the first ministers of the Christian Church, while supporting himself and his twelve children by farming. Mr. Diller and his wife have one son, William Hughes, born February 26, 1884, who, having been graduated from Yale University and Harvard Law School, is now practicing law in Springfield.

Mr. Diller united with the Presbyterian Church in 1866, after the great revival conducted by Rev. E. P. Hammond, and is now an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church and Clerk of the Session. Mr. Diller has always been much interested in all lines of religious work, and during the past few years has devoted much of his time to the work in the interests of the young men of Springfield. He was reared a Democrat, but in 1885, he became identified with the Prohibition party and for several years past has served as County and City Secretary of that party. Mr. Diller has been active in furthering the best interests and moral welfare of his community, and has many warm friends and supporters in his work. His earnestness and singleness of purpose are universally recognized, and he is highly esteemed for his many excellent qualities of mind and heart.

DILLON, Ebenezer B., of Cooper Township, is one of Sangamon County's old and honored farmers and a highly esteemed citizen of the town of Roby, Ill. Mr. Dillon is a native of Sangamon County, having been born in Cooper Township, November 1, 1833, a son of James and Hannah (Williams) Dillon, natives of Ohio and New York respectively. James Dillon came to Sangamon County as a pioneer at a very early day and, settling in Cooper Township, engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he continued to follow until his death in 1851, his widow surviving until 1864. Of their family of three sons and five daughters, Ebenezer B. is the sole survivor.

Mr. Dillon's education was secured in the old log schoolhouse, with its slab benches and puncheon floor, and was taken when he could get it, or when he could spare the time from his duties on his father's farm. Raised to the life of a farmer, on attaining his majority he decided to make farming his life work, and this he has done. Mr. Dillon is a Democrat in his political views, but has never aspired to office, preferring to give his time and attention to his farm.

On January 18, 1862, Mr. Dillon was married in Cooper Township, to Lucretia Cantrall, daughter of Willis and Pauline Cantrall, the former born in Kentucky and the latter in Alabama. Mr. Cantrall, who was a farmer, operated in Indiana for some years, but came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1851, and here both he and his wife resided until their death. Of their family of five boys and five girls, Mrs. Dillon, her sister, Mrs. Mary Becraft, of Pleasant Plains, and one brother, Edward, of Quincy, Ill., survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Dillon there have been born ten children, as follows: Melinda, the wife of Canada De Souza, living on a farm near Jordan; Mary Ann, deceased, who was the wife of Joseph Driscoll, also deceased; Hannah, wife of Q. Spinnell, a farmer of Sangamon County; Luella, wife of Frank Cantrall, of Springfield; William and Ebenezer, deceased; Alice, wife of Norman Ridgeway, a farmer of Cooper Township; Josephine, wife of Yankton Holmes, of Mechanicsburg; Georgia, wife of Charles Smith, of Kansas City; and David, who lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon have twenty-six grandchildren. Mrs. Dillon is a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church.

DILLON Thomas M. (deceased).—When a good, earnest man is snatched from his activities, the community suffers a loss not easily sustained. The Methodist Church has many eloquent and steadfast workers among its ministry, but one whose memory will long be cherished is that of the late Thomas M. Dillon, who held many charges throughout the Illinois conference, and during a useful life never spared himself or neglected the heavy duties upon his willing shoulders. He was born in New York City, May 8, 1845, a son of Joseph and Catherine Dillon, natives of New York. The father was a miller and a dealer in cotton.

When he was fifteen years of age, Thomas M. Dillon left New York City and, coming to Springfield, found employment until he began his studies for the ministry, under Dr. Harkey, President of a Springfield college. After his ordination Rev. Dillon was assigned to a number of charges. At first many of them were small, the work was extremely hard, and the remuneration small and poorly paid, but no obstacles could dampen the enthusiasm of this man. Early and late he worked, pleading eloquently with sinners to enter the fold. His powers of persuasion were wonderful, and he shone forth at revivals in a most remarkable manner.

Rev. Dillon was married in Springfield, by Rev. James J. Davidson, June 7, 1868, to Caroline Conant, born in Springfield, September 1, 1844, a daughter of Sullivan and Lydia (Hemminway) Conant, natives of Massachusetts. Both parents were early settlers of Sangamon County, coming there from Massachusetts as early as 1831. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, but out of the tenderness of their hearts, they adopted two daughters: Dora C., an efficient school-teacher of the Rochester schools, who resides with Mrs. Dillon, cheering her declining years and proving herself a daughter in love if not in flesh; and Virginia L., wife of Samuel Byers, of Sangamon County.

The sympathies of Mr. Dillon were too broad for him to tie himself to any political party, as he believed in voting for the man rather than any set principles, aside from those set forth in the Golden Rule, but while living in Springfield he usually voted for Republican candidates. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen, holding membership in the Springfield Lodge. Never sparing himself, Mr. Dillon broke down, and passed away October 24, 1903, in Rochester, Ill., his remains being laid to rest in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, to await the last resurrection, in which he so devoutly believed. Many pages of this book would be required to do justice to the work of this good man, who quietly went about his Master's work, never seeking wordly preferment, but trying to make the world better for his stay in it and to bring to his fellow-creatures some appreciation of the religion he not only preached, but also lived every day of his blameless life. Mrs. Dillon owns a beautiful home in Rochester.

DISNEY, Thomas.—Farming as an occupation is profitable if followed along scientific lines, but the work of the farmer of today entails much study and not a little scientific training, being in sharp contrast to the agricultural life of several decades ago, when power machinery, tiling, and crop rotation, where things unheard of. One of Sangamon County's farmers who is cultivating his land along scientific lines is Thomas Disney, whose fine little property of thirty acres is located on Section 25 in Illiopolis Township. He was born in Eastern Tennessee, July 28, 1842, a son of Solomon and Sarah (Bray) Disney, natives of that State. The parents came to Macon County, Ill., in 1867, and settled on a farm near Decatur, where the father followed agricultural pursuits for many years, eventually retiring and locating in the town of Decatur, where his death occurred in 1886. Thomas Disney is the only survivor of his father's eight children. He was educated in the district schools of Tennessee and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted, with two brothers, as a member of the Thirteenth Kentucky Cavalry, under the command of Col. Weatherford, of Louisville. He served his full term and received an honorable discharge at the close of the war, having been a good and faithful soldier throughout his service. He was never wounded, sent to a hospital, nor was he ever captured by the enemy. He accompanied the family in 1867 to Macon County, and for two years worked in a brick yard in Decatur, but eventually located in Illiopolis Township, Sangamon County, and engaged in farming, an occupation which he has since followed with much success. He is a public-spirited citizen, always being a stanch supporter of those movements which he feels will be of benefit to his community. He is a Democrat in politics and his religious belief is that of the Christian Church.

In 1867, in Springfield, Ill., Mr. Disney was united in marriage with Sarah J. Miller, who was born near Decatur, Ill., the daughter of Henry and Sarah Miller, natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Macon County at an early date and engaged in agricultural pursuits, continuing therein until their deaths. Two of the three sons and three of the five daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Miller are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Disney have had seven children, and of these four survive: Lula, the wife of John Bonn, living in Illiopolis; and Charles, Edward and Maude, who are living with their parents.

DOAN, George Franklin.—Among the successful farmers of Sangamon County, Ill., who have become prominent through their superior intelligence and progressive methods of carrying on their work is George Franklin Doan, who owns a large farm in Section 11 of Woodside Township. Mr. Doan carries on general farming and pays special attention to breeding and raising stock. He has always been interested in high-

grade stock and is a great admirer of a fine horse. He has spent his life in farming since leaving school and has carefully studied every branch of the business. Mr. Doan was born in Switzerland County, Ind., August 24, 1857, and is a son of Arthur and Alice Ann (Smelley) Doan, the former of whom spent his entire life in Indiana and died there. The mother married (second) H. C. Clark, and they reside at Olathe, Kan. Arthur Doan was a carpenter and contractor, and his father, a native of Pennsylvania, who emigrated to Indiana and ended his days in that State, was also a carpenter. The parents of Mrs. Doan were early settlers of Sangamon County and were natives of Illinois.

George F. Doan attended public school at Mt. Sterling, Ind., and when a young man came to Illinois. Later he spent two years in Pratt County, Kan., but in 1881 sold his interests there and returned to Sangamon County, where he has since resided. He now owns 360 acres of good farming land and is conducting his operations in a manner to insure the best results. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs and has served as Highway Commissioner and School Director. In political views he has been a Republican since attaining his majority. He is a member of the Methodist Church and fraternally belongs to the Modern Woodmen and to the Anti-Horse-Thief Association. He has a large circle of friends and stands well among his fellow citizens, who appreciate his usefulness as a citizen and his integrity and probity as an individual.

Mr. Doan was married on the farm where he now lives, October 26, 1881, Rev. G. Dungan officiating, to Salome C. Shepherd, born on the farm where she has always lived, November 21, 1856, daughter of Joseph and Fannie (Smith) Shepherd, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Shepherd, a native of West Virginia, was born June 11, 1816, and died August 28, 1891, and the mother, who was born in Pennsylvania, October 25, 1818, died in 1863 and was buried February 19, 1863, both she and Mr. Shepard being buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Six children were born to Mr. Doan and his wife, namely: One died in infancy; Joseph A., born November 9, 1882, married Amy McGaha and they live in Sangamon County; Fanny A., born September 17, 1885, married William McClellan and they live in Sangamon County and have one son, George William; George S., born April 12, 1889, married Rose Kreiger and they live on one of the father's farms; John S., born January 8, 1892, and Lydia L., born July 31, 1895, both at home. Mr. Doan has every reason to be proud of his fine family of children, all of whom have been a credit to their parents.

DODD, James E.—The farming interests of Sangamon County are in the hands of men well capable of handling them, the high standard of the farmers there comparing favorably with those of any other county. James E. Dodd, of Section 11, Talkington Township, who has carried on agricultural operations all his life, and been prominently identified with the public interests of his section for many years, was born August 24, 1838, in Bradley County, Tenn., son of Charles and Mary (Jones) Dodd and grandson of William L. Dodd. William L. Dodd, who had removed from Botetourt County, Va., to Jefferson County, Tenn., at an early day, came to Morgan county, Ill., about 1825, and remained until failing health caused his removal to Iowa. He then went to Bradley County, Tenn., but in 1844, returned to Illinois, settling in Sangamon County, where his death occurred seven years later. His life was devoted to farming and he was a man of high moral character, being a devout member of the old Missionary Baptist Church. In politics, he was a Jacksonian Democrat. He had the following children: Anna, Josiah, Sarah, Margaret, Charles, Mary, William L., Jessie and John. He died in Sangamon County and his wife in Jefferson County, Tenn.

Charles Dodd was born in Botetourt County, Va., and went with his parents to Jefferson County, Tenn., but in 1836, went to Bradley County in the same State, and was married in McMinn County, Tenn. He purchased land and commenced farming in Bradley County, but in 1851, brought his family to Sangamon County, settling on a farm east of Loami, which property he sold one year later, and purchased the 200-acre farm in the southeast part of Loami Township, which had been partly cleared, for $11 per acre. The tax in those days was about $18 on this farm and the personal property thereon, but Mr. Dodd improved the farm to such an extent that his taxes became $200. He resided in his beautiful home until his death, which occurred November 19, 1881, at the age of seventy years and five months, while his widow survived him until June 4, 1906, being ninety years old at the time of her death. She was an active member of the Methodist Church which she had joined in young womanhood, while Mr. Dodd belonged to no special religious organization, although he gave freely of his means towards all movements of a religious and charitable nature. In politics, he was a stanch and active Democrat, and his fraternal connection was with the Masonic Order, which conducted his funeral. The children born to him and his wife were as follows: Catherine, married Rev. A. A. Lawson of Springfield, Mo.; Nancy, married B. R. Weir of Loami, Ill.; Josiah, Joshua, James E.; William H., who met his death October 8, 1862, while a member of the Seventy-third Illinois Volunteers, and was buried on the battlefield at Perryville; Mary Ann deceased, was the wife of J. W. Hall of Quenemo, Kan.; Amelia married John Mahard, a farmer living near Loami; Sarah married William P. Campbell, both being now deceased; Charles, a farmer of Macoupin County, Ill.; Jesse W., residing in Springfield; and Alexandra, deceased.

James E. Dodd's school days were spent in Tennessee and in 1851, he accompanied the family to Sangamon County, Ill., remaining home until 1859, on February 10th of which year he married Annise Jacobs, born in Loami Township, October 10, 1840. After marriage, he rented 120 acres of his father's land in Loami Township, on which was located a three-room house, and in this they resided until 1866, when he moved to Greene County, Mo., and purchased 280 acres of land. This he sold and bought 210 acres in Lawrence County, Mo., but in 1867, he sold this and returned to Sangamon County, buying eighty acres of land in Section 11, Talkington Township. He kept adding to his property from time to time, and as the children grew up and left the parental roof each was provided for. The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Dodd were as follows: Charles O., now deceased, born December 19, 1859, married Lizzie L. Haddix, who resides north of Lowder, and they have seven children,—Rachel, Amy, Edna, Clara, Charles, James E., Vivian, living, and Clarence and an infant who are deceased; Isabelle, born February 5, 1861, is the wife of Frank A. Johnson, of Coldwater, Mich., and they have five living children—Melvin, Vernice, Rebecca, Anna and John, besides one who died in infancy; Louise, born November 14, 1862, died June 19, 1906; Mellie, born January 14, 1865, married J. F. Haun, resides at Lostine, Ore., and they have two children living, Joy and Edith, and one child died in infancy; James E. Jr., born January 26, 1868, who is connected with the Hershall Manufacturing Company, of Peoria, Ill., married Fannie Gish, of Auburn, and they had one child who died in infancy. Rachel, daughter of Charles O., Dodd, married Luther Funderburk, and they have one child, Mary Corine, the one great-grandchild in the family, and live in Chicago. Amy, married Willis Hunley who reside in Chatham, Ill.; Edna, married Alvin D. Meyers of Chicago.

For more than half a century, Mr. Dodd has been identified with the development of Sangamon County, and not only has he seen the many changes that have taken place, but he has been an active participant in them. He has devoted his time to farming and stockraising, has been very successful along both lines, and has also found time to serve in positions of public preferment to which he has been elected, as his fellow townsmen have recognized his ability and integrity. For twelve years he served as School Trustee and Treasurer of Talkington Township, was Supervisor ten years, and served as Commissioner of Highways in both Loami and Talkington Townships. In his official duties, he recognized no party rule, but protected his constituents to the best of his ability and thus won their confidence and esteem. Fraternally, he is connected with Masonic Lodge No. 450, of Loami, being one of the original nine persons to organize this lodge, and was first master, and he has been active in building up this organization. Mr. Dodd is a great believer in the benefits of education and as a consequence his children have received exceptional advantages. Charles O. was a teacher in Sangamon County for a long period; Isabelle was for twelve years one of the leading educators of the section, and Mellie, when but sixteen years old was an instructor in the schools of Sangamon County and was finally offered the principalship of the Lostine High School in Oregon, and later married J. F. Haun, a member of the School Board and a banker and extensive landowner in Oregon.

DOENGES, Lewis A., foreman of the composing room of the Edward F. Hartmann Printing Company, is one of the representative young men of Springfield, whose influence is widely felt by those who are acquainted with him and recognize his worth. He was born in Springfield, May 27, 1877, a son of Adam and Mary Doenges, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Lewis A. Doenges attended the public schools of Springfield until he was sixteen years old, thus gaining a practical education. At this time he began learning the printer's trade, in the plant with which he is still connected. Serving his apprenticeship, he was then employed as journeyman, and in 1908 his services were recognized by his promotion to his present responsible position. During the sixteen years he has been with this concern, he has lost but one week, and is recognized as one of the most efficient and capable men in his line in the county.

In June, 1906, Mr. Doenges was united in marriage, in Springfield, to Miss Clara Wheeler, of Breckenridge, Ill., daughter of Dr. H. G. and Nancy (Galbraith) Wheeler. Dr. Wheeler died some time since, but his widow survives. Mr. and Mrs. Doenges became the parents of one child, Louise Alma, born August 19, 1910. In politics Mr. Doenges votes for the man best fitted for the office, without regard to party ties. Fraternally he is a member of the Court of Honor and the Printers' Union. A live man, thoroughly abreast of the times, he has risen steadily through sheer merit to have charge of the department he entered sixteen years ago.

DOERFLER, John (deceased), of Springfield, Ill., was born in Germany, January 12, 1828, son of John and Catherine Doerfler, both of whom were natives of Germany and died there. The father was a miller, and, after receiving his education in the German Lutheran Schools, John Doerfler, Jr., worked with his father in the mill until he came to America, in 1854. He landed in New York in July of that year and lived in that city two years, becoming a broommaker, which occupation he followed in Springfield after locating there in 1856, until his death. He became an adept at his trade and was fairly successful in a financial way, being industrious and thrifty. He became a highly respected citizen of Springfield, where he won many warm friends, and at his death

was genuinely mourned by his family and all who knew him. Mr. Doerfler was always a devout church member and was affiliated with the German Lutheran Church of Springfield. He had served in the German Army before emigrating to America. In politics he was a Democrat and took a commendable interest in the progress and welfare of his community.

In August, 1856, Mr. Doerfler was married, in Springfield, to Miss Elizabeth Traeger, who was born in Germany, January 18, 1828, daughter of Leonard and Catherine (Diedell) Traeger. Children as follows were born of this union, namely: Margaret, married and living in Springfield; Elizabeth, unmarried, living with her mother; Catherine, married and living in Springfield; Anna C., also married and living in Springfield; John, Thomas and Barbara, unmarried, the latter in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company, and living at home. Mr. Doerfler died in 1895 and his remains were buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Mrs. Doerfler owns the family home at 355 West Reynolds Street, where she has lived the past twenty-nine years, and is well-known in the neighborhood.

DONELAN, Michael, foreman of the Wabash machine shops, Springfield, and a man of unfailing reliability, has been connected with the shops for forty years, having started in as an apprentice when seventeen years old, under the kindly-remembered Thomas Gorman, master mechanic. After four years' apprenticeship he then worked as a journeyman for many years, finally retiring a few years ago, but in 1910 he returned to become foreman of the shops. He was born in Hartford, Conn., June 7, 1855, a son of Thomas and Bridget (Fitz) Donelan, natives of County Clare, Ireland. The father was born in 1820, but came to the United States in young manhood, landing in New York. He learned the trade of stone mason and plasterer, and followed this line of work for some years. While in New York he married. In 1856 the family came to Springfield, where the father found work at his trade, working at it until his death, in 1865. The mother survives, living in Springfield, at an advanced age. The children born to these worthy parents were: Michael; Thomas, a dental surgeon of Springfield; Elizabeth, Mrs. Thomas Hughes, of Springfield.

Michael Donelan was only eighteen months old when brought to Springfield by his parents, so practically all his life has been spent there. His boyhood was spent in the neighborhood of Madison and Thirteenth Streets, and he attended St. Mary's School until he was twelve years old, when his father died and he left school to go to work, his widowed mother needing the help of her eldest born. He first worked as a chore boy in the family of William A. Turney, Clerk of the Supreme Court, remaining with them for six years, when he entered the shops.

On January 11, 1877, Mr. Donelan married Mary Pierik, of Springfield, daughter of the late William Pierik and his wife, Ellen (Murnane) Pierik, the latter still surviving, aged seventy-five years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Donelan were as follows: Thomas died in childhood; John, of Springfield, married Bertha Kahl; Mary, Margaret and William at home; Helen and Elizabeth, deceased; and James and the second Elizabeth, at home. Mr. Donelan belongs to the Church of the Immaculate Conception. In politices he is a Democrat, and fraternally he belongs to the Royal Arcanum. He is a solid, reliable man, whose responsibilities have always been faithfully discharged.

DONNELLY, John, a useful and public-spirited citizen of Springfield, Ill., and a veteran of the Civil War, has been a resident of the State since 1852. He was born in Augusta, Me., July 4, 1846, son of Francis Donnelly and his wife, both natives of the United States. The father was a merchant and importer in New Orleans for many years, and the parents were both living in New Orleans the last John Donnelly heard from them. Francis Donnelly served through the Mexican War, being a member of Major Ringold's Regiment. The family lived some time in Illinois and there John Donnelly received his education in the subscription schools. Upon leaving school he became engaged in farming.

In 1861 John Donnelly enlisted in Company M, Sixth Illinois Cavalry, which later was under command of Colonel Grierson in Richard Yates' Legion. This regiment participated in the famous Grierson Raid. The first battle in which he took part was at Olive Branch, Miss., where the regiment came in contact with Stonewall Jackson. Their next battle was at Hernando, Miss., and they operated in this vicinity for several months. They had an engagement at Florence, Ala., and fought continuously for sixty-three days at one time. Mr. Donnelly became Sergeant of his company and won a commendable record as a soldier. At the close of the war he returned home and took up the affairs of civil life and has been an industrious, enterprising citizen. He is a member of Stephenson Post, G. A. R.

Mr. Donnelly came to Illinois in 1852 and has since that date resided in the State. In 1876 he began working at the Old North Shaft, Springfield, remaining there one year, after which he worked fourteen years as hoisting engineer at the New North Shaft, leaving this position to accept one with the Springfield Water Works, where he worked twelve years and became chief engineer. He is skilled at his trade and is a life member of the National Engineers of America. He is now employed by the Citizens Coal Company.

Mr. Donnelly was married December 24, 1868, to Mrs. (Ing) Johnson, who was born July 2, 1837, daughter of Christopher and Philemon Ing, the former born in 1811 and the latter in

1815. Her parents settled in Hamilton County, Ill., at an early day, coming from Tennessee, and died in Illinois, the father July 8, 1897, and the mother March 29, 1891. Their daughter had married (first) Aaron Johnson, who was killed, August 4, 1864, in front of Atlanta, and was buried at Marietta, Ga. Mr. Johnson and wife had one daughter, Louisa, deceased. Three children, one son and two daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly, namely: Frank, Manager of the Galveston (Tex.) Base-ball League, was for two years Manager of the Springfield Team, coming from Rock Island, Tenn., to Springfield; Ella D. Williams, living at home; Pernina, wife of John Mountz, a painter and paper-hanger living in Peoria. Mr. Donnelly and his wife have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Samuel Hoskinson, living in Arkansas. Mr. Donnelly owns a beautiful home near the northeast corner of the Fair Grounds, where he has two acres of land with 150 feet frontage. He is a member of the Methodist Church and for the past eight years has been affiliated with McCormick Lodge No. 4, Loyal Americans. In politics he is a Republican.

DONOVAN, Michael.—Among those whom Sangamon County considers her best and most reliable citizens, are those who were born in Ireland. The sons of Erin have always been noted for their brilliancy of mind and their quickness to grasp offered opportunities, and develop into loyal, devoted citizens of their adopted country. Many of them were brought up to farm life in their native land and instinctively turn towards that occupation upon arrival here, continuing it with marked success. One of these representative Irishmen is Michael Donovan, residing on his fine forty-acre farm on Section 29, Springfield Township. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, June 20, 1842, being a son of Jeremiah and Catherine (Crawley) Donovan, both natives of Cork, Ireland. They were farming people, who never came to America, but passed their lives in Ireland, where they died. There were seven children in their family, five sons and two daughters. A brother of Mr. Donovan is residing in Boston, Mass., being connected with one of the largest banking institutions of that city.

Reared and educated in County Cork, Michael Donovan worked on his father's farm, but was not contented there, so in 1864 he came to America, sailing from Queenstown. Landing in New York, he came direct to Springfield, arriving when the city was plunged into deepest mourning, for upon that day Abraham Lincoln was laid to his last rest. The first employment of Mr. Donovan was secured in a brick yard, and he continued there for four years, then commenced to farm and has been thus engaged ever since. About 1895 he bought his present farm of forty acres, which he has developed into a very valuable property. On it he carries on general farming and takes a pride in his crops.

The marriage of Mr. Donovan occurred in Springfield, April 20, 1868, to Mary McCarthy, born in Whitinsville, Mass., September 23, 1857. Her parents, natives of Ireland, came to Boston at an early day, later moving to Whitinsville but a couple of years later came to Sangamon County, where the father began farming. He was accidentally killed by a horse about forty-two years ago, but his widow survived until 1892. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, all of whom survive. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Donovan, and three sons and one daughter survive: John lives in Springfield, where he is engaged in business; Michael is also a resident of that city, and Dennis and Mary reside at home. There is one grandchild in the family, Mary Donovan, the pet of her grandfather.

Since boyhood Mr. Donovan has been a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church and is now connected with St. Joseph's Church, of Springfield. The Democratic party has his support, but he has no desire to come before the public for office, preferring to exert his influence as a private citizen. A hard-working man, Mr. Donovan saved his money until able to purchase his farm. From time to time he has made improvements upon it, and as it represents the result of many years of endeavor, he is naturally proud of it. Not only has he made his way in the world and accummulated something for himself and his wife in their old age, but he has reared a fine family, of which he has a right to be proud. His sons are splendid young men and his daughter is charming. Mrs. Donovan has been her husband's able assistant during the years they have lived together and he frankly confesses that he owes much to her. She is an excellent housekeeper, and welcomes the guest who enters their door with true Irish hospitality, which is the most cordial and hearty in the world. The entire family have many friends in the township and are highly respected wherever known.

DORAN, Patrick, a retired farmer living at 801 South Twelfth Street, Springfield, Ill., was an early settler of Effingham County, Ill., locating on ninety acres of land in West Township, a few miles south of Altamont, where he lived until he retired from active life. Mr. Doran was born in County Wexford, Ireland, about 1834, son of Owen Doran, a small farmer in Ireland, where he died. Owen Doran married Margaret Dwyer, who also died in Ireland, and they had children as follows: Winnie, Mrs. Martin Doyle, of Chicago; Margaret died unmarried; Patrick; Owen, who emigrated to the United States, served in the Civil War in an Illinois Regiment and died in Philadelphia; James, a deep-sea sailor; Margaret, married Henry Carter, of Chicago.

Patrick Doran received but a meager edu-

cation and began working when still a boy. He remained on his father's farm until he came to the United States, at the age of sixteen years. He sailed from Liverpool and landed in New York, having spent nine weeks on the ocean. The vessel lost her masts and was nearly wrecked. Mr. Doran joined a sister in Philadelphia and found work among the Quaker farmers of the vicinity, spending about four years in this occupation, then went west and worked summers at farming near Springfield, Ill., going south during the winters and working for the planters there.

Mr. Doran was married in Springfield, about 1855, to Miss Catherine Kavanaugh, who was born in Washington, D. C., about 1834, daughter of Morgan Kavanaugh. Mr. Kavanaugh came to the United States from County Wexford, Ireland, and worked on the old National Road and on the first State House of Illinois, he and a Scotchman cutting stone for this building. Mr. Kavanaugh was a brick-layer and stone cutter by trade, but died on a farm in Effingham County. He married Margaret Conners, who also died in Effingham County.

Soon after their marriage Mr. Doran and his wife moved to her father's farm in West Township, which he conducted until he retired. He was an able and successful farmer and owns his residence and another house on Jackson Street, Springfield. He and his wife belong to the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, to the erection of whose building Mr. Doran contributed liberally. He is a Democrat in politics and is actively interested in public affairs. He is ready to forward any movement for the general good of his community and is a useful, patriotic citizen. Children as follows were born to him and his wife: Margaret, widow of John Brennan, of Springfield; Winnifred married James White, of Springfield; William, of Springfield, married Annie McNally; John, of Springfield, married Katy Corrigan; Annie married William Lee, of Chicago; Patrick Henry, of St. Louis, married Lottie Jennings.

DORWIN, Harry F., present Secretary and business manager of the Illinois State Journal Company, was born in the city of Springfield August 4, 1855, the son of Phares A. and Caroline (Fisher) Dorwin. His father, Phares Dorwin, came with his parents to Illinois at an early day, settling at Naples, where both died. In 1840, their son came to Springfield, and was there engaged in mercantile business as dealer in stoves, tin-ware, etc., until his death in 1870. Mr. Harry F. Dorwin's mother, *nee* Caroline Fisher, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fisher, who came to Springfield overland from Franklin County, Pa., in 1840. She was an older sister of the late Mrs. Shelby M. Cullom, and resided in Springfield until her death in January, 1897, nearly twenty-seven years after the death of her husband.

Harry F. Dorwin received his education in the Springfield city schools, and at the age of about sixteen years became clerk, and later Teller, of the State National Bank of Springfield, serving in these two capacities from 1871 to 1876. He then became Secretary to Gov. Cullom, continuing in this position until the election of the latter to the United States Senate (1883), when he became Private Secretary to Gov. John M. Hamilton, successor to Gov. Cullom, remaining one year, (1883-84). Other official positions held by him included those of Chief Deputy of the United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois (1884-85), and Assistant in the office of State Treasurers John R. Tanner and Charles Becker (1886-89). Although he has held no elective position, it will be seen from this record that few men in the later period of State history have had a larger or more varied experience in connection with important public offices than has Mr. Dorwin. On the organization of the present Illinois State Journal Company, he became Secretary and business manager of the company, a position which he has retained to the present time, covering a period of more than twenty years, during which the business of the concern has shown an extensive development, giving evidence of his business capacity and devotion to public interests.

On March 31, 1897, Mr. Dorwin was married to Miss Bertha Buck, who was born in Springfield, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Buck; they have no children. Dr. Buck was a surgeon with the rank of Major during the Civil War, among important battles in which he saw service being that of Gettysburg. A fuller sketch of Dr. Buck will be found in another section of this volume.

Always a Republican politically, Mr. Dorwin's religious affiliations are with the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, while in his social relations he is connected as a charter member, with the Sangamo Club, the Illini Country Club and the Springfield Association of Commerce. His residence is at No. 606 South Fourth Street, Springfield.

DOTY, Nathan, who has for half a century occupied his present home in Williamsville, Ill., has for the past ten years lived retired from active life. He is a native of New York State, born March 12, 1827, son of Abraham and Hannah (Campbell) Doty, both natives of New York, the former born in 1801. The parents spent their entire lives in New York. The father was descended from a Mayflower emigrant and the mother was of English descent. They were parents of eight children, and Nathan, one of seven sons, is the only survivor.

Nathan Doty received his early education in Berkshire County, Mass. He helped with the work on his father's farm as a young man and when he left home engaged in farming on his own account. He came west in December, 1856, reaching Williams Township, Sangamon County, January 1, 1857, and there engaged in farm-

ing for a few years, then located in Williamsville, where for fifteen years he conducted a general merchandise establishment. He was for several years manager of the Council Elevator in Williamsville and for the past ten years has lived retired from active life. He has been fairly successful and has accumulated some other property besides his nice home in Williamsville. He is prominent in local affairs and one of the prominent men of his community, whose good judgment and ability is generally recognized.

The marriage of Mr. Doty occurred in Lakeville, Conn., March 18, 1853, when he was united with Katherine Shaw, born in Cannon, Conn., March 22, 1853, daughter of Hiram Shaw, a native of New York, as was his wife. Hiram was a son of John Shaw, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Hiram Shaw and his wife spent their entire lives in the East. Of their ten children all are deceased except two, Katherine, Mrs. Nathan Doty, and Mrs. Elizabeth Doty, of Connecticut. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Doty, and of these three sons and two daughteres still survive: William, a resident of Racine, Wis.; Nathan, a painter, living in Williamsville; Charles, a clerk in the offices of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, living in Joliet; Emma, wife of Charles Slaughter, a farmer of Williams Township; Julia, wife of Charles Fishburn, living on a farm near Barclay, Sangamon County. There are thirteen grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Doty is a devout member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Republican. He was for five years Overseer of the Poor in Sangamon County and served one year as Constable, serving in each office with credit and ability. He was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and has many pleasant recollections of their friendship. He has worked very hard most of his life and has been successful through earnest effort and good business judgment. His integrity and honesty have never been questioned and he is held in high esteem by all who know him.

DOUGLAS, Stephen A. (Vol. I, p. 135.)

DOWIS, William H.—Sangamon County, Ill., offers an excellent field for farming operations, and among the men who have been able to achieve success in this line may be mentioned William H. Dowis, who lives at 2240 East Cedar Street, Springfield. Mr. Dowis was left an orphan when a small child and was obliged to look out for himself. He was ambitious and industrious and made the most of every opportunity for advancement. Mr. Dowis was born in Pike County, Ohio, October 14, 1850, one of the thirteen children of James and Mary (Downing) Dowis, both natives of Ohio, and the former of Pike County. The parents spent their entire lives in Ohio and were farmers. Only two of their children are now living, William H. and a daughter.

The education of William H. Dowis was acquired in his native State and he worked on his father's farm until the latter's death, learning the full details of farming. In 1875 he located in Sangamon County and engaged in farming near Sherman, first working by the month. In 1880 Mr. Dowis went to Fillmore County, Neb., where he worked on a farm for four years, then returned to Illinois and has since resided in Springfield. He has been very successful in a business way and has shown excellent judgment in the management of his affairs. He is at present extensively engaged in buying and selling stock. He has lived in his present home the past ten years and also owns other property.

Mr. Dowis was married in Springfield, in October, 1882, to Miss Anna Dyer, who was born in Ohio, daughter of Buck and Elizabeth (Babb) Dyer. Her parents came to Illinois about fifty years ago and settled on a farm in Sangamon County, where they lived the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Dowis was one of a family of eight children, of whom but two survive. No children were born to Mr. Dowis and his wife. He is a Republican in politics and a Methodist in religious belief. He is a self-made man in every respect and has learned much in the school of experience. He is well-informed, a pleasing conversationalist, readily makes friends, and in all his dealings with his fellows has held to the highest principles. He is well-known in Sangamon County and has the goodwill of his associates and acquaintances. He is an upright and public-spirited citizen and actively interested in public affairs.

DOWLING, James E., a prominent lawyer and public-spirited citizen of Springfield, Ill., has been engaged in the practice of his profession in that city since 1877, and has during that time been identified with the city's best interests. He has been active in the councils of the Republican party and has been one of its leaders in his community. Mr. Dowling is a man of great force of character and has forged his way to the front in his chosen field by well-directed energy and perseverance. He is pre-eminently a self-made man and in his career as a lawyer has gained and maintained the highest confidence and esteem. He was born at Pinegrove, Pa., April 19, 1844, son of Patrick and Anna (Dolan) Dowling, married in Ireland, where they were both born, whence they emigrated to America in early married life. The father embarked in business as a railroad contractor and graded the land through what is now Altoona, for the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company, building the first house there.

The early education of James E. Dowling was acquired in his native county, where he attended the country schools, and when fifteen

years old he came to Illinois. He attended high school in Freeport three years, being a member of the Class of 1860, and four years later graduated from Albany (N. Y.) Law University. He spent some time in farming in early manhood, but was ambitious to secure a good education and to enter upon the study of law, and carried out his designs by his own exertions. He was admitted to the Bar in 1865, having previously spent some time in teaching school in Christian County and served as Principal of Schools in Athens, Menard County, during which time he spent his leisure hours largely in the study of law.

In 1865 Mr. Dowling opened an office in Petersburg, Ill., and in 1877 removed to Springfield, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. He was appointed Assistant Secretary of the State Senate, in which capacity he served during an entire term and the next term was clerk of the committee on Banks and Corporations. He has gradually built up a large practice and has handled some important cases during his long career. He is well fitted for his profession, both by natural ability and training, and has given much time to the mastery of special lines of jurisprudence. For some years he has been located in the McGruder Building, opposite the Court House and on the north side of the Square in Springfield. He owns a beautiful home near Washington Park, in the west part of the city, and being thus much interested in the establishment and proper maintenance of the park, donated a strip of land for the purpose. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and he is always ready to further the cause of education and religion, as well as that of any other beneficial movement.

Mr. Dowling was married in 1865, in Petersburg, Ill., to Miss Sivila Davis, whose parents were early settlers of Cleary Grove, Menard County, the father for many years conducting a general store at Petersburg, which did business under the firm name of Davis & Adams. Nine children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Dowling: William E. married Katherine Ellis; Effie Jane, wife of P. J. Ryder; Ira T. married Mildred Derelcott; Lois, deceased; John P. married Matilda Stevens; Bertie married Julius Dongee; Maud and Mabel, twins, died at the age of seventeen years; Neva, wife of Walter Dugger, Jr., of the American Home Life Insurance Company, of Fort Worth, Tex.

DRAKE, Henry B., a retired farmer now living at 402 West North Grand Avenue, Springfield, Ill., was born at Miamisburg, Ohio, October 11, 1837, and is a son of Charles S. and Lucy (Clayton) Drake, natives of New Jersey. The father was born in 1802 and by occupation was a shoe-maker and farmer. The mother was born at Monmouth. Charles S. Drake emigrated from his native State to Ohio in a very early day (1822) and some years later, in 1855, came to Fancy Creek Township, Sangamon County, Ill., where he engaged in farming and later moved to Logan County and bought land. He spent the remainder of his life on a farm and became an influential and prominent citizen of the community. He died in 1892, at the advanced age of ninety years, and his wife died in 1897, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clampett, in Jacksonville. Both parents were buried in Fancy Creek Township, in the old Van Meter Cemetery. Charles S. was a son of Thomas Drake, who was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, lost in service and never heard from again. Both he and his wife were natives of New Jersey and both parents of Mrs. Charles S. Drake were natives of the same State.

To Charles S. Drake and wife nine sons and one daughter were born, namely: John, born in New Jersey, went to California in 1849, at the time of the "gold fever," and died there; Charles is a Congregational minister at New Haven, Conn.; Silas H. lives on a farm near Elkhart, Logan County; Moses, deceased, was a surgeon in the Fourteenth United States Infantry and served three years during the Civil War, under John M. Palmer, was taken prisoner at Missionary Ridge, but was paroled on account of being an officer; Zachary T. (named after Zachary Taylor, once President of the United States) lives on a farm near Elkhart, Logan County; Octavius, deceased, was also a soldier in the Civil War, being a member of the Fifth Illinois Cavalry, (as was also Silas, who is mentioned above,) and was accidentally killed by his son near Silver City, Oregon, where he resided; Elizabeth is the wife of Charles Clampett and they live at Jacksonville, Ill.; three children died in infancy.

Henry B. Drake received his education in Ohio and in boyhood worked on his father's farm, coming with his parents to Sangamon County and remaining with them until 1881, when he moved to Springfield, his home since. For many years he was engaged in a transfer business, but for some time past has been retired from active life. He was reared to habits of industry and was successful in whatever he undertook. He enlisted during the early part of the Civil War, from Springfield, in Company G, Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, served three months, then reenlisted in the Tenth Illinois Cavalry, Company G, for three years. The Tenth Cavalry was mustered out at San Antonio, Tex., November 22, 1865, receiving final pay and discharge at Springfield, January 6, 1866. Mr. Drake participated in many battles and minor engagements, among them the Siege of Vicksburg. He assisted in organizing a G. A. R. Post at Elkhart, which later disbanded. For thirteen years he served as a Supervisor in Logan County and was Collector for two years. He is a member of Elkhart Lodge No. 545, A. F. & A. M. Mrs. Drake is a member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Drake's marriage occurred in Sangamon County, February 20, 1872, when he was united

with Columbia A. McKinnie, a native of the county, born in 1848, daughter of Thomas L. McKinnie and wife, both natives of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. McKinnie came from Fleming County, Ky., to Illinois at a very early day. Mrs. Drake's grandfather entered land from the Government in Springfield Township and is buried on the old home place there. Thomas L. McKinnie carried on farming there until his death and he and his wife were parents of two sons and three daughters, of whom all except one now survive: Mrs. Drake; Mrs. Mary Helvety, of Decatur, Ill.; Mrs. Florence Huntley, wife of Samuel Huntley, who lives on part of the old home place in Fancy Creek Township; William, also a farmer and living on part of the old home place.

To Mr. Drake and wife three sons and three daughters were born and two daughters are now living: Mabel, who lives at home, a teacher in Springfield High School, and Grace, wife of Frederick Crissey, of Springfield, and they have five sons—Norman, Harold, Fred, Robert and Howard. Hervey Leon Drake died January 9, 1909, aged thirty-three years and three children died in infancy. Mr. Drake owns a very comfortable home in the city, where he has many warm friends and is highly respected.

DRENNAN, John Walter.—The Drennans were among the pioneers of Sangamon County, and have borne an important part in the progress and development of the locality. John Walter Drennan, now living on Section 3 of Divernon Township, is of the third generation of his branch of the family to live in the county, and was born on the farm he now owns and occupies, July 29, 1877. He is a son of Alfred L. and Emma J. (Christopher) Drennan, natives of Sangamon County, the former born in 1852 and the latter in 1855. The parents have spent their entire lives in the county, though they have resided in various townships. The father was a farmer by occupation but has now retired from active life and resides in Springfield. The grandparents of John W. Drennan were all early settlers of Sangamon County, where they died.

As a boy John Walter Drennan attended Oak Ridge District School and upon completing his education took up farming as an occupation. He is fond of fine horses and has always enjoyed horse-racing and hunting. He has never moved from his birthplace, and although he has traveled rather extensively in the West, has never cared to reside anywhere else than in his present location. He understands the soil on his farm and its peculiar fitness for various kinds of treatment, and is an energetic, progressive farmer. Besides his farming interests he owns stock in the Farmers' Elevator Company, of Divernon. He is a man of upright honesty and integrity and stands well with his neighbors and acquaintances. He is representative of the best type of citizenship and takes pride in his achievements as a farmer and a business man. He owns 160 acres of land and also some city property.

Mr. Drennan was married in Cotton Hill Township, April 23, 1902, the Rev. T. F. Hartman, of Chatham, officiating, to Cora E. Colean, who was born in Sangamon County, March 11, 1880, daughter of Meade W. and Abbie (Babb) Colean, natives of Sangamon County and farmers of Cotton Hill Township. The Coleans are among the earliest and best known families in Sangamon County. Three sons have been born of this union: Alfred C., born February 16, 1903; Clarence A., March 13, 1905; Harold W., May 6, 1910. Mr. Drennan is proud of his children, as he has every reason to be. He has been for many years a member of the Methodist Church, to which his wife also belongs. He is a Republican in politics and takes an active interest in local affairs. He is now serving as School Trustee. Fraternally Mr. Drennan belongs to Camp No. 572, Modern Woodmen, of Divernon, and to the Court of Honor of Glenarm.

DRESCH, John (deceased).—The efficiency of German-trained workmen cannot be equalled by any learning a trade in the United States. The training given there is so complete that those who have acquired a working knowledge of any trade in Germany find ready employment upon coming here. John Dresch, a cabinetmaker of Springfield, proved in his work the truth of these statements. He was born in Baden, Germany, January 1, 1832. His father was also a cabinetmaker and he and his wife spent their lives in Germany where they were born and died.

After receiving a good education in German John Dresch was taught his father's trade, but realizing that there were better opportunities beyond the ocean, embarked for this country and first located in Pennsylvania. Later he came west, arriving in Springfield in 1861, and from that time on he made the city his home, becoming sincerely attached to it and its people. Upon being naturalized he embraced the doctrines of Democracy and never left the folds of that party. A devout Catholic, he was a member of SS. Peter and Paul Church, dying firm in its faith, August 10, 1908, and his remains were interred in Calvary Cemetery. Although at first in poor circumstances, he soon amassed considerable property, including the beautiful home at No. 514 West Carpenter street.

While residing in Lancaster, Pa., Mr. Dresch was married February 8, 1857, to Mary Gamber, of that city, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Gamber. Mrs. Dresch was only two years of age when her mother died and four years when her father died. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dresch: Emma, born June 12, 1858; Frank, born Nov. 6, 1860, married Emma Davis and resides at Barry, Ill.; Elizabeth, born September 12, 1861, wife of Charles McBride, Superintendent of Calvary Cemetery; Rose, born June 29, 1863, wife of

Frank Schuchardt, a fireman in the city fire department; Cecil, born June 30, 1867; Henry, born October 22, 1868, married Mary Peters, resides in Springfield, and is with The Reisch Brewing Company; Laura, born December 10, 1871; and Anna, born December 9, 1874, wife of William Bretz, cement contractor. Mrs. Dresch has two brothers and two sisters, all living in Lancaster, Pa. The Dresch family is one that stands well in Springfield, and Mrs. Dresch was left in very comfortable circumstances by her husband. The home has been the family residence for a long time, and Mrs. Dresch has many pleasant memories connected with it.

DRESSER, (Rev.) Charles. (Vol. I, p. 137.)

DRISKELL, Joseph (deceased).—Many of the men who labored hard to make Sangamon County what it is today have passed to their last reward, but the effect of their work lives after them and their families are now reaping the benefit of what they accomplished. One of the sturdy, successful, reliable farmers of this locality was the late Joseph Driskell, born in August, 1858, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Gregory) Driskell, natives of Kentucky, where the father was a farmer, who later came to Illinois, where his son was born.

The younger Joseph Driskell attended the Martin School in Sangamon County, and worked with his father on the farm until he bought his own farm in the neighborhood of Springfield. There he resided until he retired, moving to Springfield, which was his home ten years before his demise. He was an excellent farmer and made his property one of the best in the county. A quiet man, devoted to his home and work, he did not join any fraternal associations, and while a Republican, he did not aspire to office. The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield held his membership.

On September 12, 1866, occurred the marriage of Mr. Driskell and Miss Jane Curlock, who was born near Breckenridge, Ill. She is a daughter of Henry and Susan Curlock, natives and life-long residents of Sangamon County. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Driskell: John L., born in 1867; Mary Ann, born August 3, 1869; William Henry, born November 11, 1871; Maggie, born August 3, 1874; Lida, born November 11, 1880; Joseph, born July 11, 1883; Grover Cleveland, born October 7, 1882; Jessie, born March 7, 1887, and three who are deceased. Mrs. Driskell resides at No. 1125 East Washington Street, Springfield, where she makes a pleasant home for her family. She is a lady widely known and universally respected, having made this city her home for seventeen years.

DROHAN, Edward.—Springfield presents excellent opportunities for the prosecution of many lines of business, a fact that is appreciated by many. One of the prosperous business men of the city is Edward Drohan, born in Tazewell County, Ill., December 18, 1861, a son of Edward and Margaret (Quinlan) Drohan, natives of Ireland. The parents met and were married in the United States. About 1850 they came to Tazewell County, Ill., but after the death of his wife, in 1866, Edward Drohan, Sr. moved to Edina, Mo., and there his death occurred, in October, 1872. He was a farmer and railroad contractor, but had retired from active business at the time of his death. Although a strong Democrat, he never cared for office. He was a member of the Catholic Church and brought up his seven children in that faith. All of them still survive, Edward Drohan of this biography being the sixth in order of birth.

Edward Drohan, Jr., attended school at Lilly Station, Tazewell County, Ill., but when only eighteen years old he began working for farmers, thus continuing until he was twenty-two. At that time he made a trip to Texas, and on his return settled in Christian County. His energies found expression in several lines of endeavor at Taylorsville, Decatur and other places in the vicinity, until 1908, when he came to Springfield, which has since been his place of residence. He there embarked in business and has met with marked success.

On October 31, 1887, Mr. Drohan was united in marriage, at Taylorville, Ill., with Catherine Perry, born in Illinois, daughter of Patrick Perry and wife, who are deceased. He was a Democrat and a Catholic. Mrs. Drohan was one of a family of three children born to her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Drohan have three children: Nellie A., Edward J., and Donald E., all at home. Mr. Drohan belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters and the B. P. O. E. His religious connections are with St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of Springfield. He is a genial, pleasant man, who makes friends wherever he goes, and is well liked by them.

DUBINSKY, Jack, an enterprising and successful clothing merchant of Springfield, Ill., was born in Russia, February 12, 1885, and at the age of two years accompanied his parents to the United States. He is a son of Isaac and Rose (Goldwasser) Dubinsky, both natives of Schimsk, Russia, the former born in 1855 and the latter in 1858. The father is now engaged in real estate business in St. Louis. They were parents of ten children.

Jack Dubinsky attended the common and high schools of St. Louis until he was fifteen years old, then began working in the dry goods store of Epstein & Whiser. Six months later he entered the employ of Ferguson McKinrey Dry Goods Company, of St. Louis, and a year later went to work for H. Seligman Jewelry Company, working four years in their establishment and three years on the road as salesman, after which he married and established himself in business in Springfield. Mr. Dubinsky began his business career as an office boy for three dollars a week, and by diligence and industry worked up to a salary of $1500 a

year by the time he was twenty years of age. In 1907 he embarked in the clothing business on his own account, starting with a capital of $3,000, and building up a lucrative trade. He is careful in keeping up his stock and attending to the wants of his customers and has established a reputation for business honesty and integrity. He owns the home at 1520 East Washington Street. He adheres to the Hebrew religion and fraternally belongs to the Masonic Fraternity and Woodmen of the World, of which he has been a member two years; has been for one year Secretary of the Bnai Abraham Congregation; for one year has been Treasurer of the Modern Knights of Zion and is also a member of Bnai Brith. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Dubinsky was married in Springfield, May 26, 1907, to Miss Ethel Greenberg, and they have one son, Harold, born April 8, 1908. Mrs. Dubinsky is a daughter of David and Fannie (Gingold) Greenburg, natives of Russia. They were married in Russia and came to America on their honeymoon trip, landing in New York about 1880. They reside in Springfield, where Mr. Greenberg is one of the leading clothing merchants. He came to Springfield with less than one dollar in his possession, and has since been able to accumulate considerable property and for the past twenty-five years has conducted his store, having a nice business.

DUBOIS, Jesse Kilgore. (Vol. I, p. 137.)

DUFFIELD, William Henry (deceased).—Connected with the history of Abraham Lincoln is that of William Henry Duffield, for a number of years attached to the State House at Springfield. Mr. Duffield, an ardent admirer of the martyred President, utilized spare moments fashioning pen holders, gavels and canes from the tree which stood in front of the Lincoln residence in Springfield. This tree was planted by Mr. Lincoln about 1857, and when Mr. Duffield conceived the idea of making these mementoes of his old friend, they were bought by people all over the country, who also admired the great man. Mr. Duffield was born in Putnam County, Ind., November 1, 1842, but when he was only ten years old, his parents moved to Greenville Ill.

Brought up to farm life and receiving a country school education, Mr. Duffield early learned lessons of patriotism, and was one of the first to offer his services in defense of his country, enlisting August 18, 1861, in Company I, Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, from which he was honorably discharged December 6, 1865, having been made Sergeant.

At the close of the war he returned home and engaged in various occupations. On August 17, 1873, he was united in marriage with Adelia Haskell, and they had the following children: Maud, unmarried; Gertrude, Mrs. W. H. Clifford, of St. Charles, Mo.; Charles L., of Springfield; Mary M., Mrs. George Weidlocher, of Springfield; Jessie and Edwin, unmarried.

A year prior to his marriage he had become an attache of the State House, and in 1874 moved to Springfield, residing on Walnut Street for three years. He then returned to Virginia, Ill., which had been his home, but in 1897 once more came to Springfield, and there he died, April 10, 1908. A stanch member of the G. A. R., he was Commander of his Post at Virginia. He joined the Methodist Church in childhood, and was faithful to its teachings all his life. In politics he was a Republican. Conscientious, faithful, devoted to his friends, and possessing few (if any) enemies, Mr. Duffield rounded out a useful life, and left behind him a pleasant memory, cherished by those who knew him.

DUMMER, Henry E. (Vol. I, p. 606.)

DUNAWAY, Charles Newton (deceased).—Farming has become one of the most profitable occupations in which man can engage, and a number of the leading agriculturists of Sangamon County who have been engaged in this calling for a number of years have retired from their labors, having gained a sufficient competency to provide for their needs during the remainder of their lives. One who bore his part in the development of the rich farming lands of the locality was the late Charles Newton Dunaway, who became an important factor in its business life. He was born in Hendicks County, Ind., November 2, 1838, a son of James and Mariah N. (King) Dunaway, natives of Falmouth, Ky., the former born October 11, 1811, and the latter in 1808. The father was a farmer and brought his family to Mechanicsburg, Ill., October 15, 1851, engaged in a stock business, became very successful, and lived there until his death, in 1872. His wife had died in 1860, and both are interred in Mechanicsburg Cemetery. They had six children: William, who resides in Springfield; Charles N.; Margaret, wife of John B. Stone, of Haddam, Kan.; Louisa, Julius and Americus, who are deceased.

Charles N. Dunaway was educated in the Buffalo Hart Township schools, spending his youth on his parent's farm and learning how to work it and to manage an agricultural estate. Thus it was that when he began working for himself he was able to do so successfully, and continued in that line until 1883, when he began manufacturing harness in Logan County, Ill., where he lived until 1886, then settled in Mechanicsburg and engaged in the same business there for twelve years. Following this he operated a general store at Buffalo Hart Grove for three years, then moved to Rochester and resumed farming operations. He continued agricultural life for nine years, but in 1905 came to Mechanicsburg, where he remained until his death. During the Civil War he enlisted in July, 1862, in Company B Eleventh Missouri Volunteer Infantry, at St. Louis, but after serv-

ing one year was discharged for disability. In 1860 he voted for his personal friend, Abraham Lincoln, and did so again in 1864, being proud to follow the leadership of that illustrious man. Ever after he was a stanch Republican, but never sought office, although he served faithfully and well as Justice of the Peace in Logan County. He was elected to the same office in Mechanicsburg, but refused to serve, feeling that his four years' occupancy of that office was sufficient.

On May 9, 1888, Mr. Dunaway was united in marriage, in Rochester, with Mary J. Thomas, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Morris) Thomas. Mrs. Dunaway was born in Ohio, coming to Springfield with her parents in 1852. They were natives of Ohio, where the father was a farmer, later following the same occupation in Sangamon County. Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway had children as follows: Sylvia A. and Florence S., both at home, and one child who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway belonged to the Christian Church and became well known for their many pious deeds and kindly charities. About three or four years ago Mr. Dunaway became totally blind, as a result of injuries received during the Civil War. Many of the soldiers who escaped shot and shell were laid low by various ailments that have finally resulted in dire consequences. No words can describe their sufferings, but their bravery and patience are appreciated and their deeds recorded on the pages of history. In addition to his pleasant home at Mechanicsburg, Mr. Dunaway owned stock in several financial enterprises, and was one of the substantial men of his locality. His death occurred September 12, 1910, mourned by the entire community.

DUNAWAY, William E., a retired farmer living in Springfield, Ill., has been a resident of that city since 1880, and upon his locating there spent several years at carpentering. He is a veteran of the Civil War and well-known in Grand Army circles. He was born in Kentucky, May 22, 1834, son of James Dunaway and his wife, who moved from Kentucky to Hendricks County, Ind., at an early day, and a few years later came to Sangamon County, and settled on a farm near Buffalo Hart. Some years later James Dunaway moved to a farm near Dawson, Sangamon County, but finally returned to his original farm near Buffalo Hart, where both he and his wife died. He was an active member of the Baptist Church and in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican.

In boyhood William F. Dunaway attended school in a log building, with crude furnishings and few conveniences or comforts. He lived with his parents until seventeen years old, when he began working among the farmers of the neighborhood. He enlisted as private, July 25, 1862, at Buffalo Hart, the term of his enlistment being three years, and he participated in every battle in which his company served, being under the command of General Sherman and A. J. Smith. He was a faithful soldier, fulfilled every duty, and was never wounded or captured. He was a member of Camp Butler Post, G. A. R., until they disbanded, not long ago.

At the close of the war Mr. Dunaway resumed farming, in which line he was fairly successful, and in 1880 moved to Springfield, where he engaged in carpenter work. He has been retired some years. In politics he is a Republican. He is well known in the city and has many warm personal friends. He was married (first) to Miss Mary Johnson, born near Buffalo Hart, who died in 1880, and some years later he married (second) Miss Helen Lanham, of Sangamon County, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Matthews) Lanham, and the following children were born of this union: Russell, of Springfield; Nellie, wife of Tilford Hadley, of Springfield; and Lizzie.

DUNCAN, Elizabeth.—One of the oldest, if not the oldest citizen, of Sangamon County, is Miss Elizabeth Duncan, a native of Kentucky, who has now passed her hundredth birthday. Miss Duncan was born August 8, 1811, and in 1829 emigrated from Bourbon County, Ky., riding on horseback most of the way. Other members of the party who emigrated to Sangamon County at the same time were Ivins Foster, who settled in what is now Curran Township; Montreville Dunn, who settled in Chatham Township, and Mrs. Rebecca McKee, who located in Loami Township. Mrs. McKee had a family of four sons—Samuel, John, James and William—and one daughter, Mrs. Martha Duncan, who was a widow and mother of Elizabeth Duncan, the subject of this sketch. Elizazbeth—or "Aunt Betty," as she is affectionately called by her most intimate friends, was never married, but for some thirty years followed the vocation of a tailoress, making men's fine suits with the skill of the experienced tailor. In her advanced years she retains her mental and physical energies in a remarkable degree, and is accustomed to visit the city of Springfield two or three times every year where she is cordially welcomed by a number of ardent friends who remember her long life and who have always held her in high esteem. Miss Duncan was present at the annual meeting of the Old Settlers Society of Sangamon County, held at New Berlin, August 2, 1911, and was awarded the prize as the oldest citizen in attendance.

DUNCAN, Milton.—After spending a long career in agricultural pursuits, the average Illinois farmer is ready to retire from active life, take up his residence in a nearby town or city, and there spend the remainder of his life in peace and quiet, enjoying the fruits of his labor. Milton Duncan, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Springfield, spent many years in farming and then retired from farm work. He was born on a farm in Gibson County, Ind., in 1848, a son of Josiah and Caroline (Farris)

Duncan, farming people and natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana, respectively.

The educational advantages of Milton Duncan were secured in the country schools of Gibson County, and his youth was spent on his father's farm, where he was trained to the life of an agriculturist. On reaching his majority he secured a farm of his own and operated it until 1885, when he brought his family to Springfield, where he afterwards resided. His life was so busy that he never cared to turn his attention to either fraternal matters or public affairs, although he voted for the principles supported by the Republican party. His religious connection was with the United Presbyterian Church.

On November 10, 1871, near Oakland City, Ind., Mr. Duncan was united in marriage with Mary Richardson, daughter of George W. and Johanna (May) Richardson, the former of whom came from North Carolina and settled on a farm near Princeton, Ind.

Mrs. Duncan has two children living: L. G., of Riverton, and Mrs. Lillie Todd, a widow, residing at No. 1912 East Edwards Street, Springfield. Mrs. Todd has two children, Arthur and May. L. G. Duncan is a carpenter and contractor at Riverton, and has one child, a daughter, Chloe.

DUNKEL, David Albert, who owns a pleasant home at Pleasant Plains, Ill., is a native of Sangamon County, descended from old and honored American families. He was born near his present home, a little east of the village, in Cartwright Township, April 6, 1857, a son of George and Margaret (Hankison) Dunkel, of Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, where they were born, reared and married. They were early settlers of Menard County, Ill., where they purchased land, developed a good farm and erected a comfortable home. The grandfather, John Dunkel, was a native of Pennsylvania, but the family came originally from Germany and the name was then spelled Dunckel. John Dunkel came to Sangamon County in an early day and settled on the farm now owned by J. T. Ferry, in Cartwright Township, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away about 1867, his widow surviving until about 1872. They were people of true Christian faith and active workers in the Baptist Church, being highly respected by all who knew them for their good deeds and public spirit. They were parents of fourteen children, two of whom died in infancy, but twelve reached maturity. Of these but one now survives, Mrs. W. H. Dorand, of Pleasant Plains.

George Dunkel was one of the most prominent men of Cartwright Township, always interested in every public measure and taking part in the development and advancement of his township and county. He was a true pioneer, reclaiming wild land, bringing his farm to a high state of cultivation and preparing for the comfort and welfare of those to follow him. To such men the present generation owes a large debt of gratitude and respect. In politics he was a Democrat and he and his wife were devout members of the Baptist Church, being found each Sabbath in the house of worship. He was highly respected in his community and spent his last days on his farm, dying October 29, 1897. His widow survived him until 1907, passing away when seventy-two years of age, while he was sixty-eight years old at the time of his death. They had four children, namely: Kate, wife of Samuel Farmer, a farmer of Morgan County; Sarah, wife of Charles Smith, of Pleasant Plains, has two children, Lee and Jesse; David Albert, subject of this sketch; John T., a sketch of whom appears in this work. The oldest daughter, Mrs. Farmer, has three children, namely: Frances, at home; Edna, Mrs. George Flinn, has one child, Lloyd; Pearl, wife of Charles Brown, of Roodhouse, Ill., has one child, Colleta.

David A. Dunkel was reared on his father's farm and educated in the school nearby, remaining with his parents until he was twenty years of age. About 1877 he rented a farm and operated it on his own account. Later he purchased forty acres of land southeast of Pleasant Plains and in 1880 sold it, then purchased sixty acres near what is known as the Franklin School, remaining there until 1883. He was married October 11, 1876, to Miss Evelyn Valentine, being then not quite twenty years of age. She was born in Cartwright Township, February 16, 1858, daughter of Samuel Valentine, a pioneer settler of Sangamon County, who lived on the farm now owned by Mrs. Green W. Martin. Mr. Valentine was a man of high character and was greatly esteemed wherever known. He and his wife, Sophia (Young) Valentine, were born near Circleville, Ohio, and reared on farms there. He was a son of John Valentine, a Pennsylvanian by birth, who located in Pickaway County, Ohio, as a young man. The grandparents came to Sangamon County with Mrs. Dunkel's parents, making the journey with wagons. Samuel Valentine's parents both died in the year 1853. He bought 160 acres of land in Cartwright Township, where John H. Campbell now lives, which he later sold and purchased the farm above mentioned as the home of Mrs. Martin, where he and his wife both passed away. He died in 1885 and his wife in 1880. They were reared in the Lutheran faith and were devout and earnest Christians. He was one of Nature's true noblemen, and while he and his wife did not unite with any church after coming to Sangamon County, they attended the Presbyterian Church and gave freely of their time and money towards building up both the church and school in their neighborhood. He was kind and charitable in spirit and manner and always ready to help anyone in trouble or need. He paid good wages for the people he employed and always treated them well, being very tender-hearted and sympathetic toward all his fellows. No

one had more warm friends in Cartwright Township than he and he was known as a man of public spirit in all ways. He was a Democrat in politics. He and his wife were parents of three sons and seven daughters, of whom four daughters and two sons are now surviving: Sylvester, a farmer of Schuyler County; Ella W., wife of Philip A. Williams, of Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.; Sophia, widow of Samuel Campbell, residing at St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. Dunkel; India Isabel, wife of John Kirby, when last heard from was living near St. Louis, Mo.; Samuel, a blacksmith of Pleasant Plains. Those deceased are: Mary, wife of W. V. Campbell, a sketch of whom appears in this work; Cordelia, who married James E. Campbell, and both are now deceased; Clara Emma Rosetta died at the age of twenty-three years, a lady of beautiful Christian character, loved by all; Israel, deceased. Mrs. Dunkel was reared in a good Christian home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dunkel children were born as follows: William T., born May 14, 1877, living in Pleasant Plains, married Maggie McGraw and they have six children—David Lamont, Everett P., William Floyd, Viola May, Leonard E. and Mary Fay; Samuel Andrew, born February 7, 1880, married Maud Lewis and they have three children—Richard Harold, Lester Lee and Lelia Pearl; George Boynton, born December 2, 1887, living at home and working in the rural delivery mail service out of Pleasant Plains; Cora Viola, born April 20, 1891, wife of Oliver D. Smith, a farmer living near Rochester. The parents have given their children educations to fit them for their part in life and the latter have been an honor to the good name and character of their ancestors. Mrs. Dunkel's maternal grandparents were David and Betsy Elizabeth (Mires) Young, both natives of Pickaway County. Jonathan Mires settled in Schuyler County, Ill., where he and his wife died. David Young had three children: Ella Young married Dennis Barks and both he and his wife died in Circleville, leaving three daughters and one son, the daughters still being on the old home farm in Pickaway County.

In 1883 Mr. Dunkel sold his farm and moved to Tallula, Ill., where he conducted a butcher business one year, then returned to Pleasant Plains and for a time conducted a meat market there. In 1892 he again engaged in farming and followed that occupation until 1903, when he received an appointment from the Government for work in the rural delivery work, having a route out from Pleasant Plains, which village has since been his home. His commission was received in February, 1904, and he has since been a faithful servant of the Government and of the people of the section where he resides, continuing his work during bad weather and having missed but two trips, these being on account of the delay of trains. He is a lover of fine horses and owns a high bred stallion named Rattler Hal, Jr. He is the owner of a pleasant home and he and his son have five good horses which they use in the service of the Government. Politically he is a Democrat and he and his wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor, and his wife is also a member of the last-named organization. Mr. Dunkel and wife are highly respected and have many friends.

DUNKEL, John Thomas, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Section 30, Cartwright Township, is a native of that township, born about two miles east of his present home November 7, 1858, son of George and Margaret (Hankison) Dunkel, the father born near Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he and Margaret Hankison were married and where their first child was born. About 1850 they purchased land in Menard County, Ill., established a home there, and later sold it to purchase a farm in Cartwright Township. They lived on the farm in that township until a short time before his death, then moved to Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County, where the father died October 2, 1897, his wife surviving him until June, 1905. He was for many years an active and useful member of the Baptist Church and helped very materially in its progress. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a quiet, unostentatious gentleman, highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

John T. Dunkel was educated in his native township, attending the Plunkett School, and early began to help with the work on his father's farm. February 18, 1880, he married Miss Emma E., daughter of Silas P. Plunkett. A rather full history of the Plunkett family is included in the sketch of C. A. Plunkett, appearing in this work. Mrs. Dunkel was born in Cartwright Township, December 28, 1860. After marriage Mr. Dunkel purchased a farm four miles southeast of Pleasant Plains in the Clayville District, and on this place all their children were born, as follows: Alonzo, born January 5, 1881, married Miss Ida Lynn, at Wellington, Kan., and they now reside at the Plains; Carrie M., born June 4, 1882, married George W. Hughes, a farmer and a native of Missouri, and they live with her father; the third child died in infancy. In 1895 Mr. Dunkel and wife moved from the farm above mentioned to their present place, which he purchased. They have 155 acres of land and a most beautiful home a short distance north of the Plains.

Mr. Dunkel is practically a self-made man and has been successful in his chosen career. He pays special attention to breeding fine stock and among his possessions are two brood mares who have borne him seven colts each, all of them now surviving, being of the Percheron and Norman stock. He has always been interested in the affairs around him and is a citi-

zen who intends to do his full duty in the highest sense of the word. He helps every enterprise which is for the good of the public and he and his wife are active members of the Baptist Church at Pleasant Plains. Mrs. Dunkel is an active member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church and Mr. Dunkel has long been one of the officers of the church organization. Both are members of the Court of Honor and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are earnest Christians and apply their religion to their everyday life. He has always acted with the Democratic party. Mrs. Dunkel is one of the most highly esteemed women of the community and is envied by many for her skill in making butter, in which she greatly excels.

DUNKEL, Milton, one of several honored retired farmers living at Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County, Ill., is of that good old Ohio stock which has done so much for the development of the Middle West. He was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, July 30, 1848, a son of Andrew and Angeline (Young) Dunkel, and is the only survivor of his father's family. The family of Dunkel is of German origin and was founded in America in colonial times. Andrew Dunkel was born in Ohio December 4, 1824, son of John and Catharine (Morehart) Dunkel, who had fourteen children, only one of whom, Mrs. Levina Dorand, wife of W. H. Dorand, contractor and builder, of Pleasant Plains, now survives. Andrew and Angeline Dunkel had three children, two of whom, a son and a daughter, died in infancy. John and Catharine Dunkel moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio not long after the close of the War of the Revolution. Eventually they moved to Cartwright Township, Sangamon County, where Mr. Dunkel died in 1868 and his widow in 1872.

Angeline (Young) Dunkel was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Myers) Young, both of German descent and born in Berks County, Pa. Her father spent all his active years as a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, chiefly in Fairfield County, Ohio. He died when Mrs. Young was only three years old. Later her mother married Jacob C. Valentine, of Pickaway county, Ohio, and lived to be seventy-five years of age. Angeline Dunkel was born February 15, 1827, and was educated in subscription schools, and by her own efforts becoming a woman of fine attainments for her day and generation. She was twenty-one years old when she married. It was in 1855 that the family came to Illinois and Mr. Dunkel took up land in Cartwright Township, Sangamon County. At eighteen she united with the English Lutheran Church at Circleville, Ohio. After they came to this state, she and her husband joined the Missionary Baptist Church of Richland, with which they were helpfully identified as long as they lived. She passed away February 25, 1890, aged sixty-three years, and he September 4, 1898, aged seventy-three years.

Milton Dunkel came as a lad with his parents to Sangamon County in 1855, was brought up to a practical knowledge of farming, and obtained his education in the public school near his boyhood home. In 1872 he married Miss Dora A. Smith, born in Cartwright Township, a daughter of William and Sarah (Dorety) Smith. Mr. Smith was born in Scotland and Mrs. Smith in North Carolina. They married in the State just mentioned and came to Illinois in 1844 and both died when Mrs. Dunkel was as yet only a child, he in 1849 and she in 1853. By trade Mr. Smith was a carriage painter. His son, Robert B. Smith is a farmer in Cartwright Township and another son, William W. Smith, is a farmer in Auburn Township. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dunkel settled on the old Dunkel homestead, where they farmed successfully till February 22, 1899, then moved to Pleasant Plains, where Mr. Dunkel had bought a beautiful home, and they lived there very happily till Mrs. Dunkel died. She was born near the old Richland Baptist Church August 24, 1850, was married March 19, 1872, joined the church mentioned June 1, 1873, and died March 7, 1907, aged fifty-six years, six months and thirteen days. As a girl she was distinguished by a mild disposition and a gentle, affectionate nature. Her early conversion tended to develop and strengthen those admirable qualities. Her life in the church was marked by growing earnestness and increasing interest in the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth. She was always attentive to the sick and generous to the unfortunate. In her home life she was a model of faithfulness and loving kindness. Her spiritual home was early put in order and her temporal home was no less carefully looked after. These lines were dedicated to her by one who knew her well:

"Life, I know not what thou art,
But know that thou and I must part,
And when or how or where we met
I own to me 's a secret yet.
Life, we 've been long together,
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather—
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear,
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time,
"Say not good night,
But in some brighter clime
Bid me good morning."

Her home was noted for its genial hospitality. In all that she loved and loved to do she had her husband's sympathy. He has always been ready to contribute his full share toward the advancement of religion and education. Friends in need have ever found him a friend indeed. In politics he is a Democrat. He was a mem-

ber of the County Board for two years, including the time of the remodeling of the Court House, was a Township Trustee from 1889 to 1908 and Tax Collector in 1899. His public spirit has made him a citizen of whom his neighbors are justly proud.

DUNLAP, Alexander.—Since the days of the building of the pyramids of Egypt, the contractor and builder has been an important figure in the advancement of a community. To him is entrusted the material expression of the architect's skill and the artist's evolutions. The builder of today, however, has to meet problems which never came up to confront those who erected the stately piles of ancient Greece and Rome. Modern sanitation, electric wiring, and the many other complications of construction in this century, requires the services of thoroughly experienced men. One who has attained more than local celebrity along this line is Alexander Dunlap, of Springfield, whose work is to be found on a number of the Sangamon County public buildings, as well as the State Capitol Building. He was born in Knox County, Ky., July 17, 1836, a son of James and Margaret (Tinsley) Dunlap, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. James Dunlap came to Morgan County, Ill., in 1847, being one of the pioneers of that locality. There he engaged in farming until 1854, when removal was made to Sangamon County, where a farm was secured and operated until the father died in 1881. The paternal grandparents of Alexander Dunlap came originally from Belfast, Ireland, and there is a strain of the open-hearted, genial Irish people in Mr. Dunlap's makeup.

The education of Mr. Dunlap was secured in the country schools of both Morgan and Sangamon Counties, and while attending school he was helping on the farm. After leaving school he worked for several years at farm labor, but in 1861 began learning the carpenter's trade, and has been engaged along this line ever since, eventually branching out into a contracting and building business. As long as the present public buildings of Springfield stand, his work will be remembered and its merit recognized. In 1856 Mr. Dunlap went to California, where he remained for two years, working in some of the large mines of that State, but, with the exception of that period, his life has been spent in Springfield and vicinity, since he came to Sangamon County.

Mr. Dunlap was married in Springfield, August 8, 1862, to Minerva McDaniels, born in Sangamon County, her parents having moved there before her birth, from the southern part of the State, to engage in farming, and there continued the remainder of their lives. Two children have been born to Mr .and Mrs. Dunlap, Cassius, a resident of Springfield, also a contractor and carpenter, who controls a large business, and Carrie, wife of Walter McDale, now deceased. The Democratic party has always held Mr. Dunlap's loyalty and he has supported its candidates with the same fidelity which has characterized his actions in every walk of life. Shrewd, keen, enterprising, he has been able to control a large business and produce work that reflects credit on himself and the city at large.

DUNLAP, James R., M. D., a physician and surgeon who owns and occupies a farm in Section 7, Lanesville Township, Sangamon County, is a native of the county, born near Sherman, April 3, 1847. He is a son of John R. and Emily A. (Brown) Dunlap, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Kentucky. The father was one of the early settlers of Sangamon County, having come to Fancy Creek Township in 1828, and purchased land from time to time until he became the owner of 600 acres. He carried on farming until his death, in 1890, and his widow survived him six years. They were parents of six sons and four daughters, and five sons and one daughter now survive: James R., the eldest; Rev. Robert E., of the Christian Church, residing in Seattle, Wash., now a candidate for Congress on the Prohibition ticket, was twice a candidate for Governor of the State; Frank, of Springfield; John R., of New Mexico, is a farmer; Clarence, a farmer living on the old home place near Sherman; Allie, wife of Theodore Allen, lives on a farm in Sullivan County, Mo.; Jennie, widow of George Powers of Athens, died May 5, 1911.

In boyhood James R. Dunlap worked on his father's farm and attended the district school near home. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years old, then entered Hahnemann College of Chicago, completing his medical course and graduating from that institution in February, 1878, then located in Sullivan, Ill., and for twenty-five years practiced his profession in that vicinity. At the end of that time he made a trip to California, where he remained a short time, and, returning to Sullivan, resumed his practice, but soon afterwards removed to Piatt County, where he spent some time. He has lived on his present farm for the past four years and for three years has devoted his time wholly to the cultivation of his land, having retired from active practice. He owns 150 acres of excellent land. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order, and he belongs to the Baptist Church.

Dr. Dunlap married (first) Zerelda Richards, of Kentucky. She died, leaving two children: Edwin A. Dunlap, of Springfield, and Zerelda R. who married Chas. Sheppard. They reside at Paris, Ill. Dr. Dunlap was married near Springfield, on Christmas Day, 1872, to Dr. Sarah E. Elliott, daughter of John W. Elliott. Mr. Elliott was born in Springfield, in 1822, and his father, Andrew Elliott, who came from North Carolina to Illinois in a very early day, was one of the founders of the city of Springfield, conducted the first hotel there (known as the Elkhorn House, on the corner of Second and Jefferson Streets), and died in the city. He was a

soldier in the Black Hawk War. John W. Elliott's wife was born a little distance west of Springfield and was a daughter of Johnson Baldwin, grandfather of Dr. Baldwin, of Springfield. Johnson Baldwin came to Sangamon County from Kentucky in an early day and spent the remainder of his life on a farm near Springfield. John W. Elliott and his wife had six sons and four daughters, and the following seven children now survive: Robert, a veteran of the Civil War, living in Springfield; James H., also of Springfield; Andrew on a farm in Missouri; C. L., of Springfield; John L., a farmer living in Missouri; Mrs. Hattie Langford, wife of A. M. Langford, is a teacher in the Iles School, and has been engaged in this profession thirty-nine years; Mrs. Dunlap. Mrs. Dunlap was born in Springfield, January 3, 1848, and graduated from Hahnemann College in 1884, since which time she practiced with her husband until both retired three years since. She was for several years a teacher in Sangamon County before taking her medical course, and taught her first school under the supervision of Mr. Webster, then Superintendent of Schools in Sangamon County. She as well as her husband, practiced many years in Sullivan, and both practiced in Springfield and vicinity. They have been an inspiration and help to each other in their chosen field. They have been enthusiastic students of the discoveries and current literature of the science of medicine and surgery, and have given the best part of their lives to the amelioration of human suffering.

Two children were born to Dr. Dunlap and his wife: Emily A., wife of Adelbert Lyman, of Montana, who is in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company; Myrtle, wife of Charles Dalidien, employed in a large dye house in Chicago. Dr. Dunlap's paternal ancestors were from Scotland and his great-grandfather, who was a printer by trade, printed the Declaration of Independence, and later served as Captain in the Continental Army.

DUNLAP, Stephen Douglas.—Fifty years ago the name of Stephen A. Douglas was known in every household in Illinois, and the man and his deeds were subjects of conversation in every gathering. He was second only to Abraham Lincoln, and there were some of his own political faith who placed him first. A resident of Springfield has the honor of bearing his name, and is proud of the fact. Stephen Douglas Dunlap, an efficient employe of the Elevator Milling Company, comes of a family who honored the great Illinois statesman. He was born near Leroy, Ill., October 1, 1864, a son of John and Elizabeth (Rice) Dunlap, the former born on April 22, 1828, and the latter on May 18, 1831. Mr. Dunlap's grandfather homesteaded a farm at a time when the land was thickly settled with Indians, but he conquered all obstacles and developed a splendid farm. The father settled in McLean County in 1830 and became very prominent holding many of the local offices.

Stephen Douglas Dunlap was educated at Pekin, Ill., and worked on the farm for his father, growing up like any ordinary boy. He was very fond of hunting, fishing and base ball, and indulged in these sports whenever opportunity arose. He began farming for himself, thus continuing until he moved to Springfield, October 1, 1903, when he entered the employ of the Elevator Milling Company as an elevator man.

On November 11, 1886, Mr. Dunlap married, at Leroy, Ill., Jennie Hall, born in Davidson County, N. C., April 27, 1862. Her father was a soldier during the Civil War, and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap: Eugene Rice, born July 22, 1887, and Charlotte Iris, born August 12, 1888. During his residence in McLean County, Mr. Dunlap served as County School Director from 1896 to 1899, and helped organize the first fire brigade at Leroy, Ill. He is a member of the order of Red Men, and belonged to the Farmer's Alliance. The family all belong to the Universalist Church. In political faith Mr. Dunlap is a Republican. He is a man of high moral character, who loves his home and family and has ever striven to do his duty as a loving father and dutiful husband.

DUNN, Ivan Stephen, publisher of the "Divernon News," and one of the representative newspaper men of Sangamon County, is a public-spirited citizen of Divernon, who has borne an important part in shaping public opinion and supporting the candidates of the Republican party. He was born in Prairie du Sac, Wis., April 8, 1869, a son of Thaddeus K. and Sarah Ann (Bennett) Dunn. The father was also a publisher, so that the son inherits his literary aspirations. Thaddeus K. Dunn and his wife were of Scotch descent, born in Groton, Vt., whence they moved to Wisconsin in the fifties, and were married there. They had eight children. Early in life Thaddeus K. Dunn was a well digger, then a farm hand, later a high school principal, and finally was sent to the Wisconsin State Assembly. He became Grand Master of the Wisconsin Odd Fellows, Grand Master Workman of the A. O. U. W., of that State, and publisher of the "Elroy Tribune."

When Ivan Stephen Dunn was only ten years old he entered his father's office at Wonewoc as a compositor, and at the age of fourteen years entered the high school there, graduating therefrom at the age of fifteen years. Removal was then made to Elroy, Wis., where he worked as compositor, becoming editor and manager when only seventeen years old. In 1888 he went to Madison and worked as a compositor for a short time, going from there to Eau Claire, Wis., where he became foreman on the "Daily Free Press," and in 1890 accepted the same position with the La Crosse "Daily Republican and

Leader." During 1892-97 he was the publisher of the "Elroy Tribune," and from 1897 to 1901 published the "Warren Index." He then became manager of the Appleton Printing Company, continuing thus until 1904, when he began publishing the "Divernon News," since which time he has been connected with that organ.

On February 7, 1888, Mr. Dunn was married in Elroy, Wis., to Maude Elizabeth Tramblie, daughter of Philip and Anna (Andrus) Tramblie. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are: Irene, born August 23, 1889; Thaddeus Philip, September 20, 1893; Paul McKinley, November 4, 1896, and Karl Tramblie, September 28, 1902. Mr. Dunn has always been a Republican, but aside from serving as Clerk in the State Senate in Wisconsin, during 1897 and 1899, he has not held any office connected with politics. Very important fraternally, he is a Modern Woodman of America, serving as Clerk in 1907-08, and is now Captain of the Foresters and a Trustee. He was a delegate to the Head Camp, M. W. A., which was convened in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1911. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., of which he is Past Grand, Past Grand Representative and Financial Secretary at present. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership, and he is teacher of a boys' class, and is President of the Brotherhood. Mr. Dunn owns his home at Divernon and the Divernon News office, valued at $3,000. His success in life has come to him because of unremitting industry and untiring ambition that urged him onward. There are few men who commenced their business career at ten years of age, as did Mr. Dunn, but then not all have reached his present position before being much more than out of the forties. He is an energetic, aggressive man, who knows how to make the most of opportunities, and his paper is a bright snappy organ and one which has a large following throughout Sangamon and surrounding counties.

DWYER, William (deceased), for many years a valued citizen of Riverton, Ill., was an industrious, conscientious man and left a reputation for integrity and reliability that has been gratifying to his family. He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1833, son of Edward and Ellen Dwyer, who spent their entire lives in Ireland, and both died on their farm. Mr. Dwyer was educated in his native country and worked on his father's farm several years. When about thirty years of age he came to America, landing in New York. He had previously spent ten years working in the mines in England, and upon reaching New York set out for Riverton, where he purchased land and also worked in the mines, being employed at the old Howlett mine, the first to be established in the vicinity. He spent the remainder of his life in Riverton and there won many friends. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and in politics was a Democrat.

Mr. Dwyer was married in Springfield, in March, 1872, to Mary Couren, a native of County Wexford, Ireland, whose parents spent their entire lives in Ireland. One child was born of this union, who is now deceased. Mr. Dwyer died in 1880, at his home in Riverton, where his widow now owns a house and other property.

EASLEY, James Ambrose.—The great financial institutions of Sangamon County enjoy a well-earned reputation for stability and reliability owing to the sagacity, conservative acumen and shrewd financial instincts of their officials. None is more representative of this class than the First National Bank of Springfield, of which James Ambrose Easley is Vice President and one of the controlling factors. Mr. Easley is an energetic business man, well equipped to conduct the affairs of a bank of the magnitude of the First National, and the material success which he has fairly earned is alike beneficial to himself and to the place in which he has labored.

Mr Easley is a native son of the county, born on his father's farm, October 3, 1870, and there grew up to young manhood. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Easley, whose history is more fully given elsewhere in this volume, are excellent representatives of the best class of Springfield's retired farming people. Robert H. Easley, gave three of the best years of his life to the service of his country, and since his return from the battle field has continued to labor for the good of his community.

Like many country boys, after finishing the district school course, James A. Easley came to Springfield and studied at the business college, from which he graduated. He then accepted a position in the First National Bank and has worked his way up to his present responsible office. Mr. Easley is also serving as President of the Chamber of Commerce of the city, and is a member of the Park Board, as well as the minority member of the City Civil Service Commission. Mr. Easley is not only Vice President of the bank, but is a heavy stockholder, and is Vice President of the First Trust and Savings Bank.

On October 24, 1897, Mr. Easley was married in Springfield to Ada Payne, daughter of F. E. Payne, formerly one of Springfield's leading hardware merchants. Both Mrs. Easley's parents are deceased. Two children have blessed their union: Frances Mariette and Edward Payne. Mrs. Easley was born in Springfield and has long been a member of Christ Church there. Mr. Easley is a Republican. He belongs to the A. F. and A. M., and is a member of Elwood Commandery, K. T., in which he is very prominent, and he enjoys his Masonic associations. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and M. W. of A. Mere words cannot do justice to a man of Mr. Easley's caliber. When one has accomplished what he has praise is self-evident, and its wording sounds futile to those who know and appreciate the

man, but this record is written for those who came after the present generation, so it is only fitting that a true account be given of the life and work of those who are prominent in the history of Springfield today

EASLEY, Robert Henry.—Too much credit cannot to be given the veterans of the Civil War, for it is to them and their comrades that we owe the preservation of the Union. Springfield still has some of the old soldiers, although many have answered to the last roll call and gone where neither censure nor praise can reach them. One of those who stand high in the estimate of the people there, is Robert Henry Easley. He was born September 19, 1841, in Sangamon County, and has been one of its most valuable citizens all his life. He is a son of James B. and Margaret (Dodds) Easley, the former a farmer by occupation, who in 1830 came from Kentucky to Sangamon County, where he met and married his wife. The latter was born in what became Sangamon County, in 1820, before the organization of the county. The father became prosperous, served as Constable and Justice of the Peace, and was very useful in the development of the county during its early history. He was popular among the first settlers, as well as among those who came later, and died greatly respected.

After a boyhood spent in working on the farm and attending the schools of the period, Robert H. Easley went to Illinois State University, and was barely beyond his majority when he enlisted, in March, 1862, in the Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, serving until his honorable discharge, in April, 1865.

Mr. Easley now owns nearly 600 acres of rich farming land in Sangamon County, and several of his children operate a portion of it for him. He is a Justice of the Peace and for five terms has been elected Supervisor, on the Republican ticket, being one of the strongest supporters of that party in his locality. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Elwood Commandery, of Springfield. His religious affiliations are with the West Side Christian Church, of which he is a consistent member.

On October 26, 1865, Mr. Easley was married to Mary F. Easley, whose parents also came from Kentucky to Sangamon County at a very early day. Five children have been born to them: Laura E. Engle, who lives at Chatham; Henrietta F. Beardon, who lives on a farm in Sangamon County; James A., of Springfield, Vice President of the First National Bank; Arthur K., who lives on a farm in Sangamon County, and Herbert L., who lives at home. Mr. Easley is an excellent example of the solid, reliable man, whose interests are centered on the welfare of Springfield, and enjoys in marked degree the confidence of all who know him.

EBE, Sofer, who has recently purchased a handsome residence at Divernon, Ill., has lived in Sangamon County since 1871 and during most of that time has carried on a farm in Divernon Township. Mr. Ebe was born at Walshud, Germany, March 5, 1846, a son of Joseph and Agnes (Flug) Ebe, natives of the same place. He was born September 17, 1800, and she March 6, 1804. The father was a farmer at the place mentioned and there spent his entire life, dying on his farm November 17, 1867, and his widow surviving him until March 20, 1871. They were parents of two daughters and four sons, and the following four children still survive: Mary, wife of Paul Druffinger, resides on the home formerly owned by her father at Walshud, Germany; Carrie, married and living in Germany; Sofer, of this sketch; Bernhardt, a farmer of Macoupin County, Ill.

Until he reached the age of twenty years Sofer Ebe worked on his father's farm, receiving his education in his native place. November 20, 1866, he was drafted for service in the German Army, serving eighteen months. He came to the United States in 1868 and for three years carried on farming near Virden, Ill. In 1871 he moved to Springfield, where he lived but a short time, then engaged in farming in Pawnee Township, Sangamon County, and two years later located on a farm in Divernon Township, which he successfully operated until retiring from active life and coming to his present home, which he has occupied since December 26, 1910. He has been prominent in local affairs and served two years on the school board while living on his farm. Both he and his wife are well known in social circles and have many friends in the community. He is a member of the Catholic Church and politically is a Democrat. Mr. Ebe endeavors to deal fairly with all who do business with him, and has the respect of his neighbors and associates.

Mr. Ebe's marriage occurred in 1871, at Springfield, when he was united with Ellen Carter, born in Putnam County, Mo., in 1856, daughter of William and Mary Jane (Schumate) Carter, both natives of Gallia County, Ohio. He was a farmer by occupation and removed to Missouri in 1856, remaining there until 1861, when he came to Adams County, Ill., where he lived about twenty-two years. In 1883 he located in Schuyler County, Ill., where he carried on farming until his death, October 23, 1891, his wife surviving and living on the home farm. Six sons and six daughters were born to Mr. Carter and wife, and six children now survive, namely: Mahala Jane, widow of James Utter, who was a farmer and lived in Pickaway County, Ohio, where his death occurred recently; Mary Margaret married David Miller, a farmer of Illinois; Sarah Frances married James Bell, a farmer, and resides in Missouri; Eliza Ann married George Bowen, a farmer of Nebraska; Elizabeth, wife of George Mason, a farmer living near Jacksonville; Ellen, Mrs. Ebe. Seven children were born to Mr. Ebe and wife, as follows: Mary, born March 19, 1872, married Edward Mark, a farmer of Divernon

Township; Joseph, born March 1, 1873, married Mary Rical and lives on a farm in Divernon Township; John, born April 10, 1875, carries on farming in Auburn Township and married Cora Mertz; Libbie, born July 22, 1880, married Edward Jessops, a rural mail carrier living at Divernon; William, born January 9, 1885, lives with his parents; Ella, born March 7, 1889, married William Moose, a farmer of Divernon Township; Netta, born February 9, 1896, lives with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ebe have eleven grand-children, of whom they are very fond and proud, as they have reason to be.

EDSALL, James Kirtland. (Vol. I, p. 147.)

EDWARDS, Benjamin Stephenson (deceased), who was born in Madison County, Ill., June 3, 1818, and died at his home in Springfield, Ill., February 4, 1886, was the youngest son of Ninian Edwards, Governor of Illinois during nearly its whole existence as a Territory, and the third Governor of the State. Ninian Edwards was born in Montgomery County, Md., March 17, 1775, and at the age of nineteen years emigrated to Kentucky, where he rose to the position of Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals. He was appointed Territorial Governor under President Madison, in 1809, and at the time of the admission of Illinois as a State was elected to the United States Senate, being reelected at the expiration of his first term (a short one), and in 1826 was elected Governor of the State of Illinois, serving until 1830. He died at his home in Belleville, July 20, 1833, of cholera, having contracted that dread disease through his efforts to assist the sufferers from the epidemic. His son, Honorable Ninian Wirt Edwards, married Elizabeth P. Todd, sister of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, and in 1834 was appointed by Governor Reynolds Attorney General of Illinois, but resigned this office the following year, moving to Springfield.

Benjamin Stephenson Edwards graduated from Yale College in 1838 and the following year was admitted to the Bar. He studied under the supervision of Stephen T. Logan, of Springfield, and in March, 1841, commenced the practice of his profession, being contemporary with such eminent jurists as Stephen A. Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, Stephen T. Logan, Colonel E. D. Baker, Jesse B. Thomas, Josiah Lamborn and James A. McDougall, and the fact that he was able to attain and maintain an honorable position among such men attests his ability in his profession and his energy and integrity as a man. At the time of his death he was President of the Illinois State Bar Association.

In early life Benjamin S. Edwards was a Whig and later became a Democrat. He served as a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1862 and in 1868 was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress, against Shelby M. Cullom. In 1869 he was elected Circuit Judge of the Springfield Circuit, but within a year and a half resigned this position, preferring the practice of his profession to the dignity of the bench. He had the universal respect of all as a citizen and as a lawyer fulfilled his duties ably in both capacities.

Mr. Edwards was married, August 13, 1839, to Miss Helen Kissam Dodge, daughter of Coionel Henry Augustus Dodge, grand-daughter of Dr. Richard Varrick, of New York City, and great-grand-daughter of Theodore Van Wyck, a native of Holland, being thus related to the "Knickerbocker" families of Van Wyck, Van Courtlandt and Van Rensselaer. Mrs. Edwards died March 18, 1909, at the age of eighty-nine years and is survived by three daughters, namely: Helen M. married Moses Condell; Alice E. married Benjamin Hamilton Ferguson, a sketch of whom appears in this work, and Mary S. married James Henry Raymond.

EDWARDS, Benjamin Stephenson. (Vol. I, p. 153.)

EDWARDS, James B., of Springfield, Ill., is a machinist of more than ordinary ability and skill, and has been for more than thirty years a valued employe of the Illinois Watch Company. Mr. Edwards was born in Bury, Lancashire, England, January 4, 1847, a son of John and Margaret (Butterworth) Edwards, the former a native of Wales and the latter of Bury, England. The father's people were born in Wales and the mother's ancestors were natives of England. John Edwards was a blacksmith and he and his wife both died in England. They were parents of six sons and three daughters, of whom all are deceased except two sons, one living in England and James B.

The education of James B. Edwards was acquired in the public schools of his native place and he learned the trade of machinist in England. He was married in his native country and continued to work there at his trade until 1869, when he embarked for America, landing in Philadelphia. He came direct to Springfield and for a time worked at his trade in the shops of the Wabash Railroad, then, three years later, accepted a position with the Ide Engine Company, fourteen years later began working for the company where he is now employed. He has won the confidence of his employers by his careful and skillful work and has there had an opportunity of using his ability and knowledge of his trade to considerable extent.

Mr. Edwards was married, in St. John's Episcopal Church, in Bury, England, February, 8, 1868, to Elizabeth A. Chadderton, born in Bury, March 1, 1841. Her parents spent their entire lives in England, and were parents of six sons and one daughter. Four sons were born to Mr. Edwards and his wife, all of whom are living, namely: John, an employe of the Illinois Watch Company, as tool maker; James B., Jr. is a foreman in the employ of the San-

gamo Meter Company; Joseph H., Deputy County Clerk of Sangamon County and Ernest J., employe of the Sangamo Meter Company. All are residents of Springfield, where they are respected and prosperous. Mr. Edwards has five grandchildren. He owns one of the handsomest of the more modest Springfield homes, at 1117 East Division Street.

Mr. Edwards served eight years as a member of the Springfield Board of Education and spared no pains to promote the best interests of education, in which he has always taken a vital interest. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being affiliated with Springfield Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., the British-Americans, Court of Honor and Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and in politics is a Republican. He is a man of sterling qualities and a public-spirited, useful citizen, greatly enjoying the comforts of his home and also being fond of the companionship of his many friends.

While employed by the Ide Engine Works Mr. Edwards represented the above firm at the Chicago Exposition held in 1881, at which time Miss Sheridan, daughter of Gen. Phil Sheridan, presented him with a bouquet of flowers for having the best high speed engine for electric lighting purposes. Mr. Edwards had built this engine. He also built the first electric engine for the purpose of lighting the streets of Springfield.

EDWARDS, Ninian Wirt. (Vol. I, pp. 152-153.)

EDWARDS, Richard. (Vol. I, p. 153.)

EGAN, Edward Francis.—It is often the case nowadays that men who are comparatively young stand at the head of successful business institutions; in these days when so many young men enjoy the advantages of an education in the modern business college, their training has fitted them to hold responsible positions, and they discharge their duties just as well as their predecessors, who received their training in the school of experience. Among the enterprising young business men of Springfield, is Edward Francis Egan, who has a natural ability in the line in which he is engaged, and is a man of acumen and keen-sightedness. He was born in County Waterford, Ireland, April 25, 1874, a son of Thomas and Mary (Merinn) Egan, natives of the same place.

Thomas Egan was reared and educated in his native country and was there married. In 1888 he emigrated with his family to the United States, locating in Springfield, where the remainder of his life was spent. They had lost eight children in Ireland, and brought four with them, those surviving being: Mary, wife of B. Kirlin, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Richard, a contractor, unmarried; Nellie, unmarried, residing in Springfield; and Edward F. Thomas Egan was politically a Democrat. He was a member of the Catholic Church, as are the members of his family. He died March 29, 1907, and his widow, who survives him, still resides in Springfield. He was highly respected by all who knew him and made his presence felt among his fellow-citizens. The family residence is 131 Mason Street.

Edward F. Egan received his early education in the public schools of his native country and was fifteen years of age when brought by his parents to America. He was a wide-awake, ambitious youth, and soon adapted himself to his surroundings in the new country. After taking a commercial course in Springfield Business College, he entered the employ of the Springfield Iron Company, where he remained until 1895, when he formed the partnership with B. M. Kirlin, which still exists. In anticipation of this step he had begun to study along the line of embalming and kindred subjects, and is a graduate of the Barnes School of Embalming. The firm operates under the name of Kirlin & Egan. Mr. Egan is a man of modern methods and ideas, and much of the success of the business is due to his able judgment. He is thorough master of his art, and his manner of carrying on his work commends itself to every person of knowledge and discernment. The establishment is located on East Adams Street in pleasant rooms, equipped with the most modern fixtures and appliances, and they have facilities for carrying on their business in the most approved manner.

Mr. Egan is a good example of the men who have risen to prominence and financial success solely through their own efforts, being actuated by a high order of energy and acumen. He is popular in social, as well as business circles, where his high character and straightforward manner have been duly appreciated. Honest in his dealings, he enjoys a good reputation, and his business prospects are bright. He is a member of the Illinois Undertakers' Association and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph's Court of Foresters. He is actively interested in public affairs, is a strong Democrat and a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church. He is unmarried.

EIFERT, David, an old and well-known resident of Springfield, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and has lived in the city since 1859. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, May 24, 1837, and is a son of David and Catherine (Kimball) Eifert, both also natives of Germany. The father served in the German Army three years and the Grandfather Kimball served in the Russian War. Further than the fact that the Grandfather Eifert was a native of Germany, little is known of the ancestry of the family by the present generation. David Eifert Sr. was a shoemaker and musician, and the childhood of his son David was spent in a city, where he received his education. After leaving school the young man worked on a farm. He has always been fond of outdoor amusements and sports.

In 1859 Mr. Eifert, subject of this sketch, emigrated to the United States and proceeded direct to Springfield, where he enlisted, in June, 1861, in Company C, Twenty-fourth Illinois Infantry, under Captain W. Eden, and served three years, being discharged at the end of this time. He was mustered out at Chicago, in August, 1864, having never been wounded or taken prisoner, although he had encountered many hardships and had many narrow escapes. He participated in the Battles of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and many skirmishes. He was member of an expedition from Nashville, Tenn., to Huntsville, Ala., and their force captured many prisoners. He was also among a force that captured many prisoners. He was also among a force that fought bushwhackers in the hills of Missouri. He is proud of his record, as he has reason to be, and is a prominent member of the G. A. R. in Springfield.

Mr. Eifert was married, in Springfield, November 9, 1866, to Miss Catharine Doerfler, who was born in Germany, February 18, 1846, daughter of John A. Doerfler, a native of Germany, as were his parents. Ten children were born of this union: Annie, John D., Fred, Margaret, Amelia, Carrie, Paul, Atwood; Emma and Katie, both deceased.

After the war Mr. Eifert engaged in shoe making, which he learned both in Germany and America and is now engaged in business at 1158 North Sixth Street. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and is a stanch Democrat in politics. Fraternally he belongs to the Maccabees and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The family reside at 1156 North Seventh Street. Mr. Eifert is of a friendly, genial nature and is popular with his many friends.

EILENBERGER, William, who for the past three years has held the position of chief janitor of the Supreme Court Building at Springfield, and is recognized as a very reliable and efficient official, was born at Monmouth, Ill., October 1, 1855, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hull) Eilenberger, and a grandson of Luke Eilenberger, who spent his life in Pennsylvania, where he was born. Daniel Eilenberger had one brother and two sisters who came to Illinois and settled at Monmouth. He became a very important man in that section, for twenty-two years was a Constable in Warren County, and served one term as Sheriff. During the Civil War he was a capable soldier and a member of the Eighty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. His death occurred from dysentery before the end of his military service. He was married before coming to Illinois, to Elizabeth Hull, who died at Monmouth. They had the following children: Milton, of Monmouth; Benjamin, Constable at Monmouth for the past twenty-seven years; William; Charles, of Monmouth; Jennie, Mrs. James Borwick, of Monmouth; and Daniel, of Montana.

William Eilenberger had school advantages at Monmouth until he was seventeen years of age, when he learned the cigarmaker's trade and followed the same for thirty-four years, remaining all this time with one employer. He was then appointed to an official position under Secretary Rose and came to Springfield. He continued in that office for nine years. Since then he has been in his present office. He is well known and is very popular with public men and private individuals who have business at the Supreme Court Building, and is well acquainted with many prominent men of the State. He has not invested in property at Springfield but owns several pieces of real estate at Monmouth.

Mr. Eilenberger was married at Monmouth to Miss Lena Opitz, who was born in Germany and came to America in girlhood, with her mother and brother, who settled in Illinois. They have five sons. Mr. and Mrs. Eilenberger are members of the First Presbyterian Church and he is a stanch Republican. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans, the Odd Fellows and the Court of Honor.

ELKIN, Charles N.—During the strenuous days of the early sixties the country learned to depend upon the stalwart country boys whose muscles had been trained in the open air, and to whom love of the Union was taught from earliest childhood. One of the men who belonged to this class of brave defenders of the flag when it was in danger, is Charles N. Elkin, of Springfield. He was born on a farm eight miles north of Springfield, April 12, 1846, being a son of Garret and Martha Elkin, natives of Zanesville, O., and Frankfort, Ky. The parents came to Illinois at an early day, locating on the farm where their son was later born.

Until he was six or seven years old Mr. Elkin lived on the farm, then the family moved to Decatur. Still later removal was made to Jeffersonville and finally to Springfield. The lad attended school in this city until 1860, and was only sixteen years old when he enlisted in May, 1864, in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He re-enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer infantry, which was mustered into service for one year, and mustered out January 22, 1866, receiving final discharge at Springfield February 4. Mr. Elkin served bravely until the close of the war, and at this time, his services being dispensed with, returned to Springfield He then learned the carpenter's trade, which during the many years which have followed has afforded him a comfortable living. His work has been characterized all through with the honest quality which is representative of the man.

On May 16, 1867, Mr. Elkin married Maria Regan of Springfield, where her death later occurred. Mr. Elkin married (second) Mary Ellen

Welch, also of Springfield. No issue. Mr. Elkin is a consistent member of the G. A. R. and greatly enjoys reunion with his old comrades. In politics he is a Republican. While yet a mere boy he took upon himself the duties of a soldier and his record shows that he never failed to discharge them faithfully and bravely. Many of those who fought by his side have joined the Army of the Eternal, but he has lived to wage battle after battle against physical disabilities incurred during his youth because of the terrible exposure and exacting demands made upon his immature body, cheerfully offered up for his country's defense.

ELKIN, William F. Jr. (deceased).—Of the men who are responsible for the present prosperity of Springfield, many have passed away from earthly cares, and among them none was better known or more highly respected than the late William F. Elkin, born near Springfield, Sangamon County, February 29, 1836, a son of William F. and Elizabeth (Constant) Elkin. The father was for some years a farmer in Sangamon County, but later held a government position, and was Sheriff of the county several terms.

William F. Elkin, Jr., attended the country and Springfield schools, and lived on a farm until his parents moved to Springfield. When a young man he conducted a large grocery business, but later in life also held government offices, and at the time of his death was Bailiff at the Court House. His demise occurred July 20, 1890, and his remains are interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was a Mason, a member of the Christian Church, and a Republican.

Mr. Elkin was married in Springfield, on October 16, 1860, to Maria Louisa Harvey, born in Springfield October 13, 1839, daughter of William and Eliza (Rice) Harvey, who came from Maryland to Sangamon County, overland, at an early day. The father passed away in 1855, his widow surviving him until 1870. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Elkin, of whom the following grew to maturity: Emma Clark, at home; Charles F., Robert R., Louis C., Zach C., Lawton L., Hazel L. Mrs. Elkin resides in a beautiful home at No. 1214 South Fourth Street. She is a delightful conversationalist and her recollections of the days when Springfield was a village are very interesting. Her father could not find a place for his business, so built an addition to his house for an office. This house stood in the center of the present business district. They were neighbors of Abraham Lincoln and Mrs. Elkin is proud of her memories of the great man.

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ELLIOTT, Alexander.—Agricultural life draws very heavily upon the strength and resources of a farmer, so that after years devoted to it he feels the necessity of taking life more easily. For this reason many of the most responsible citizens of Springfield belong to the retired farmer class, and the city benefits from their residence there. One of these reliable and honorable men is Alexander Elliott, whose residence on the northwest corner of Maple and South Fourteenth Streets is one of the most comfortable in the city. Mr. Elliott was born in Clay County, Ill., March 2, 1832, a son of William and Rebecca (Coates) Elliott, the former a native of North Carolina, where his wife was also born. At a very early day William Elliott came to Clay County, where he engaged in farming, remaining there until his death. He and his wife had five sons and two daughters. Mr. Elliott and one brother, William W., a retired farmer of Taylorville, are the only survivors.

After a boyhood spent in Clay County, where he alternated attending school with working for his father, Mr. Elliott came to Springfield upon attaining his majority, and at Pawnee farmed for seven years. He operated several farms in the county, until his removal to Springfield in 1904.

On August 7, 1854, Mr. Elliott was married, in Christian County, Ill., to Tabitha Jones, born in Wayne County, daughter of William and Martha (Lilard) Jones, natives of Kentucky and Tennessee. They came to Illinois at a very early day, locating in Wayne County, where the father farmed, but later came to Sangamon County to engage in farming, but the father died in Christian County, after his wife had passed away in Sangamon County. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had three sons and four daughters, two sisters of Mrs. Elliott now surviving: Mrs. Temperance Campbell, and Mrs. Nancy Jane Lawley, of Glenarm. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott became the parents of children as follows: Isaac and Jacob, of Springfield; James, of Wyoming; Addie, wife of Fred Hart, of Springfield; Ollie, wife of John Jones, of Chicago; Eugene in the employ of the Johnston-Hatcher Company, of Springfield; and six who died young. The five grandchildren of the family are: Melvin R. Elliott; Lesta M., William H. and Helen Jones, and William Hart.

Mr. Elliott is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church. In political faith he is a Democrat. He is a man of means and his money has been accumulated through hard work, careful thrift and wise investments. When he located in Springfield he sold a valuable Morgan County farm and bought city realty. He has a high standing in his community, and is able to look back over his long and useful life with pride.

ELLIS, Joel H.—The Ellis family described below is of Welsh extraction and has been represented in Sangamon County, Ill., since 1825. They have since been identified with the best interests of the county, and have always done their share to organize and maintain churches and schools. Joel H. Ellis, subject of this review, was born in Island Grove Township, near

the present site of old Berlin, January 16, 1828, a son of Henry and Martha (Yates) Ellis. Henry Ellis was born near Lexington, Ky., November 17, 1786, a son of John Ellis, born January 29, 1749, and October 2, 1770, married to Sarah Parrish, who was born April 20, 1757. John Ellis and his wife removed from Virginia to Kentucky. The father of John Ellis is said to have come from England to America with the second supply of emigrants. The wife of Henry Ellis was Martha Marshall Yates, born after the death of her father, in Woodford County, Ky., September 13, 1791, daughter of Abner and Mollie (Hawes) Yates. Abner Yates was a son of Dr. Michael Yates, a native of England, who married Martha Marshall, sister of John Marshall, who afterwards became Chief Justice of the United States. Mrs. Henry Ellis was a sister of Henry Yates, Sr., and aunt of the famous War Governor of Illinois. Henry Ellis, Henry Yates and Colonel Robert Johnson together laid out the town of Fredericksburg, afterward called Warsaw, the county seat of Gallatin County, Ky. Henry Ellis and Martha Yates were married January 29, 1807, at Warsaw, and had ten children there, two of whom died in infancy. They removed to Illinois in 1825, reaching Island Grove, two miles northeast of Berlin, Sangamon County, in September of that year, and three children were born to them there. Henry Ellis died in Berlin, June 13, 1854, and his widow survived him many years. He had learned the trade of hatter in his native State. Upon coming to Illinois he bought government land and erected a log cabin, with a fireplace and a stick and mud chimney. He eventually erected a more comfortable home for his family. All of their children are now deceased except Joel H. They were: Abner Y., lived many years in Sangamon County, finally removed to Madison County, and there he and his wife both died; Lavina, born in Warsaw, Ky., was there married to Talbot Leonard, and died in Kentucky; William H. H., died near Berlin, in 1873; Molly, married (first) Elias Maxwell and (second) Andrew Scott, and all are now deceased; Louisa, married Thomas Foster, of Berlin; Ormasinda, born in Kentucky, died in Illinois; Martha, born in 1822 in Kentucky, married Oliver H. Rush, and both are now deceased; Millicent A., born in 1824 in Kentucky, died in young womanhood in Illinois; Joel H.; Robert married Delia Pease and both are deceased; Richard Y., born at Island Grove, in 1832, enlisted August 11, 1861, in Company D Twenty-sixth Illinois, for three years, and was killed in a rifle pit at Atlanta, Ga., August 8, 1864, within three days of the expiration of his term of service. Mrs. Ellis, the mother, could never forget his tragic death and the fact that he was buried in an unknown grave, so far from his home, and each year at the anniversary of his death grief would seize her anew.

Henry Ellis and his wife were both devout Christians and reared their children to strict observance of the principles of their faith. They were all active members of the Christian Church with the exception of the youngest child. Mr. Ellis was always ready to perform his duty as a Christian and as a citizen, and helped those in distress and gave encouragement to those who needed it. In politics he was a Whig and prominent in public affairs. He was one of the honored pioneers of Illinois, as his ancestors had been in Kentucky, and was descended from one of Virginia's first families.

In boyhood Joel H. Ellis began his education in a log school house where slabs furnished the seats and there was a puncheon floor. This was a subscription school, the parents paying a fixed sum for each child sent, and as the boy often had to remain at home to get up wood, gather corn, or to do some other of the many tasks which could be performed by a child of his age and size, his education was necessarily meager. He remained at home until eighteen years of age, then began learning the blacksmith trade with his brother-in-law, O. H. Rush, making an agreement that during the three years of his apprenticeship he was to receive his board and clothing and at the end of that term be paid $40 in money. He faithfully fulfilled his part of the bargain and at the end of three years invested his forty dollars in bellows and an anvil and became a partner of his former employer, which arrangement continued two years, when Mr. Rush died and Mr. Ellis, feeling this loss keenly, decided he would have to close the shop, but first went to seek the advice of his old friend, Edward Pease, a hardware dealer of Springfield, who advised him to return and continue the business, promising to stand by him with credit for any amount from one to one thousand dollars. The young man told his mother of his good fortune and she rejoiced with him, telling him to go ahead and do his best.

May 8, 1852, Mr. Ellis married Caroline Harmon, a native of Sangamon County, and they became the parents of one son, but death visited the home and claimed the young mother, in 1854. Mr. Ellis took his little son and went to live with his sister, Mrs. Polly Scott, but five months after the death of his wife his child also passed away. Mr. Ellis then lived with his mother until May 8, 1861, when he was united in marriage with Martha Ann Simpson, and by this marriage had two daughters, Florence May, at home, and Dora B., widow of Charles Scott, who met his death by accident in 1900. Mrs. Scott has made her home with her parents since the death of her husband.

In 1848 Mr. Ellis drove hogs to St. Louis and sold them for $1.37½ per hundred, but is now able to sell them at home for about $9.50 per hundred. In 1837 his father hauled corn to Berlin and sold it for 6½ cents per bushel, while Mr. Ellis is now able to get 60

cents per bushel for the same grain. As a young man Mr. Ellis used to sharpen the old prairie plows, getting 40 to 50 cents each for the 16 and 24 inch cut, the latter of which weighed about 100 pounds. In 1851 Mr. Ellis was employed by Jacob Flower to drive 92 mules to Philadelphia, and mounting his mule started on his way, having to swim the Vermillion, Wabash, White, Muskingum and Scioto Rivers, and crossing the Ohio at Wheeling. He stopped one week at London, Ohio, and at Cadiz stopped to shoe the front feet of the mules, having to make his nails and shoes. He took them to within sixty miles of Philadelphia, then returned home, having spent five months on the trip. He resumed work at his trade, and for thirty-five years was the village blacksmith at Berlin. He was very successful at his trade, being energetic and industrious, and when work had been promised made it his business to complete it by the appointed time. He was thorough in his work and his patrons were confident he would give them the best service to be obtained. He still has in his possession a shoe he made in 1845 for a race horse of fine Kentucky breed, which is an example of neatness and good workmanship.

Mr. Ellis has witnessed with pleasure the remarkable development that has taken place in Sangamon County during the many years he has made it his home. He well remembers the first matches he ever saw and recalls the days when the old flint-lock and tow were used in starting a fire, and one neighbor often used to borrow coals from another to start a fire. The advent of the oil lamp to replace the tallow candles was an event to be long wondered at, but Mr. Ellis has seen these replaced by gas and electric lights. He was well and favorably known in a business way and the sound of the anvil was music in his ears, but he finally left his work and retired from business life. He has taken great pleasure in witnessing the favorable changes that have taken place during his lifetime and has always been the friend of progress and improvement. At the age of eighty-three years he is in excellent health and attributes his fine physical condition to the fact that he has always been temperate in his habits, has never chewed or smoked tobacco and has never been intoxicated. He has always revered the memory of his mother for her loving care and teaching in early life, and has never forgotten her good advice to him as a boy. After leaving his shop he moved on his farm, living there until 1885, and then, having accumulated a comfortable competency, retired to live in Berlin, where he is surrounded with every comfort.

Mr. Ellis has always been active in church and Sunday School work and can look back with pleasure to the many years he has spent in the good cause. He has been a liberal supporter of various public enterprises and has always been interested in the issues of the day. His eyesight has been failing of late, but he still delights in hearing the news of the day read to him and takes an active interest in all public affairs. He is a Republican in principle and has had the pleasure and honor of shaking the hands of Martin Van Buren, Generals Sherman and Grant and Mr. Roosevelt. He has visited eleven States of the Union and has always taken a keen pleasure in the different scenes, but has been glad to return home. He is devoted to his family and has many warm friends in the county, who greatly enjoy his society and his stories of early days.

ELSHOFF, Anton, of Springfield, one of the leading grocers of this part of the State, was born in that city, May 27, 1867, a son of Henry and Frances Elshoff. In 1864 Henry Elshoff came to Springfield, where his death occurred in January 1900. His wife died in June, 1896, during a pleasure trip in Germany.

Anton Elshoff was educated in the parish school and later graduated from Springfield Business College. After leaving school he entered his father's grocery store, in 1879, and has continued in this line ever since. Gradually he has built up his present business house, located at the corner of Eleventh and Cook Streets, where for thirty-one years he has met the demands of his customers.

On May 25, 1892, Mr. Elshoff was married to Katie E. Morrison, at St. Mauritius Church, by the Rev. George J. Blatter, in Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Elshoff is the daughter of Stephen B. and Margaret (Crowe) Morrison.

In 1893 Mr. Elshoff was elected a member of the Sangamon County Board of Supervisors, serving two years. In 1903 he was appointed a member of the Springfield Board of Education, serving three years, and in 1906 was reappointed, serving three more years, and in 1911 he was elected by the people to serve again on the Board of Education.

Mr. Elshoff is a member of the Business Men's Association. He also belongs to the Western Catholic Union, of which organization he was a Supreme Director for several years. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Loyal Americans, Lincoln Centennial Association, and is a popular member of the Knights of Columbus. All his life he has been a consistent member of the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception.

ENGLISH, Benajah R.—An old and highly esteemed farmer of Sangamon County, who is now operating on his fine farm of eighty acres on Section 16, Cooper Township, has been a resident of Buckhart Station for more than forty years. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 31, 1837, a son of Benajah and Nancy (Ross) English. Benajah English, the father, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1790, served in the War of 1812, and after its close moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he learned the trades of tailoring and bookbinding, and followed these occupations in Cincinnati until his death in

1836. His wife who was born in New Jersey, in 1800, died on the farm of her son in Sangamon County, at the age of eighty years. They had two children who lived: Athlina Tunnecliff, who died in Cincinnati, December 19, 1910, at the age of eighty-three years, and Benajah.

Benajah R. English was educated in Cincinnati and there learned the trade of stove molding, which he followed until 1869 and then took up farming. He came to Sangamon County and located in Cooper Township, having fallen heir to eighty acres of land there. He continued to carry on his work actively until poor health and advanced years caused his retirement. He is a member of Berry Lodge of Odd Fellows, and his wife is connected with the Rebekahs. He is a Democrat in political views and his religious connection is with the Methodist Church.

On January 28, 1869, Mr. English was married in Christian County, Ill., to Sarah C. Firey, who was born August 4, 1843, in Sangamon County, daughter of Henry and Minerva (Lord) Firey, the former born in Williamsport, Md., in 1815, and the latter in Urbana, Ohio, in 1818. Mr. Firey learned the blacksmith trade as a youth, but in 1836 came to Illinois and settled on a farm in Sangamon County, where he remained several years, then removed to Christian County, where he continued operations until his death, at which time he owned considerable land. His death occurred at Edinburg, Ill., August 28, 1882, and that of his widow November 9, 1897. In the family of Mrs. English there were three sons and five daughters, of whom Edwin L. died October 1, 1881, and the others survive. The oldest living child is Sarah, wife of George Housley, of Springfield; Mrs. English is the next in order of birth, and the others follow: Anna, the wife of Sherman Gankey, of Mt. Auburn, a retired farmer; Joseph, a farmer in Christian County; Alice, the wife of William Day, a Nebraska farmer; Eliza, the wife of G. W. Milligan, M. D., of Edinburg; and John H., who is engaged in the real estate business in Aberdeen, S. D.

To Mr. and Mrs. English there have been born two children: Elenora, who died in infancy; and Athalina, who died July 15, 1908, was the wife of Benjamin F. Stewart, engaged in the implement business at Buckhart, by whom she had three children—Laurel, Bessie and Esther, who now make their home with their grandparents.

ENOS, Pascal Paoli. (Vol. I, p. 158.)

ERMANN, Anton.—No man who spends his days working in the mines can stay in active life as long as one whose energies are better conserved. Laboring beneath the earth's surface, these sturdy miners give to their work the best of their beings and finally retire to spend the rest of their years in the comfort they have so faithfully earned. One of those who is an excellent example of the best class of mining people, is Anton Ermann, of No. 1734 East Carpenter street, Springfield. He was born in Gratz, Austria, January 17, 1852, a son of Joseph and Anna Ermann, both of Austria. The father was a farmer, who operated a big estate in Austria, and there he and his wife lived until their respective deaths. There were six children in the family, represented in Springfield by Anton and Joseph, the latter being still engaged in mining.

Anton Ermann was educated in Austria, and during his boyhood he learned the trade of a baker, following this until he came to America. He was in the Austrian Army for twelve years, being a member of the Hunters' Regiment, which had charge of the preservation of the forests. He was also engaged in bridge building, but never abandoned his trade. On April 4, 1891, he set sail for America, from Bremen, arriving in New York City, from whence he came to Chicago, but after a short stay, went to Green Bay, Wis. There he worked as a forester, but soon went into the iron mines in northern Michigan. He traveled through sixteen different States, engaging in mining, before coming to Pana, Ill., where he arrived in 1902. After sixteen months there, he came to Springfield, and mined until December 1, 1905, when he retired.

On February 10, 1883, he was married in Hungary, to Mary Retter, born in that country, July 10, 1863, a daughter of Frank and Josephine (Leinstein) Retter, both of Hungary. The grandfather was a German, but went to Hungary as a teamster. Later he moved to the portion of Hungary in which Mrs. Ermann was born, making the trip with oxen, a distance of 800 miles. These parents never came to America. They had a remarkable family, there being fifteen children among whom were four pairs of twins, and four survive: Mrs. Ermann; Stephen of Sigimund, Hungary; Mrs. Christina Soupuch of Lugash, Hungary, and Mrs. Agnes Babiak of Berlin, Germany.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ermann, four of whom are now living: Amelia, wife of Albert Babiak of Milwaukee, a machinist; Josephine, John and Paul, at home. In 1904, Mrs. Ermann attended the Chicago College of Midwifery, from which she was graduated July 18, 1904. For eighteen years, prior to coming to America, she practiced her profession in Europe, and since coming to Springfield, she has built up a large practice. Since locating in this city she has been called upon in 530 cases of child birth, and has never lost a patient, a most remarkable record. Mr. Ermann is a Roman Catholic, belonging to SS. Peter and Paul Church, and to the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is a Democrat in political faith. The pleasant home at No. 1734 East Carpenter street, is owned by Mr. Ermann, in addition to other property, for he is in comfortable circumstances.

ERNST, John Alexander, a lifelong resident of Sangamon County, was born near Farmingdale, Gardner Township, July 19, 1862, a son of Frank and Sarah Jane (Ross) Ernst, the former a native of Bremen, Germany, and the latter of Adair County, Ky. Frank Ernst, in early youth a cabinet-maker, came to America when about twenty years of age, worked for a time at his trade in the East, and came to Gardner Township a few years later, there engaging in farming. In politics he was a Republican and later a Prohibitionist, and at the time of his death was an elder in the Farmingdale Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, soon after their marriage, located on the farm where she now resides. He passed away March 21, 1898, at the age of sixty-four years. Mrs. Ernst was twice married, her first husband being James Short, by whom she had two children, Addie and Willia. She is a daughter of William and Maria (Willis) Ross, the former of whom was born January 9, 1801, in North Carolina, and was a son of John Ross. John Ross was born in Scotland and came to America before the Revolution, and served from North Carolina in that struggle for five years, being then wounded and disabled for further service. He was married in North Carolina and moved to Adair County, Ky., when his son William was a child. William Ross there married Maria Willis, in 1827, and four children were born to them in Adair County. They came to Sangamon County, Ill., arriving there in November, 1836, and three children were born to them in Gardner Township. Their second child, Sarah Jane, was born February 14, 1831. Frank Ernst and wife had the following children: John Alexander, whose name stands at the head of this sketch; Rev. Albert F., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Grand Island, Neb., married Mabel Gamble; Julia and Jennie, twins, the former wife of W. R. Morris, deceased, and the latter residing with her mother; Emma, wife of W. H. Eckel, and William F., who married Gertrude Sims and resides on the home farm.

After completing the course in the district school in Gardner Township and Farmingdale School, John A. Ernst took a course in Blackburn University at Carlinville, Ill. He has passed his entire active life in agricultural pursuits. He resided with his parents until the death of his father, then locating on his present farm. He owns a well improved and productive farm of 160 acres on Section 14, Island Grove Township, Sangamon County. He has been a member of the Presbyterian Church since attaining his majority, first joining the Farmingdale Church and later transferring his membership to the church at Bates. He served several years in both churches as Superintendent of the Sunday Schools, and has also been active in forwarding the interests of the Y. P. S. C. E. In political belief he is a Prohibitionist, but in voting is independent of party rule, voting for the men he considers best fitted to serve the highest interests of the public.

Mr. Ernst was married at the Corson home near Pleasant Plains, Ill., October 13, 1897, to Ida May, daughter of Richard S. and Mary Corson, both natives of Cape May County, N. J. Mr. Corson followed the sea for nearly twelve years, but not wishing his sons to become sailors, came to Illinois and spent one summer, looking for a desirable location. He then returned to New Jersey on horse-back, sold his farm, and brought his family back to Illinois, locating near Pleasant Plains in 1846. He and his wife celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary October 16, 1901. He died in December, 1901, aged eighty-seven years, and his widow died in August, 1909, at the age of eighty-eight years, having spent fifty years on the old home farm in Sangamon County. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Ernst was born on the farm near Pleasant Plains October 25, 1866, the youngest of a large family of children. She attended Franklin District School in Cartwright Township, took a teacher's course at Jacksonville, Ill., and taught for a number of years in Sangamon County. She was a member of Farmingdale Methodist Episcopal Church in young womanhood, but with Mr. Ernst joined Bates Presbyterian Church, and is an active member of the Sunday school and Missionary Society of same. Mr. and Mrs. Ernst are identified with the best interests of their community and are ready to advance any movement for the general welfare and advancement. They have no children.

ERNST, William Franklin, farmer and stock feeder of Section 7, Gardner Township, was born on the farm he now occupies, December 21, 1870, a son of Frank and Sarah Jane (Ross) Ernst, who were married July 25, 1861. The father was a native of Bremen, Germany, being born there March, 1834, but came to America in 1854, settling in Gardner Township. There he married and became one of the leading men of his times. There, too, his death occurred, March 21, 1898. In politics he was a strong Republican but never desired office. His wife was born in Adair County, Ky., February 14, 1831, and was brought to Sangamon County about 1835, by her parents. Her father, William Ross, became one of the influential men of the township and made it his home until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Ernst were the parents of children as follows: John A., a farmer of Island Grove Township; Rev. Albert F., now in charge of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Island, Neb., married Mabel Gambel and they have two children, Edgar L. and Albert F. J.; Julia and Jennie, twins, born March 13, 1866, the former, widow of W. R. Morres, having two children, LeRoy and Helen, while Jennie is at home; Emma, born June 24, 1868, married W. H. Echel, a farmer near Berry, Ill., and William F. Mrs. Ernst was the widow of James Short at the time of her marriage to Mr. Ernst, and by her

first marriage had two children, Mary A. and Millie. Mrs. Ernst still survives and makes her home with her son, William F. She possesses a remarkable memory of times as they were years ago, and is a most intelligent lady. Since childhood she has been a member of the Methodist Church, and tenderly cherishes her associations with this denomination. The remainder of her family are Presbyterians.

William F. Ernst grew up at home and early became a farmer. The homestead is one of the many comfortable ones to be found in Gardner Township, and since the death of the father in 1898 Mr. Ernst has had charge of the 129 acres composing it. He has put it into a high state of cultivation. For some years he has been specializing on hogs and cattle, shipping three carloads of each annually. He believes in high-grade stock and pays big prices for what he buys so as to keep up his quality.

On February 4, 1908, Mr. Ernest married Gertrude Sims, born in Curran Township, March 19, 1882, daughter of James B. Sims, also born in Curran Township, in 1838. Mr. Sims became one of the prosperous farmers of the locality, where he and his wife reside, and where he is quite active as a Republican. Mr. Ernst is also a stanch Republican and has represented his party three times as County Commissioner. His advocacy of progressive movements has gained him many friends and he is justly recognized as one of the rising young farmers of the county, as well as a live, representative citizen, always looking to secure the best for the people he represents.

ESTILL, Capt. William John (deceased), whose military experience was gained in two wars, in both of which he bore an honorable part, had been resident of Petersburg, Ill., since the memorable Battle of Shiloh, that turning point in the great civil war struggle, in which he received injuries. Capt. Estill was born in Menard County, Ill., October 18, 1826, a son of William and Mary (Williams) Estill. Both parents were of Southern birth, the father being a native of old Virginia, while the mother belonged to one of the proud old families of Kentucky, of remote English extraction. The Estills came originally from France. The parents of Capt. Estill were among the earliest settlers of Menard County, and when, in 1800, they came to this section, they had penetrated to the borders of civilization. They spent the remaining years of their lives on their lands in Menard County.

William John Estill attended the early schools near his father's farm, but educational opportunities were exceedingly meager at that time. His first work away from home was when he became an employe in the lead mines at Galena, and he was working there when he went out with the regiment for service in the Mexican War, from which he returned safely and resumed farming for a time, but subsequently went into mercantile business. Although he had already proven his patriotism and love of country, when the Civil War was precipitated he was willing again to endanger his life in behalf of the Union cause, and entered the service, becoming Captain of the Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He saw a long period of hard service, which culminated in his injuries at the Battle of Shiloh, from which he was sent home to Col. John Williams. As soon as he had sufficiently recuperated he resumed mercantile pursuits, in which he continued until he was elected Circuit Clerk of Menard County, and served in that office for eight years. He then became interested in the coal industry, and it is a matter of record that the first mine strike in Menard County originated in his mine, and also a matter of record that through his wisdom, tact and good judgment the whole matter was amicably settled in a week's time. He had been interested to some degree in other business enterprises and was a Director of the Chicago & Alton Railway.

Captain Estill was twice married: (first) in 1849, to Mina Walker, who died in 1874. On May 11, 1876, he married Hannah J. Collins, then of Petersburg, who was born in Cass County, Ill., seven miles from Beardstown, October 7, 1855. She is a daughter of Henry S. and Mary Jane (Sutton) Collins, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Indiana. They were early settlers in Cass County, in the vicinity of Beardstown. To Captain and Mrs. Estill seven children were born, namely: Emma P., who was born March 15, 1877; Blucher W., born August 17, 1880, lives at Springfield, married Sarah Gorey, of Chatham, Ill., and they have two children, Margaret E. and William P.; William J. and Mary J., twins, born September 14, 1881, the former of whom died July 4, 1886; Nellie born September 11, 1885, died July 2, 1886; Frances, born May 28, 1888, married J. D. Ellington, of Springfield; and Hannah, who was born August 22, 1889.

In his political views Capt. Estill was always in sympathy with the Democratic party and at one time was his party's choice for the Legislature, but sickness prevented his serving. He has been identified with the Masonic fraternity for many years, uniting with the same at Springfield. With his family, he belonged to the Episcopal Church, in which he had served as Vestryman. Capt. Estill's long life was one of helpful endeavor, both in example and precept, and those who loved, admired and esteemed him are by no means confined to his own home circle. He was a valued comrade in the local Grand Army Post. He died December 19, 1891, two and one-half miles west of Alexander, La., and is buried in the Episcopal Church cemetery at Pineville, La.

ESTROP, Richard.—Owing to the large mining interests of Great Britain, many persons born within the confines of the kingdom turn their attention towards that line of endeavor and learn the work thoroughly under competent

supervision. One of the men of this class who later came to Sangamon County is Richard Estrop, now retired and living at Dawson. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, April 17, 1845, being a son of Richard and Anna Estrop, both natives of England, who never left that country, where they died. They had three sons, of whom two, Richard and a brother, Jarvis, of North Dakota, survive.

During boyhood Richard Estrop worked for his father on the farm, securing what education he could, but when he reached the age of fourteen began mining. Eventually he became dissatisfied with conditions in England and on April 9, 1872, sailed for America from Liverpool, landing in New York City. From that city he went to Schuylkill, Pa., but remained there only a short time and came on to Riverton, Ill. Until 1876 he mined there, but in that year returned to England. This was but a flying visit, however, and upon his return he resumed his mining operations in Riverton and later moved to Barclay, where he continued mining for twenty-five years. He then retired to Dawson and for the past two years has found in that city the requirements for a good home. Nearly all his life in the United States has been spent in mining operations in Sangamon County. He was also for a short time interested in mines in Petersburg. Fraternally Mr. Estrop is a member of Barclay Lodge No. 555, I. O. O. F. For a number of years he has been a member of the Methodist Church.

On July 29, 1866, Mr. Estrop was married in England to Mary A. Dinsdale, also a native of England, having been born in Yorkshire, January 15, 1849, a daughter of William Dinsdale, a blacksmith. He and his excellent wife were the parents of nine children, four of whom survive, Mrs. Estrop being the eldest living, and the others being: Mrs. Ellen Windrass, of England; William and Mrs. Alice Lynch, both of Darlington, England. Mr. and Mrs. Estrop are the parents of nine children, six of whom survive: Mrs. David Smith, of Dawson; Thomas, of Spaulding; Stephen, residing near Barclay; Walter of Barclay, and Albert, of Dawson, as well as Miss Ellen, who resides with her parents. Mr. Estrop owns his residence in Dawson, as well as other property in the vicinity, and is numbered among the responsible men of his community. During a long and active life he has proven what can be accomplished through hard work and earnest purpose, and he and his family are proud of what he has achieved.

EVANS, John T., an industrious farmer living at Spaulding, Ill., was born in Wales, August 5, 1840, son of Thomas and Ann (Morgan) Evans, both natives of Wales, the former born in 1795 and the latter in 1798. They were farmers and spent their entire lives in their native country, where the father died in 1863 and the mother ten years later. Ten children were born to Thomas Evans and his wife, five sons and five daughters, and eight of these children are now living: Thomas, William, Morgan, Evan, Margaret, Jane, Elizabeth, all living in Wales, and John T., the subject of this sketch.

John T. Evans spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received his education in his native country. He remained with his father until he was fifteen years of age, then spent four years at railroad work. He followed mining for five years in Wales, and in 1869 came to America, landed in New York, and went from there to Morris Run, Pa., where for a time he followed mining. Later in the same year he came to Bloomington, Ill., worked there a few months, and in the spring moved to Lincoln. He afterwards went to Carbondale, Kan., and spent a few months in the mines there, but returned to Lincoln and spent some time there, after which he spent two years in the mines at Churchill, Ohio. He came to Spaulding and secured some land in the vicinity. He has been fairly successful financially and has won many friends.

Mr. Evans was married, at Churchill, Ohio, August 30, 1876, to Margaret Jenkins, who was born July 5, 1851, daughter of John and Rachel Jenkins, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Jenkins came to America forty years ago and located at Churchill. Nine children were born to Mr. Evans and his wife, five sons and four daughters: Thomas, a member of the I. O. O. F., living at Dawson, Ill.; Sarah, wife of Joseph Runkles, a carpenter and miner; David, lives at Riverton; Margaret, wife of John Raylets, a farmer; John and Williams, lives at home; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Esper, a mine examiner and village clerk of Riverton; Emma, at home. There are six grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Evans is a member of the Christian Church and in politics is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the American Home Circle. He is considered one of the representative citizens of Spaulding and has established a reputation for integrity and reliability. During 1906-7 he served as City Alderman.

EVERHART, George William. — Prominent among the representative citizens of Sangamon County, is George William Everhart, who has been identified with public life since the Civil War, during which he fought both as a Confederate and a Union soldier. He was a Justice of the Peace for forty years and Collector of Rochester, Ill., for a period covering forty-four years. He was born in Hamilton, Loudoun County, Va., May 1, 1845, a son of Nathaniel W. and Dorcas Fritz Everhart. The grandfather of Mr. Everhart was a native of Baden-Baden, Germany, and came to the United States prior to the Revolutionary War. He served as a Captain during that struggle, his home being in Virginia, where he died. The great-grandmother was the only daughter of Prince Gar,

of Germany. The great-grandfather Fritz came from Germany and his son (George M. Everhart's maternal grandfather) was born in Virginia. William Fritz, the uncle of George W. Everhart, is still living, and is actively practicing the profession of medicine at Hagerstown, Md., although he has reached the remarkable age of 101 years. Nathaniel W. Everhart was born in Loudoun County, Va., spent his whole life there and died at the age of ninety-eight years and six months, while his wife, also a native of that county attained the advanced age of ninety-six years. By occupation he was a harness and saddle maker.

George William Everhart secured his education in a private school at Leesburg, Va., which he attended until sixteen years of age, and immediately after leaving school enlisted in the army. As a boy he had always been remarkably fond of horses, so it was only natural that he should enlist in a cavalry regiment, becoming a member of the Thirty-fifth Virginia Regiment, Confederate Army, under Captain Frank Myers and Colonel White, April 30, 1861, and John Mobley, the great guerilla, was a member of the same company. Mr. Everhart still carries an ounce ball in his leg that he received in the battle of Brandy Station, Va., as well as several saber wounds. He was captured by the Unionists near Hillsboro, Va., and taken to Rock Island, Ill., where he enlisted in the Union Army, February 5, 1864, becoming a member of Company K, Second Regiment, United States Volunteers, under Col. Hines. He was in the Indian Campaign in Kansas and Colorado, served thirteen months, and was mustered out of the service, March 30, 1865. While in the Confederate Army his battles included Bull Run, first and second, Manassas Gap, Balls Bluff, Winchester, Strasburg, Brandy Station and seven days at Richmond, not to mention numerous skirmishes. While in the United States Army he fought at Fort Dodge and also took part in many other Indian fights.

After the war Mr. Everhart returned to his Virginia home, but shortly thereafter came to Illinois, where he has resided ever since, erecting many houses and carrying on an extensive business. He has been identified with some public office most of the time since coming to Rochester. He was Deputy United States Marshall under President Cleveland for four years, Crier of the Federal Court for five years, has been Justice of the Peace, for the past forty years (an office which he still holds), and Collector for forty-four years. His politics were those of the Democratic party, until he voted for President McKinley when he ran in opposition to William J. Bryan. Locally he votes the Democratic ticket. Although connected with no religious denomination, Mr. Everhart is a firm believer in the benefits of church work and gives his support to all movements of a religious nature. He has been successful in business ventures and is now the owner of several pieces of city property.

On June 1, 1869, Mr. Everhart was united in marriage in Rochester, Ill., by the Rev. Carter Tracy, to Lucy West, who was born in Rochester, August 25, 1846, a daughter of Samuel and Rosetta (Putnam) West, the latter a granddaughter of General Putnam, of Revolutionary fame. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Everhart, namely: Lucy, who died in Sangamon County; Fred, born May 2, 1871, editor of a Rochester paper, married Lulu Renfrow and had one child who died in infancy; and Nora, born August 25, 1873, married William Greer, of Springfield, and has a sixteen-year old child, Olin.

FAGAN, James K., a retired farmer of Sangamon County, now living on North Jefferson Street, just outside the City of Springfield, was born in Germantown, N. J., June 8, 1842, son of Thomas and Bridget (Murry) Fagan, both natives of Dublin, Ireland, the father born in 1812 and the mother in 1811. Thomas Fagan was a stonecutter by trade. He and his wife located in New Jersey in 1822 and there she died in 1863, and is buried in Mendham, N. J. In 1868, having lived a few years in Sangamon County, Ill., Mr. Fagan went East and remained a year and a half, then returned to Sangamon County, where he owned a farm and followed his trade. He died July 2, 1899, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery.

The education of James K. Fagan was acquired in the public schools of his native State and he worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-four years old, then worked in a brick yard in Springfield for Mr. H. Westlake. Later he became employed in the same business by Mr. Fairchild, and helped make brick for the State House. He worked three years for Mr. Fairchild, then was seriously hurt by being accidentally buried in a pit at the yards and was some time recovering. Upon becoming able to resume work, he purchased a team and for two years hauled brick and coal for Mr. Fairchild. Following this he located on a farm at Bissell, Ill., where he carried on agricultural pursuits with success for thirty-three years. About 1903 he left his farm and located in his present comfortable residence in the outskirts of Springfield, but still owns seventy-two acres of good farming land at Bissell. He has always been industrious, and although not always enjoying good health, has accomplished a great deal of work, by reason of his energy and ambition. At the time of the Civil War he applied for admission to the army, but as he could not pass the required physical examination, was rejected. He is a man of honesty and reliability and has a large number of friends.

Mr. Fagan was married, in New Jersey, October 24, 1864, to Margaret Havey, daughter of Michael and Eliza Havey, who was born August 19, 1840. Her parents came to America at an early date, and both died in Mendham, N. J., he in 1897 and she in 1907. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fagan, Mary, wife of

Mathis Dilley, a telegraph operator at Shelbyville, Ill. Mr. Fagan married (second), in 1868, Margaret Lamb, and they became parents of five children, namely: Thomas, a coal miner; James, engaged in mining; Peter, a farmer living at Bissell; Charles, a coal miner, and one daughter, deceased, was the wife of James Merrill. Mr. Fagan has ten grandchildren. He is a member of the Catholic Church and in politics is a Democrat.

FAGAN, William G., who owns and operates an excellent farm four miles northwest of Springfield, Ill., has spent his entire life in Sangamon County, where he was born, January 22, 1852. His paternal ancestors were from Kentucky, and he is a son of George and Ruth (Smith) Fagan, both natives of Bourbon County, Ky. The parents moved from Kentucky and settled in Buffalo, Hart Township, Sangamon County, in 1818, at which time the Indians were the only residents there. Mr. Fagan lived four years on that place, then moved to Springfield and came to the farm now occupied by his son William. He and his wife were parents of five sons and three daughters, the only two of these children surviving being William G. and his brother, John F., who lives on Monument Avenue, Springfield, and is engaged in the feed business. The father died on his farm near Springfield.

The childhood of William G. Fagan was spent on a farm and he attended the early schools of Sangamon County, being for some time a student of the old McKinney school. As he grew to manhood he worked on his father's farm, which he has never left since. He is an enterprising and successful farmer and owns 118 acres of land, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He was married in Springfield, April 24, 1878, to Miss Anna M. Huntley, who was born in Franklin, N. H., September 9, 1858, of English parentage. Her father and mother came to America in 1856, landing in Boston, having spent seven weeks on the sailing vessel, on which they embarked June 1, and arrived July 11, 1856. Mrs. Huntley was a weaver in England and Mr. Huntley for many years followed the trade of shoemaker in Franklin. The family spent eleven years in there a short time, after which they settled on Franklin, then moved to Quincy, Ill., and lived a farm six miles northwest of Springfield, where the father died two years later, in 1869. Mrs. Huntley lives with her daughter, Mrs. Fagan.

Five sons and one daughter were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fagan, of whom one son died in infancy. The others are: George H., born August 20, 1884; Elmer H., born October 25, 1888; W. Lester, born August 13, 1891; and J. Hally, born December 10, 1894, all living at home; and Ruth, deceased. Mr. Fagan belongs to Elliott Avenue Baptist Church and is an advocate of Temperance and many other good causes. He votes the Prohibition ticket. He is a member of Capital Tent of Maccabees and the Anti-Horse Thief Association, and his wife is a member of Douglas M. E. Church at Springfield. He has the full confidence and esteem of his neighbors and is well acquainted in Sangamon County, where the family was one of the first. They endured the hardships and privations of pioneer life and helped pave the way for a higher civilization. They have always been ready to advance the cause of education and have done their share towards promoting the general welfare.

FAIN, William S., one of the prosperous retired farmers of Dawson, Ill., gives the community's interests a fair share of his attention and is the friend of good government and local improvements. He was born in Jessamine County, Ky., July 23, 1847, being a son of Martin and Mary (Masters) Fain, both natives of Kentucky. The parents lived and died in Kentucky, where the father was a farmer. He and his wife became the parents of ten children, of whom William S. Fain was the eldest, the others being: Henry, of Kentucky; Annie, wife of Richard Fain, also of Kentucky, and seven who are deceased. The Fain family located in Kentucky at an early day, coming from Pennsylvania.

Growing up in his native county, Mr. Fain attended the local schools and worked for his father on the homestead, remaining at home until he attained his majority. During the war he was a brigade teamster in the employ of the United States government, serving under General Frye for a period of two years. Returning home after the war, he resumed farming, remaining there until 1870, when he came to Illinois, first settling in Paris, but a short time afterwards located near Greenridge, Mo., and spent three years. During this time he farmed and worked at plastering. Returning to Paris in 1874, he remained there a year and then came to Sangamon County to engage in farming. The year following he located at Dawson, from which place he directs his farming operations, and for years worked at his trade, as plasterer. He has served as Constable and in other local offices upon more than one occasion, giving his constituents a fair and honorable administration. Fraternally he is a member of Dawson Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of the Dawson Camp of Modern Woodmen, No. 712, and is now one of the Trustees of his camp. His wife is a member of Dawson Chapter No. 203 Eastern Star, and is Social Matron of that organization. The Christian Church holds his membership, he being one of its Elders, while Mrs. Fain belongs to the Methodist Church, being a member of the Ladies' Aid Society.

The marriage of Mr. Fain occurred in Mechanicsburg, Ill., September 19, 1876, when he was united with Arabelle Constant, born in Dawson, February 2, 1855. She is a daughter of Jacob Constant, born in Fleming County, Ky., while her mother was a native of St.

Clair County, Ill., and both are now deceased. Mr. Constant came to Sangamon County at an early day, becoming one of the county's most progressive pioneers. There were eight children in the Constant family, of whom four survive: David, of Kansas; Mrs. Mary Shanklin, living south of Dawson on a farm, her husband being deceased; Albert, of Decatur; Mrs. Fain, and Mrs. Harriet E. Ball, of Dawson, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Fain are the parents of two children, one of whom survives: William E., a prominent attorney of Springfield. Mr. Fain owns his beautiful home as well as other valuable property in Dawson.

In all his endeavors Mr. Fain has been very materially assisted by his wife, who is a lady of unusual capacity and intelligent comprehension. For years she has taken an active part in church and lodge work and is looked upon as a leader among her associates. Both are known to a wide circle of personal friends and beloved for their many endearing traits of character, as well as natural ability along various lines.

FAITH, John W. (deceased), who was a resident of Springfield, Ill., several years before his death, was for some time employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company as bridge carpenter and builder, and did considerable contracting on his own account. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 5, 1829, was reared on his father's farm and received his education in Germany. He was a son of Paul and Mary (Trulten) Faith, the former a native of France and the latter of Germany. The family lived on a farm in Bavaria, and there the father and mother spent their last days. John W. Faith came to America as a young man, and lived in Illinois from 1850 until the time of his death. He was an industrious and energetic man and a good citizen, and had many friends among his associates. He was devoted to his home and family and at his death was genuinely mourned in many circles. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church, and after becoming a citizen of the United States espoused the principles of the Democratic party.

Mr. Faith was married, in Cumberland, Md., May 3, 1853, to Miss Mary Rose Saunders, who was born in Loudoun County, Va., February 24, 1834, daughter of John and Mary P. (Elder) Saunders, the former born in Loudoun County and the latter in Frederick County, Md. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Faith: Mary Agnes, unmarried, lives at home with her mother, and owns and conducts a Catholic book store at 212 South Seventh Street, Springfield; Joseph V., auditor in the employ of the International Harvester Company, is married and lives in Auburn, N. Y.; Mrs. Margaret A. Gaynor lives on a farm southeast of Springfield.

John W. Faith died at his home in Springfield, December 6, 1863, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery. Since 1883 his widow has lived in her own home at 222 East Allen Street, Springfield.

FARGO, William, foreman of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad yard at Springfield, is a faithful employe of this road whose associations with it extend over a considerable period. He was born on his father's farm near Altamont, Ill., October 12, 1871, and here he grew to manhood, attending school in both Effingham and Fayette Counties. He worked on the farm until he was sixteen years old, and at this time he began railroad work in Illinois, going thence to Michigan for the Grand Trunk line, and then to North Dakota, where he alternated railroad work with farming. He was then engaged on construction work on what later became the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad, moving to Springfield in 1893. He became foreman of the construction train section and did efficient work. Later he became a coal miner, but returned to railroad work as section foreman at Elsah, being transferred back to Springfield where for the past fourteen years he has been in the employ of the same road, being advanced to car inspector, car repairer, assistant foreman, and eventually was made foreman of the yards, which responsible position he now holds.

Mr. Fargo is a son of Fred E. Fargo, born in Germany, the original way of spelling the name being Farchow, which was Amercanized to Fargo for convenience. The father came to the United States after marrying, and located on a farm in Effingham County, but died in Fayette County. His wife died when William M. was an infant. The other children were: Minnie, Mrs. William Slater; Gustave died in Nebraska; Mary, Mrs. Ramsey; and Bertha, Mrs. James Train, of St. Elmo, Ill.

Mr. Fargo was married in Springfield to Miss Emma Klutt, no issue. Mr. and Mrs. Fargo have adopted an orphan boy, Wilbert, whom they are rearing as their own. They are members of the German Lutheran Church and in politics Mr. Fargo is a Republican. They are most excellent people, who endeavor to assist others less fortunate than they, and Mr. Fargo is very popular with his men.

FARLEY, John, now living retired in Springfield, Ill., is well known in the community from the fact of his having raised and marketed some of the finest cattle produced in Sangamon County, where he carried on a farm for many years. He was born in County Meath, Ireland, March 12, 1837, son of Philip and Elizabeth Farley, both natives of Ireland, where they lived on a farm. The father came to America, landing at New Orleans, spent a short time there, came to Springfield and lived for a time with his son John, then moved to Chicago, where his death occurred. Mrs. Farley died in Ireland. They were parents of eleven children, five sons and six daughters, and but three of these children are now living.

John Farley attended school in Ireland as a boy and worked on his father's farm. He completed his education after coming to America, making the trip in 1853. He landed in Philadelphia and remained in that vicinity a year, working on a farm. He then removed to Chicago, but after spending a few weeks there engaged in farm work and was also employed for a time as engineer in a mill at New Berlin two years. Mr. Farley was employed for a time at the old Chenery House in Springfield. He again engaged in farming, left it to engage in teaming, but returned to farming and secured a farm in Springfield Township, where he met with fair success. At one time he owned a fine team of horses, which he exhibited at many fairs, where they took many prizes, including the first premium at the State Fair. He became well known for a man of energy and enterprise and won many warm friends. For the past forty-two years Mr. Farley has lived at his present home, which he owns, at 328 West North Grand Avenue, and remembers the neighborhood when it was in the woods. He has seen many changes and improvements in Springfield and vicinity, and well remembers Abraham Lincoln, having played hand-ball with him. Mr. Farley is a Democrat in politics and is a devout member of St. Joseph Parish of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Farley was married, in Springfield, December 8, 1866, to Miss Jane Nugens, who was born in County Meath in 1822, and died in Springfield in 1905. Her parents spent their entire lives in Ireland. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Farley: a daughter, who died in infancy, and one son, John, a machinist living in Chicago.

FARNSWORTH, James, a retired business man of Spaulding, Ill., is a representative and public-spirited citizen of his community, and by his energy and good judgment has been financially successful to a gratifying degree. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, January 17, 1844, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Kelly) Farnsworth, both natives of England and the father a miner. The parents spent their entire lives in England and the father died in 1865, the mother having died when James was an infant. There were five children in the family, four sons and one daughter, and all survive save one.

The education of James Farnsworth was acquired in England, where he took up the occupation of mining when a youth. He followed this line of work all his active life. On May 23, 1885, he sailed for New York from Liverpool, landing June 4th, and came direct to Riverton, Ill., where he arrived June 8th, and soon found employment in the mines there. He rose to the position of manager and won the confidence of his employers and those working under him. He was well informed in the details of the work under his charge and carried it on with intelligence and ability.

Mr. Farnsworth was married in Lancashire, England, November 7, 1868, to Miss Sarah A. Lee, born in Ireland in 1849, daughter of Samuel and Anne Lee, the former a native of Belmont, England, and the latter of Ireland. Her father enlisted and served seventeen years in the English army, and the family moved to Ireland and lived there many years, but finally returned to England, where both parents died. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth, of whom seven are now living: Elizabeth, wife of John Scarragood, of Barclay; Thomas J., a mine manager, also of Barclay; James H., living in Spaulding; Nathaniel, of Riverton; Katherine, wife of Matthew Campbell, living in Springfield; Sarah J. and Agnes R., of Springfield. Mr. Farnsworth has twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Farnsworth owns a comfortable home in Spaulding, besides other property. He has been a resident of the county more than a quarter-century and has won many warm personal friends. He has been retired from active life some time. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

FARRANT, Thomas Martin (deceased), a well-known citizen of Springfield, Ill., was a native of Sangamon County, born May 10, 1855. He was a son of Henry and Bridget (Murner) Farrant, the former born in England and the latter in County Cork, Ireland. Henry Farrant was a dry-goods merchant and hatter, and came to the United States when a young man. He located in Sangamon County, Ill., where he carried on farming many years. His death occurred in Springfield, November 29, 1883, and both he and his wife are buried in Calvary Cemetery, Springfield.

The boyhood of Thomas M. Farrant was spent on his father's farm in Sangamon County and he was educated in the Springfield schools. After leaving school he carried on farming until three years after his marriage, and for some time conducted a farm near Fancy Prairie. He afterwards worked in the rolling mills and at the time of his death had been for some time a foreman in a coal mine. He lived in Springfield some years and there his death occurred, April 3, 1898, and his remains were buried at Fancy Creek. Mr. Farrant was a kind friend and neighbor, devoted to his home and family, and his memory is honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a devout Catholic and a member of the church, at Sixth and Eastman Avenue, Springfield. He was all his life an ardent Democrat, although never active in public affairs. He was a man of honesty and industry, of good habits and principles, and a useful, upright citizen.

Mr. Farrant was married, at Springfield, September 21, 1875, to Miss Martha Thompkins, born in Logan County, Ill., January 10, 1855, daughter of James J. and Susanna (Keen) Thompkins, both natives of Ohio. Children as follows were born of this union: Thomas, a mine operator, unmarried; Margaret married

George Davis, of Springfield, and they have one child, Lilly; Nellie married John Angwin, of Iowa, and they have one child, John Jr.; Charles, unmarried, living at home; William is married, lives at 138 Cook Street, Springfield, and has one son, Willie; Mattie, Emma and Marcia at home; Ernest, attending school in Springfield. The family reside at 1334 East North Grand Avenue.

FAUSSAUER, Frederick (deceased), late of Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, Ill., was a successful and well-known farmer regarded with esteem and confidence by all who knew him. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church and was interested in the moral and material welfare of his community. Mr. Faussauer was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, May 17, 1826, son of Frederick Faussauer, also a native of Germany, where he spent his entire life, as did his wife. The father was a farmer by occupation and served some time in the German army.

Mr. Faussauer lived in his native country until 1862, and received his education there, attending school until fourteen years of age. He worked on his father's farm in youth and later took up the occupation of mining, which he followed several years. In May, 1862, he went to England and sailed from Liverpool for New York, where he landed after having spent fifty-two days on the journey. He moved to Coshocton, Ohio, where he lived one year, spent a time in Zanesville, and in 1864, came to Illinois. He located in Sangamon County in 1867, and purchased the farm which his widow now occupies. He originally had eighty acres, but increased his holdings to 125 acres, cultivating this farm until the time of his death.

Mr. Faussauer was married in Germany, March 4, 1862, to Margaret Lockhart, a native of Germany, whose parents spent their entire lives in that country. Six children were born of this union, all of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Faussauer living on the home place with her daughter-in-law, widow of John Faussauer, who has one child. The older Mrs. Faussauer owns the farm and is well known and highly respected in the neighborhood where she has lived so many years. Mr. Faussauer died November 18, 1905, and by his death the community lost an upright, useful citizen. He was buried in Mechanicsburg Cemetery.

FAUSER, Konrad, a representative German-American citizen of Springfield, has lived in the city since 1890, and has been engaged in various lines of work. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, June 26, 1846, a son of Abraham and Margaret (Fauser) Rautz, natives of Germany. He was educated in his native land and at the age of sixteen years emigrated to America, assuming his mother's maiden name, which he has since borne. He took out naturalization papers as soon as possible and has been a patriotic and useful citizen of his adopted country. He entered the regular United States Army, in New York City, in 1867, and served three years as private. His health was failing and he left the army, going to Louisville, Ky., where he was for twenty years engaged in various occupations, then came to Springfield. He was injured during his service in the army and has since been in poor health, so that he is hardly able to perform any manual labor, but through his determination and ambition has always been occupied in some kind of work, and at present is employed by the Park Board, of Springfield. He is a warm personal friend of Harry Ide, a member of the Board, and stands well with his associates. He is industrious and faithful in the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Fauser was married, June 5, 1902, to Miss Elizabeth Hess, daughter of George and Anna (Deinlien) Hess, both of whom were born in Germany. George Hess was an old soldier and died about 1893; his wife died about two years later. A son, George Hess, died about two years after his mother, and Mrs. Fauser is the only one surviving of her family. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fauser. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church, as is also his wife, and he is now a Republican, although formerly a Democrat. He is insured with the Prudential Life Insurance Company. He is well known and has a large number of warm personal friends, whose society he greatly enjoys.

FAWCETT, D. Frank.—Principal of the Stuart school of Springfield, and a leading educator of this State, was born in Clinton, Ind. He was educated carefully, attending public school in both Indiana and Illinois, after which he took the scientific course at Westfield College with class of 1883, graduating therefrom. Still later he took the classical course at Otterbein University, Ohio, Class of 1889. With a view of thoroughly preparing himself for a life of teaching, he went to Harvard and the University of Chicago for special studies. Having fully equipped himself, he began teaching district school and afterward at Taylorville, Ill., and so completely did he prove his ability, that he was offered and accepted the principalship of schools at Morrisonville, and later at Rockton and other cities, from which he was called in 1910, to take charge of the Stuart school of Springfield.

On August 22, 1899, Prof. Fawcett was married at Jacksonville, to Lillie W. Griffith, born three miles east of Mechanicsburg, Sangamon County, Ill. Two children have been born to Prof. and Mrs. Fawcett, one now living, Harriet Pleasant Fawcett. She was born August 6, 1900.

Prof. Fawcett is a Mason and a member of the Eastern Star. While he is a member of the United Brethren Church, his wife is a Methodist. In politics, Prof. Fawcett is a Republican. Having spent all his life preparing for and carrying out the work he felt he was

destined for, Prof. Fawcett is fitted for it by inclination and careful training and brings to it the powers of a sagacious, cultivated and highly receptive mind. The pupils under his fostering care show the effect of his methods and stand among the best trained in this part of the State. (Since this sketch was written Prof. Fawcett has removed to Seattle, Wash.)

FAWCETT, J. W. (deceased), was a leading farmer in his part of Sangamon county, and late in life was for some years an influential resident of Buffalo. He was born in Clay County, Indiana, December 12, 1846, and died April 3, 1899. His parents were John and Minerva (Jenkins) Fawcett, natives respectively of Virginia and Indiana. His father moved from his native State to Indiana, where he lived till 1858, when he came to Illinois, locating in Jasper County. There he farmed ten years, then moved to Sangamon County and located on a farm near Buffalo Hart, on which he lived out the remainder of his life and where his wife also passed away. They had five sons and three daughters, of whom the following survive: Frank is a school teacher at Springfield; John is in the real estate business at Des Moines, Iowa; Walter is a farmer in Shelby County, Ill.

J. W. Fawcett was educated in country schools in Indiana and passed his boyhood and youth in assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. He gave his life to agriculture with considerable business success. He was a member of the Christian Church, with which his widow has long been identified. In political affiliations he was a stanch Republican. He married, at Taylorville, Ill., August 6, 1868, Miss Margaret Burch, who was born in Miami County, Ohio, February 4, 1846, a daughter of Daniel Burch. Her father also first saw the light of day in Miami County, Ohio; and her mother was born in Piqua, that State. It was at Piqua that they were wedded. Mr. Burch farmed in Ohio till 1851, when the family moved to Jasper County, Ill. There he continued in the same occupation till 1858, then settled in Sangamon County and was a farmer in Mechanicsburg Township till 1869, when he removed to Montgomery County, Kansas, where he bought land which he operated till July, 1909, when he died, aged ninety years. His wife died there in August, 1886. They had five sons and two daughters, all of whom are living: Harrison, the eldest, is a citizen of Augusta, Kansas, a retired farmer; Mrs. Fawcett was next in order of birth; Louis is a farmer in Jasper County, Ill.; Charles is farming in Oklahoma; Webster is an Arizona farmer; David is farming in Oklahoma; Mrs. Mary (Burch) Dosh lives in Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett became the parents of seven children, of whom the oldest living is Mrs. Emma (Fawcett) Nuckolls, wife of Samuel Nuckolls, an elevator manager at Osbornville, Christian County, Ill.; Maggie F. married Louis Mulkin and lives at Niantic, Ill.; Minerva is the wife of Omar Hall, a farmer of Christian County, Ill.; Whit and Emmett live with their mother. Mrs. Fawcett has four grandchildren.

FERGUSON, Benjamin Hamilton (deceased), long one of the most prominent business men of Springfield, Ill., was for thirty-five years connected with the Marine Bank and for many years its President. He was a lifelong resident of Springfield, his birthplace, and was active in public affairs. He was one of the most highly respected citizens and well known men of the city and his loss was genuinely mourned in many circles. Mr. Ferguson was born December 5, 1835, and was a son of Benjamin and Sarah (Irwin) Ferguson, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Monongahela City. Benjamin Ferguson was a contractor and builder and died in Springfield in 1842. He was a member of the Washingtonian Society, a temperance organization, to which Abraham Lincoln also belonged, and about the time of the death of Mr. Ferguson Mr. Lincoln made an address on the subject of temperance in the Second Presbyterian Church of Springfield, the date of this occasion being February 22, 1842. Mr. Ferguson was married in Pennsylvania and came to Springfield in 1835, and his children were all born in this city. They were: William, a prominent lawyer, who died in California; Elizabeth, married Jacob Bunn, of Springfield; Robert, died in Springfield, though his home was in Auburn, Ill.

Benjamin H. Ferguson received his early education in the schools of Springfield. He left school at the age of sixteen years, and was then clerk and bookkeeper in the store of Jacob Bunn. After his return from the war he entered the Marine Bank, being Cashier for several years, and advancing to the office of President of that sound, substantial, conservative institution, one of the oldest banks in the State. Mr. Ferguson carried out the established policies of the bank in every way and under his careful and able administration it prospered and maintained the position of trust and confidence it had held so many years.

Mr. Ferguson was a stanch Republican all his life and active in the interests of the party. He was united in 1866 with the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, and his widow is also a member of that church. In August, 1862, Mr. Ferguson recruited Company B, One Hundred Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, and was elected its Captain, serving as such two years. He participated in the Siege of Vicksburg, the battle at Jackson, and in many lesser engagements. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being affiliated with Stephenson Post, of Springfield.

Besides being prominent as a banker Mr. Ferguson was for many years a successful merchant, having established a crockery and glassware store at the corner of Monroe and Sixth

Streets, Springfield, in 1868, where he conducted one of the largest establishments of its kind in the city and did an immense business. He was one of the most upright and honorable of men and possessed the full confidence of all who came in contact with him in business or social life. He was interested in any measure calculated to be of public benefit and promoted the welfare and progress of the community in many ways.

Mr. Ferguson was married at Springfield, June 16, 1864, to Miss Alice, daughter of Judge B. S. Edwards, who was a prominent lawyer in Springfield and served as Judge of the Circuit Court. His biographical record appears on another page in these volumes. She was born in Springfield. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson. The widow now resides at the beautiful home at 815 North Fifth Street.

FERNANDES, Joseph.—The natives of Portugal and its dependencies have proven good citizens of the United States and are gladly welcomed when they come here. Sangamon County has attracted a number of them, the mines, mills and railroad interests centering here giving them employment and the locality affording them the opportunity to purchase homes. One of the men who have been associated with the county for several years is Joseph Fernandes, now retired, living at No. 1125 East Miller Street, Springfield. He was born in the Island of Madeira, in August, 1832, being a son of Antonia and Frances Fernandes, both of the same locality. The father was a gardener and came to America with a family consisting of three sons, three daughters and his wife. They landed at Baltimore and from there came direct to Springfield. This city, however, remained the home of the parents but a short time, for they moved to Jacksonville, where they died.

Joseph Fernandes received a somewhat limited education in his native land, but was ambitious and ready to work at anything that offered him a living with opportunity for advancement. He first worked as brakesman on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, continuing with this company for eight years, then went with the Wabash Railroad. After several years with that road, he entered the Springfield Rolling Mills, in 1872, continuing with this concern until it closed, since when he has lived retired. Always working steadily and saving his money, Mr. Fernandes was able to buy his home and is in comfortable circumstances.

In 1866, Mr. Fernandes was married in Springfield to Lucy Kean, born in the Island of Madeira in 1835, where her parents died, and she is the only survivor of her family. Mr. and Mrs. Fernandes became the parents of six children, two of whom are living: Dudy, wife of James Gomes, of this city; and Lucy, wife of John Rumble, of Virginia, Ill. There are seven grandchildren in the family.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fernandes belong to the Fourth Presbyterian Church and are much interested in its good work. In politics, he is a Republican.

FERO, Ira W. (deceased).—There is one branch of artistic endeavor which requires more than ordinary skill and knowledge in its successful prosecution. It has not attracted as many representatives as some othes lines of work, but those who are engaged in it, if they become proficient, are certain of a remunerative and pleasant way of gaining a livelihood. The late Ira W. Fero was for many years the leading exponent of terpsichorean art in Springfield, and from him the youths and maidens learned the latest ideas with regard to dancing. Mr. Fero was born in New York State, March 9, 1835. His father was a farmer and merchant, and after Ira W. finished his school course, he clerked in a store until he reached his majority. However, his inclinations ran in another direction, and he did not purpose to spend his life behind the counter. Finally, he moved to Decatur, Ill., about 1875, there to open a dancing academy, where he taught some of the best people of the city. After two years at Decatur he came to Springfield, where he continued his business until his demise, in July, 1896. His remains were interred in beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery, at Springfield.

Mr. Fero was a Methodist in religious faith, but his wife and daughter are Episcopalians. Absorbed as he was in his business, he had little time for politics, and did not actively espouse any party, voting independently. On November 17, 1866, Mr. Fero was married, in New York, to Mary Jane Dickerson, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Miller) Dickerson, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. They were farming people who came to Sangamon County at an early day, and became identified with its agricultural interests. Mr. and Mrs. Fero had two children: Eva, born April 27, 1883, resides with her mother, and a son who died at birth. The family residence is at No. 419½ East Monroe Street, and there the ladies warmly welcome their friends. They are carrying on the dancing academy, whose excellence is fully maintained, and both take a strong interest in their work. They are charming ladies, cultured and refined, and have the respect and confidence of all with whom they are associated in either a professional or social way.

FERREIRA, Isaac, one of the essentially self-made men of his community and generation, has risen through his own unaided efforts to a position of importance, and is now proprietor of a large store, dealing in groceries, fruits, vegetables, fish and poultry at No. 624 Grand Boulevard, Springfield. He was born August 24, 1861, in the Second Ward of that city, where he has spent his life. He is a son of James Ferreira, born on the Island of Madeira, July 5, 1836, son of Joseph Ferreira, also of Madeira, where he died. When only sixteen years old, James

Ferreira, with his mother and five other children, came from New York City, where they had landed, to Springfield to join relatives. The lad learned the harness-making trade and carried it on for many years. At present he resides at the corner of First and Carpenter Streets. In 1860 he was married in Springfield, to Charlotte Vieira, born on the Island of Madeira, in September, 1844, a daughter of Joaquin and Mary Vieira. Mr. Vieira came to America with his family in 1846, and after landing in New York came to Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Ferreira had children as follows: Isaac, Charlotte, Sarah, Mary, Jennie; Rodsie, deceased; James, deceased; Effie, Lucy, John, Albert, Louise and Marguerite.

Isaac Ferreira attended what is now the Trapp School, and studied under several well-known teachers, including Miss Hughes, Miss Mary Sell and Thomas Catlin, whom he gratefully remembers. When he was sixteen years old he began learning the blacksmith trade, with Booth & McCoker, at the corner of Eighth and Washington Streets. Later he went with Henry Marks, at the corner of Eleventh and Madison Streets, where for three years he worked in the grocery business. Following this he was clerk and book-keeper with several concerns, then entered the establishment of R. C. Steele, with whom he remained twelve years, and for ten years was head clerk. At this time he began business for himself on Monroe, between Fourth and Fifth Streets, remaining on that block for twenty-four years. In December, 1909, he moved into his present store, which is 63x23 and has a double frontage. The building is of pressed brick, with flats above. It is fitted with electric and gas lights, hot and cold water, cemented cellar, and all modern improvements. In addition to erecting this building Mr. Ferreira has built twenty-five residences in different parts of the city, and is now one of the most prosperous merchants of Springfield. He is a stanch Republican in politics. Formerly he attended the First Presbyterian Church, which is Portuguese, but his family are members of the West Side Christian Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows, Maccabees and Modern Woodmen.

On January 22, 1895, he married Molly Meline, of Jacksonville. They have children as follows: Lucille, aged fifteen years; Leon, aged fourteen years; James, aged twelve years; Joseph, aged ten years, and Robert, aged eight years.

Hard-working, eager to seize upon opportunities as offered, Mr. Ferreira presents a striking example of what can be accomplished through sturdy endeavor, backed by strict honesty and thrifty habits.

FERREIRA, John H.—A general blacksmith whose business is located at No. 214 North Second Street, Springfield, is a man who has succeeded well and now specializes on plow and wagon work and horse-shoeing. He was born August 26, 1863, on the corner of Second and Carpenter Streets, Springfield, a son of John Ferreira and Mary (Vasconcellos) Ferreira, the former born on the Island of Madeira, in June, 1838, and the latter in the same place in May, 1841. She was a daughter of Joseph Vasconcellos. John Ferreira came to the United States in young manhood with his widowed mother and her six other children. He learned wagon making in Springfield and followed that trade for some time, then located on his farm of fifty acres, where he and his wife are both living. They had children as follows: John H., Harvey, Lewis; Lizzie, married Jess Neef, of Island Grove Township; William, of Sun Prairie; Mary, Mrs. Harry Shoemaker, of Springfield.

John H. Ferreira attended the Trapp School in Springfield until he was twelve years old, then the family moved to the farm his father had bought in Island Grove Township. For three years the lad worked on the farm, then learned the blacksmith trade. Following this he worked with a number of well-known men in this line, finishing his apprenticeship by the time he was eighteen years old. He then went to Grand Rapids, where he spent eight years. Coming back to Springfield, he started in business for himself. While a Republican on national questions, he is liberal about matters pertaining to local government. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, Modern Woodmen, and Royal Neighbors, and is popular in all.

Mr. Ferreira was married in Grand Rapids, December 28, 1891, to Miss Ella Benson, of that city, daughter of the late Hans Benson. Their children are: Arthur W. and Emma Rosette. Mr. Ferreira belongs to a class of men who are steadily working towards better government and general advancement. Industrious and hard-working, strict in business probity, Mr. Ferreira believes in uprightness in public office and casts his vote for the man he deems will best carry out its obligations.

FERRIS, George D.—It is considered a distinction to come of families whose forebears fought for the independence of this country. There are a number of men in Springfield who can lay claim to this distinguished honor, and among them is George D. Ferris, a retired brick mason, whose grandfather on the paternal side of the house was a soldier in the War of 1812. Mr. Ferris was born at Portage, Ohio, September 19, 1833, being a son of Joseph and Sevalla (Rounds) Ferris, natives of Portage, Ohio, and New York State. The father was a stone cutter by trade, who in 1849 went to California after gold, and died there. His widow died in Ohio.

George D. Ferris was educated in Portage, Ohio, going to school in a little log building, where the pupils sat on slab benches. These schoolhouses were very primitive, with puncheon floors, greased paper windows, and a rude log door hung on homemade hinges. Yet these

primitive affairs withstood the attacks of wind and weather better than many of our modern structures which are old when but a decade has passed. He learned the stone cutting trade with his father, later adding that of brick mason, and worked at the latter for forty years. In 1854 he came to Springfield, having great faith in its future, and soon branched out into contracting. He worked on the gubernatorial mansion from the foundation up, as well as on other important buildings during the many years he was in business. For the past fourteen years, he has been retired, residing in his present residence No. 731 North Seventh street, where he has resided twenty-eight years. Mr. Ferris has an excellent war record, enlisting in Company E, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years, being mustered out at Camp Butler. He served under General Sherman, participating in many battles that left their trail of blood over both north and south, and, after forty-five years of peace, still raise painful memories including those of the Pittsburg campaign, and the battles of Mobile, Nashville and Vicksburg (Miss.). Naturally Mr. Ferris is very prominent in Stephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R., of Springfield. He attends the English Lutheran Church, and in politics he has always been a Republican.

Mr. Ferris was married in Springfield, December 3, 1861, to Matilda Sourmon, born in Pennsylvania, November 10, 1845. Her parents came to Springfield at an early day, first stopping in Milwaukee, Wis., but not liking it there they pressed on to Springfield, which became their home, and continued so until their deaths. The father was a brick layer, mason and contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris have no issue. Mr. Ferris is much interested in securing good, reliable government and is always willing to do a fair share in this connection.

FERRY, George P.—The land of Sangamon County, Ill., being peculiarly adapted for grazing purposes, it is only natural that there should be many farmers in the county giving much of their attention to the breeding of fine cattle and horses, and some of the finest stock to be found at the livestock fairs held all over the country comes from this section of Illinois. One of Sangamon County's farmers is George P. Ferry, who conducts a general farm on Section 3, Cartwright Township. Mr. Ferry was born on Section 13, in this township, May 10, 1862, and is a son of Thomas H. and Loretta (Perrin) Ferry, natives of St. Lawrence County, N. Y.

Thomas H. Ferry, who was reared in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., made a trip to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1846, and there bought land. He had first married Maria Lamphier, by whom he had one son, O. E. Ferry, now a prominent retired farmer of Eldorado, Kan., and after the death of his first wife he returned to New York, where he was again married and returned to Sangamon County in 1858. He located on his farm in Cartwright Township, turned his attention to the cultivation of his land, and became one of the leading agriculturists of his day. Mr. Ferry was a man loved for his integrity of character and his many sterling qualities, and was a devout church member, giving liberally of his means for the support of the Presbyterian Church. He was called to his final rest January 4, 1899, his wife surviving him until June 25, 1905. To them there were born four children, of whom two died in infancy, the other two being George P. and John T., the latter a farmer in Cartwright Township.

George P. Ferry obtained his education in the district schools of Cartwright Township and at the age of sixteen years was given charge of the home farm, on account of the serious illness of his father. At the time of the latter's death, the home farm was divided, and George P. remained on his share of the property until March, 1902, when he sold this land and invested in 242 acres on Sections 3 and 10, Cartwright Township. Mr. Ferry has given particular attention to the breeding of fine horses, of which he has a large number on his farm. He is a lover of and an acknowledged judge of horses, being always willing and ready to pay a fair and honest price for a good horse. A man of honesty and integrity, his customers are always sure of a fair and square deal, and as a result his dealings have been far above the ordinary.

On December 22, 1887, Mr. Ferry was married to Miss Louella Durand, who died September 20, 1899, without issue. On February 20, 1907, he was married to Miss Mary A. Smith, and to this union there have been born two children: Lena L., born December 7, 1907, and Mary Frances, born July 10, 1909.

Mr. Ferry has always taken a prominent part in all public enterprises and has been a leader in every movement that has promised to be of benefit to his community. He has been a supporter of the principles of the Republican party, but has steadily refused to accept public office. Although a member of no religious denomination, he is a liberal supporter of all creeds. Mrs. Ferry is a member of the Baptist Church. In his fraternal affiliations Mr. Ferry is connected with the Masonic Lodge No. 700 and the Modern Woodmen of America, both of Pleasant Plains. His business interests have taken him all over the county, and he enjoys the respect and esteem of all who have come into contact with him, whether in a business or a social way.

FERRY, John T.—A representative citizen and successful agriculturist of Sangamon County, Ill., who is cultivating on excellent property of 136 acres on Section 33, Cartwright Township, was born just south of Pleasant Plains, Ill.,

September 29, 1864, a son of Thomas H. and Loretta (Perrin) Ferry, natives of St. Lawrence County, N. Y.

The first wife of Thomas H. Ferry was a Miss Maria Lamphier, who died leaving him one son, O. E. Ferry, of Eldorado, Kan., and he was married a second time to Loretta Perrin, who bore him four children, of whom two died in infancy, the survivors being: John T. and George P., the latter a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Cartwright Township. Thomas H. Ferry first came to Sangamon County in 1846 and purchased land, but after the death of his first wife returned to New York, whence he again came to Illinois in 1858, and spent the remainder of his life on his farm, becoming one of the leading men of his township, and a man admired and esteemed for his honesty, integrity and many charities. He died January 4, 1899, and his wife followed him to the grave June 25, 1905.

The boyhood of John T. Ferry was passed much the same as that of other farmers' boys of his day, his education being secured in the district schools during the time that he could spare from his duties on the home farm. Drilled to the life of a farmer and stockraiser, he has made this his life work, and at the age of twenty-two years he rented a part of the home farm, successfully operating sixty acres for a period of two years. On November 13, 1890, he was united in marriage with Miss Viola Purvines, who was born near their present home in Cartwright Township, February 10, 1865, the daughter of William G. and Emily Frances (Eaton) Purvines, both of whom were born in Cartwright Township. Mr. Purvines dates the coming of his family to Sangamon County as far back as 1822 or 1823, and he now resides in the village of Pleasant Plains, being one of the extensive landowners of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Purvines are still living, as are all of their children, there having never been a death in the family. Their children are as follows: Mrs. Ferry; Loran, a farmer of Cartwright Township; Alice, the wife of Augustus H. Atherton, a farmer of Cartwright Township; Carroll, a rancher of Panhandle, Carson County, Tex.; Beulah, the wife of Homer G. Doughit, who farms in Cartwright Township; Walter, a large landowner in the Panhandle district, Tex.; and Edith, who resides with her parents.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ferry located on a farm in Auburn Township, and here he successfully continued in agricultural pursuits until 1899, when he purchased the present property, a fine tract of 136 acres, which he has cultivated to a high state. His property can boast of well-kept fences, graded pastures, excellent barn and outbuildings and a comfortable dwelling. He uses the latest and most highly improved farm machinery in his work, and breeds a high grade of cattle.

Mr. Ferry has always acted with the Republican party and his services to this organization have prompted his fellow citizens to tender him places of public preferment, but he has always declined to hold public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his agricultural interests. Although a member of no religious body, he is always ready to give liberally to church and charitable movements, and is a firm believer in education. Mrs. Ferry has long been an active member of the Methodist Church.

FETZER, John P., a prominent and thrifty young farmer of Cartwright Township, Sangamon County, was born near Richland, that township, March 2, 1878, a son of Frederick and Margaret (Raps) Fetzer. Frederick Fetzer was a native of Prussia, whose father died in that country, and when about seventeen years of age the young man, with three brothers, came to America. They emigrated about 1853 and came direct to Illinois, spent a short time at Kankakee, then came to Springfield. Frederick Fetzer there followed his trade of carpenter and was married in January, 1862. He bought land on Section 15, Cartwright Township, about 1874, there reclaimed wild land and put it under cultivation, and erected a nice home. In the spring of 1910 he retired and now resides on College Street and Capital Avenue, Springfield, where he and his wife are enjoying the fruits of a well-spent, busy life. His first purchase of land was 147 acres, to which he added from time to time, until he owned 410 acres in that township. He built the house and in other ways greatly improved the place where he made his home and both farms are now in a high state of cultivation. He has always been ready to help forward any enterprise for the public good. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran Church of Springfield, and to them were born seven children, five of whom are living. They are: Anna, wife of Rev. F. Engelbert, in charge of the German Lutheran Church at Braddock, Pa.; Katherine, wife of William C. Vogt, a dry-goods merchant of Springfield; George, a machinist of Des Moines and interested in the traction company at that city; John P.; Edward J. F., on the old home farm on Section 15. When Frederick Fetzer came to America he had no money with which to make his start in life, but went to work with a will to earn some, and by economy and industry was able to attain gratifying success.

John P. Fetzer spent his boyhood on a farm, as did many another farmer's son, attending school as he could be spared from the farm work, and became a practical farmer before attaining his majority. He remained at home until about twenty-one years of age, then rented his father's farm in Section 2, and on August 15, 1900, married Miss Nellie Mitchell, a native of Campbellsville, Ky. She was born January 12, 1882, and is a daughter of James D. and Edith (Schofner) Mitchell, who came to Sangamon County in 1884. After his mar-

riage Mr. Fetzer took charge of his father's farm on Section 2 and has since operated this tract of 163 acres, being at present in charge of 213 acres altogether, and successful in his enterprise. He keeps a variety of good stock but does not raise hogs for the market. He is an energetic and enterprising business manager and has well earned his present success.

Four children have been born to Mr. Fetzer and wife: Marguerite, born November 9, 1901; Edith, June 19, 1903; Catherine, February 23, 1908; Ruth Olive, August 25, 1910. Mr. Fetzer owns stock in the Farmers Elevator Company and is a close student of modern methods of farming. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife belongs to the Methodist Church and he to the Lutheran Church. Both have many friends and have a good standing in the community.

FEUERBACH, John (deceased).—The older residents of Springfield, Ill., will remember John Feuerbach, a prominent German-American citizen, who after many years passed in agricultural pursuits, retired from active life and spent his last years living in the Capital City. Mr. Feuerbach was born in Germany in 1844, a son of Jacob and Lena Feuerbach, natives of the Fatherland, who came to the United States in early days and located near Evansville, Ind., where they spent their lives in farming. They had a family of four children, and the others beside John, were Jacob and Michael Feuerbach and Mrs. Lena Schimmelmann, now residents of Evansville.

John Feuerbach started his education in the schools of Germany, and completed it in Evansville, Ind., as soon as he was old enough beginning work on the home farm. On reaching his majority, he engaged in farming on his own account in Indiana, and in 1886, came to Sangamon County, Ill., where he commenced farming, but after two years sold his land locating in Springfield, purchased the home on South Eleventh Street, where Mrs. Feuerbach now resides. Here he was living at the time of his death, in 1896. Mrs. Feuerbach has five acres and the house is located at No. 1902 South Eleventh Street, the old family home. Mr. Feuerbach was a Republican in politics, and an upright, exemplary citizen.

On August 18, 1868, Mr. Feuerbach was married at Evansville, Ind., to Elizabeth Lohman, who was born in Evansville, July 1, 1852, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Kauplancer) Lohman, natives of Germany, who came to America at an early date and settled near Evansville, where they followed agricultural pursuits until their death. There were six children in their family, of whom Elizabeth became the wife of Mr. Feuerbach; Mrs. Lena Spausban is living in Rockwell, Tex.; George Lohman is a resident of Springfield, and three are deceased. One of Mrs. Feuerbach's brothers, John, who is now deceased, served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War.

There were sixteen children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Feuerbach, of whom seven are now living, as follows: John L., a farmer of Sangamon County; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Oscar Bowman, residing in Divernon, Ill.; Lulu, who married George Cantrell, of Springfield; Henry, who is a resident of Hannibal, Mo.; Christopher, who lives at home with his mother; Frank, who is in the employ of Schnepp & Barnes, of Springfield, and Mary who married William H. Kuder, has six children, and they all reside with Mrs. Feuerbach, Mr. Kuder being the proprietor of a dairy. Mrs. Feuerbach has sixteen grandchildren.

FEUERBACHER, Frederick (deceased).—The sturdy qualities of the Germans make them desired wherever advanced civilization has taken hold, for they are industrious, intelligent and thrifty. They do not rove from place to place, but settle down and work for their posterity, founding homes and taking an interest in those matters which will insure good schools and government. The late Frederick Feuerbacher was one of the best kind of German-Americans Springfield has ever known. Born in Germany, in July, 1814, he was brought up under the fostering care of an unusually intelligent father, whose profession was that of school teaching. Neither of the parents came to America, but lived and died in Germany.

As he grew up Frederick Feuerbacher learned the cabinetmaking trade and, realizing the better opportunities offered here, came to America in 1847, first locating at Louisville, but coming to Springfield in 1848. In the Capital City he found ready employment for his skill as a cabinetmaker, and worked at his trade the rest of his life. During this time, he produced some beautiful work, which still exists as proof of his skill, that knew nothing of the cheap, machinemade articles of this generation. Mr. Feuerbacher was a Republican and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, in the faith of which he died in 1882, honored and respected by a wide circle of friends. His marriage occurred in Germany, in 1841, when he was united with Regina Dittus, born in Wurtenburg, Germany, July 27, 1817. Her parents lived and died in Germany. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Feuerbacher: Mary married John Gottschalk; Christina, wife of Jacob Baumann, deceased; Jacob married Caroline Paul, a resident of Springfield, and they have two daughters, Emma Marie and Caroline; Magdeline; Lena, wife of William F. Schmidt, a carpenter and contractor, living with Mrs. Feuerbacher, and they have one son, Walter G., a florist in the employ of Mr. Vanhorn. There are seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren now living in the family belonging to Mrs. Feuerbacher. She is a venerable lady, having attained the advanced age of ninety-two years. The family have all been prominent in church work and are known throughout the county as

reliable, substantial people. Mr. Feuerbacher's life was one of hard work and thrifty investment, and he left behind him a comfortable competence to provide for his widow in her old age and to give his children a start in life.

FIELD, Alexander Pope. (Vol. I, pp. 164-165.)

FIELDS, James H., a well-known citizen of Springfield, Ill., and a veteran of the Civil War, has spent most of his life in the vicinity where he now lives. He was born in Sangamon County, July 4, 1847, a son of Earl and Paulina (Southwick) Fields, the former born in Connecticut, in 1796, and the latter born in New York. The father was a drummer in the Mexican War and later located in Sangamon County. As he died when his son James H. was a small child, the latter knows little of his ancestors. Paulina Southwick's parents came to Illinois from New York at an early day, her father being Jesse Southwick, the grandfather of Major Southwick, now a prominent citizen of Springfield, and who served as Major of the One Hundred Fourteenth Illinois Infantry during the Civil War.

When nine years of age James H. Fields began working on a farm and has followed that occupation all his life. He had practically no educational advantages, as at the time he was able and ready to enter school he enlisted in the Civil War. He has lived in Sangamon County all his life except for a short time spent in the West and during his service in the army. He enlisted, in June, 1862, at Springfield, in Company A, Tenth Illinois Cavalry, under Captain Elkins, and served until June, 1863, when he was discharged from the hospital. He remained at home until December, 1863, when he reenlisted at Springfield in the same company, and served to the end of the war. He was discharged from the marine hospital at New Orleans, La., and returned to Sangamon County, where he again engaged in farming. He participated in the Battle of Sabine River, where General Steele destroyed many wagons and threw them into the river to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy. Mr. Fields served as orderly for General Ross in the Yazoo Pass expedition, and took part in skirmishes at Little Rock, Helena, and numerous other engagements, also participated in many foraging expeditions and had many narrow escapes. He endured countless hardships and, while on the road to Camden, Miss., spent two days under fire and for several days was without food. He took part in the Camden expedition, and helped to recapture a cannon that had been taken by the enemy at Prairie Grove, Mo. Mr. Fields was one of the members of the notably brave and well-trained Western Department that accomplished so much in defense of the Union cause, and who endured so much in the way of danger and hardship without complaint. He won a very good record and acquitted himself most creditably.

Mr. Fields was married, in Springfield, in 1885, to Miss Katie Hayes, a native of Springfield, whose parents were prominent in Sangamon County. One child was born of this marriage, William C., now living on a farm in Kansas. Mr. Fields deals quite extensively in real estate and has met with fair success in all his enterprises. A member of one of the old families in Sangamon County, he enjoys the good-will and esteem of all who know him, and performs his duty as a citizen in as worthy a manner as he did when a soldier. He is a member of the Christian Church, and has been a Republican in politics since old enough to vote, and is also a prominent member of the G. A. R.

FINK, Edward A.—It has often been truly said that the newspapers of any community serve in a large degree to mold public opinion, and it is, therefore, to those who have the newspapers in charge, and more especially those who write the editorials, that the public must look for the welfare of their interests. One of the enterprising and, at the same time, conservative sheets of Sangamon County, is the Pleasant Plains "Weekly Press," whose owner and editor, Edward A. Fink, bears a high reputation in the Illinois newspaper field. Mr. Fink is a native of Pleasant Plains, born September 14, 1879, a son of George W. and Rebecca (Hayes) Fink.

George W. Fink was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, February 2, 1825, son of George and Mary (Way) Fink, the former was born in Maryland in 1796 and the latter in Loudoun County, Va. About 1824 George Fink removed to Muskingum County, Ohio, during the early days of that State, and engaged in the merchandising business, in which he was interested up to the time of his death, in 1833, as the result of an accident. After his death his widow brought her children farther West, locating in Pleasant Plains, Ill., where her death occurred in 1885, when she had reached the ripe old age of eighty-eight years. George W. Fink was reared in Ohio, and even as a youth showed marked ability as a business man, although he was given little time to acquire educational advantages. After learning the trade of carriage-maker in Circleville, Ohio, he went to Lexington, Ky., and later to St. Louis, Mo., at both of which places he followed his chosen occupation and he subsequently located in Pleasant Plains, Ill., where he established a home, and a factory for the manufacture of carriages, buggies and vehicles of all kinds. During the thirty-five years that he followed this business he built up one of the largest trades in the State, the excellence of his workmanship, the durability of his vehicles and farm implements, and his honorable business methods, securing for him a reputation that insured a large patronage. He also invested in farm property and finally became the owner of a farm of 333 acres

near the town, a quarter-section of land being left his wife by her father at the latter's death. Although having reached the advanced age of eighty-six years, he still retains his good health and displays an active interest in Democratic politics, his services to that party having been recognized in the past by his election to a number of county offices.

On May 4, 1875, Mr. Fink was married to Miss Rebecca Hayes, daughter of J. W. Hayes, an old settler of Pleasant Plains and to them were born three children: Bertha H., who married E. L. Hurt; Edward A. and Frank C., all of whom make their homes in Pleasant Plains.

Edward A. Fink received his preliminary education in the public schools of Pleasant Plains, pursued the higher courses at Springfield, then took up the study of law for one year, but eventually deciding to enter the journalistic field, became connected with the newspaper interests of Pleasant Plains. About 1898 he started the "Weekly Press," and has since conducted this clean, bright sheet, which is devoted to general and local news. He has succeeded in securing a large circulation and good advertising patronage. His editorials are clear and concise, and while setting forth his views on many leading subjects of the day, he never bitterly denounces those who differ with him in opinion.

In November, 1898, Mr. Fink was married to Josephine E. Carter, a native of Sangamon County, where she was reared and educated. Her father, Robert Carter, located there at an early day, having come with his father's family from Tennessee. Mr. Fink is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Elks and the Odd Fellows, and he and Mrs. Fink are highly esteemed in the community, the hospitality of the best homes being extended to them and their own home being noted for its social functions. Mr. Fink has always been active in all public enterprises, and while a member of the Village Board was instrumental in making many improvements in his native village.

FINK, Dr. Frank C., of Pleasant Plains, Ill., is rated as one of the leading medical and surgical practitioners of Sangamon County. He was born at Pleasant Plains June 25, 1880, a son of George W. Fink, a pioneer and honored citizen whose biography is given at some length in this work. He was duly graduated from the high school with the class of 1897, and in the fall of that year entered the college at Dixon, Ill., where he took a year's preparatory course in medicine. He then returned to his home and entering College, took the bachelor's degree in English, after which for two years applied himself to studies and was given the B. E. degree, finishing that course in 1899. In the fall of 1900 he entered the medical department of the Washington University, in St. Louis, Mo., where he took a four years' course and was awarded a diploma in 1904. In the summer of that year he began a post-graduate course in diseases of women at the Philadelphia Polyclinic College, later taking a post-graduate course at the Chicago Polyclinic College. His professional studies having been completed, he returned home in December, 1904, to enter the school of practice with accompanying reading and investigation. He established himself in Springfield, in an office with Dr. Langdon, soon advanced to high rank in his profession and was appointed medical examiner for several life insurance companies, for the Modern Woodmen of America, the Modern Fraternity, the American Patriots, the Home Defenders, the Knights and Ladies of Security and other beneficiary organizations. His duties both as physician and surgeon became so strenuous and so exacting that, after two years' failing health he was compelled to discontinue his practice and return home for a time. In June, 1907, he located at Waverly, Ill., and there, as at Springfield, he soon built up a large and increasing practice. In 1909 he went to Colorado Springs, Colo., where he practiced his profession eight months, when he returned home at the request of his aged parents to look after their business interests. He then opened an office at Pleasant Plains, where his successful experiences at Springfield and at Waverly are being repeated, and he has his full share of the professional patronage. He has never ceased to be a student and keeps abreast of the times by diligent reading and personal investigation along professional lines. He has a fine medical library and his office is well equipped with modern apparatus. He is careful in diagnosis and insures the proper action of remedies by compounding his own prescriptions.

Dr. Fink is a member of Lodge No. 700, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, of Pleasant Plains, and of the Sangamon County Medical Society. As a physician he is known for his exceptional learning, for his painstaking care with patients, and for his success in difficult cases. Perhaps nature intended him for his work. He has a happy faculty of making and retaining friends.

FISHERKELLER, Lewis.—Owing to the many advantages offered in Springfield it has been selected by a number of men of means as their permanent home, after retiring from active life. One of those who belongs to this large and representative class in Lewis Fisherkeller, a substantial German-American citizen, residing at No. 1420 East Edwards Street. He was born in Baden, Germany, October 5, 1825, a son of Lewis and Mary (Angerser) Fisherkeller, natives of Germany. The father was a baker and merchant who, with his wife, rounded out a useful life in Germany. There were four daughters and two sons in this family, but Lewis, of this sketch, and Joseph, of Germany, are the only survivors.

Like all German boys, Mr. Fisherkeller was brought up to work and given a substantial education, which included the learning of the

saddlery and harness-making trade. After completing his apprenticeship he worked at his trade in Germany before coming to America in 1850. He took passage on a sailing vessel at Strasburg, landing in New Orleans, whence he came north as far as Cincinnati. After a short stay in that city he went to Hamilton, Ohio, where he worked at harness making, but remained only two years. Following this, he worked in various cities until he arrived at St. Louis, Mo., but remained there only a short time, when he came via stage coach to Jacksonville. Until 1854 he remained in that city, then became a resident of Sangamon County, locating in Pleasant Plains, where he lived until 1900. In that year he came to Springfield and retired from the saddlery and harness-making business.

While residing in Jacksonville, in 1853, Mr. Fisherkeller was united in marriage with Mary Dunsin, born in Westphalia, Germany. Her parents came to Salisbury Township, Sangamon County, where they farmed until they died. Mrs. Fisherkeller died in 1894, having borne her husband four daughters and two sons, five of whom survive: Henry, of Bloomington; J. Lewis, in the employ of the Springfield City Railroad Company; Mrs. Mary Warner, of Dakota; Dena, Mrs. Hagerdon, of Idaho; Anna, wife of Matthew Young, of Springfield. There are twenty-eight grandchildren in the family. Mr. Fisherkeller is a Democrat. He belongs to Sacred Heart Parish, being a devout Roman Catholic.

FITZGERALD, John J.—The coal interests centered at Springfield are important, and have brought about an increase of wealth not obtainable in any other way. The mines in the vicinity of the city are very productive and the coal is marketed at distant points, so that the entire process affords employment to both labor and capital. One of those for many years actively identified with this branch of industrial commerce is John J. Fitzgerald, now retired He is a native of Ireland, having been born in County Limerick, March 21, 1844, a son of Patrick and Mary L. (Leonard) Fitzgerald, both of County Limerick. The father was a blacksmith, and he and his family were brought to the United States by their son John J., who sent them money to pay for their passage. They landed at New York in 1866, thence coming directly to Springfield, where the father died in 1900 and the mother in 1899.

John J. Fitzgerald received his education in Ireland, and early commenced working in his father's smithy and in other lines of industry. Upon coming to the United States, he first worked on the Lehigh Valley Railroad in Pennsylvania for a year, later going to Washington, D. C., where he was employed by the government in caring for horses and mules. In 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Eighth New Work Cavalry, under Colonel Pope, participating in the hardly contested battle of Winchester Heights, and was a picket on duty at Appomattox about the time of Lee's surrender. He was honorably discharged and mustered out June 27, 1865, when he came to Springfield, Ill., and soon thereafter engaged in coal mining at the old North Shaft, where he remained ten years. Later he became connected with other mines in which he proved successful, continuing thus employed until 1907, when he retired. Mr. Fitzgerald belongs to the Western Catholic Union, and the Coal Miners' Union, as well as to Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R. In religious faith he is a Catholic, belonging to the St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Springfield. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Fitzgerald was married in Springfield, April 22, 1870, to Catherine Ryan, daughter of Patrick and Anna Ryan, who died in Ireland, of which they were natives. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald have had one daughter, Fay, wife of Edward McCann, boiler-maker employed by the Springfield boiler works. Mr. and Mrs. McCann have had five children: Geraldine, Edward, Marie, Francis and Ursula. Mr. Fitzgerald owns his pleasant home at No. 1162 North Fourth Street, as well as other property yielding him a good income. He is a man who has proven his worth in both war and peace, and now is entitled to the comforts his own industry has provided for him and his excellent wife, who has borne her part in his successful enterprises.

FITZGERALD, Maurice (deceased).—It is a pleasure for the biographer to write of the life of a man whose work in any community was known and appreciated, and who had the entire confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen. Such a man was the late Maurice Fitzgerald, of Springfield, Ill., who will be well remembered by many of the Capital City's older residents. Mr. Fitzgerald was born April 13, 1837, in County Limerick, Ireland, a son of Edmond and Mary (Scott) Fitzgerald, and a descendant of Lord Edward Fitzgerald, an Irish peer.

Maurice Fitzgerald was but eight years of age when the entire family of three sisters and four brothers came to America and settled in New York, where he secured his early education. He came to Springfield in April, 1854, and here completed his education, one of his fellow students at night school being Robert Lincoln. He took up the trade of blacksmith as a youth, and this work he followed during most of his life, although for a short period previous to his death he was engaged in agricultural ventures. In 1880 Mr. Fitzgerald purchased a tract of farming land in Clear Lake township, half mile from Camp Butler, which he managed up to the time of his death, on September 8th of that year. The family lived on this farm about nine years. Mr. Fitzgerald was enterprising and energetic, and was always active in connection with those movements which he thought would promote the prosperity of his city. His home, which he purchased in 1856,

was the first brick residence built in Springfield; was also a lawyer's office for a time. He was a Democrat in his political views, and served as City Councilman from 1871 to 1875, was also a member of the Pioneer Fire Company No. 1, a volunteer organization, his membership exempting him from military duty. He was a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

On July 10, 1859, Mr. Fitzgerald was united in marriage to Ellen Flynn, the daughter of Paul and Mary (Hayes) Flynn, of County Limerick, Ireland. Mr. Flynn died in Ireland, and his daughter came to America in 1853, when she was but six years old. Mrs. Fitzgerald's mother died September 24, 1855, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery. She has a surviving brother, a retired farmer of Mt. Sterling, Ill. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, namely: Mary, died at the age of one year; Elizabeth, the wife of Sheriff Werner of Sangamon County; George, who is deceased; Catherine; and Richard James. The later was educated in the Catholic Schools of Springfield, and Notre Dame University, where he received a diploma June 20, 1889. He is now Deputy Sheriff of Sangamon County. Catherine and Richard are at home with their mother, the family still occupying the residence at No. 120 East Jefferson Street, which has been the family home since 1856.

FITZPATRICK, Martin, who for the past fifteen years has conducted a transfer business at Springfield, Ill., was born at Hazel Green, Wis., November 6, 1852, a son of John and Margaret Fitzpatrick, both natives of Ireland. The parents came to America in 1851 and lived several years at Hazel Green, later moving to St. Louis, where Mr. Fitzpatrick died. The mother married as her second husband James Wiley, and they lived for many years on a farm in Sangamon County. Mr. Wiley was drowned while crossing the Sangamon River on the ice, and his widow afterward moved to Nilwood, Macoupin County, where she spent the remainder of her life. By her first husband she had three daughters and one son, and by her second two daughters and one son. The only ones of the family now living are Martin; and Mrs. Sarah Clark and Mrs. Kate Windaws, both of St. Louis.

After the death of his father Martin Fitzpatrick lived for a time in St. Louis, but afterward was brought to Carlinville by John Garlic, with whom he lived for some time. He was educated in Macoupin County and in boyhood worked on a farm there. He was finally taken into the family of James Childs, of Chesterville, with whom he remained until reaching his majority, when he came to Springfield. He there learned the trade of brick mason and worked on the State House and many other public and private buildings there. He engaged in his present enterprise about 1896 and has built up a large and lucrative business. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was married in Springfield December 24, 1881, to Margaret Ann Chittick, who was born at Virginia, Ill., June 9, 1862, a daughter of John and Rachel (Price) Chittick, the father a native of Tyrone, Ireland, and the mother of Laryhope, England. The parents came to America in early youth and were married in Illinois, locating at Eureka, where for some time the father carried on the trade of shoemaker. Later they moved to Virginia, where the father died, when the mother went to live at Whitehall, Ill., where her death occurred. There were two sons and three daughters in the family, those living, besides Mrs. Fitzpatrick, being: Katie, wife of John F. Smith, of Springfield; John W. Chittick, of Springfield; William Mackey, a half-brother of Mrs. Fitzpatrick, living at Whitehall, Ill., and a half-sister, Anna, wife of Frank McGarvey, living in Missouri.

To Mr. Fitzpatrick and wife three children were born, namely: Anna, (deceased), married Arthur English; Katie, wife of James Huffman, engaged in transfer business in Springfield; and William M., also of Springfield. Mrs. Fitzpatrick owns the home occupied by the family and several other houses and lots on South Tenth Street, Springfield. The family have many friends in the city and are well regarded by all who know them.

FITZPATRICK, Patrick (deceased).—In the death of the late Patrick Fitzpatrick, Springfield, Ill., lost a substantial and useful citizen. Mr. Fitzpatrick was for over fifty years identified with the business interests of the city, and by his own efforts and industry accumulated considerable property. He was well known and greatly respected, both for his public enterprise and as a private citizen, and on his taking away was deeply mourned by many friends. Mr. Fitzpatrick was born in Carlinstown, County Meath, Ireland, the third child of Thomas and Mary (Blythe) Fitzpatrick, both of whom died in Ireland. The father was a cattle dealer in County Meath and died about 1862, aged about seventy-five years. He and his wife had eight children, seven of whom reached maturity and six of these came to the United States. Of these children, Stephen, a school teacher, died in County Meath, Ireland; Bridget, Mrs. Thaddeus Manning, died in Springfield. Patrick; Philip, was married in Philadelphia, to Miss Rose Moguinness, and died in Springfield; Margaret, born in 1832, came to the United States at the age of twenty-two years, landing in Philadelphia, in 1856 was married in Springfield (whither she came in 1855), by the Rev. Frank McIlhearn, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, to Daniel Kelly, a native of Dungarvan, County Waterford, Ireland, Mr. Kelly dying on February 16, 1892; Hugh, died young; Julia, married Edward Farrell, a native of Navan, County Meath, Ireland, who

died in Springfield, December 14, 1897; Thomas, married in Springfield, Mary Smith.

As a boy Patrick Fitzpatrick had few educational advantages, attending school only at odd times until he was seventeen years of age, when he left his native country, crossing to England. There he worked for two years on the docks at Liverpool, when he sailed for what he believed to be the "Land of Promise." He had but little money when he landed at New York City, but made his way to Williamsburg, N. Y., where he was employed by a firm in manufacturing soap and candles, remaining two and a half years in that city, during which time his first marriage took place. He was married at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Brooklyn, by Rev. Sylvester Malone, to Mary Hopkins, a native of Tuam, County Galway, Ireland. They had no children.

Leaving Williamsburg, Mr. Fitzpatrick went to Philadelphia, where for three years he was employed in the street-car stables. He then located in Springfield, Ill., arriving in that city in May, 1855, and soon after began working for Post Brothers, grain dealers. He was later employed in the hardware store of B. L. Fox, and still later in the general store of John Williams & Company, remaining with the latter firm eighteen years and leaving to go into business for himself.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick died May 6, 1891, and Mr. Fitzpatrick married (second) October 4, 1892, Miss Margaret A. Walsh, the marriage taking place at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Yonkers, N. Y., the ceremony being performed by Rev. Charles R. Corley. One child was born of this second marriage—Florence Marie. The first Mrs. Fitzpatrick was a devout member of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, of which Mr. Fitzpatrick was trustee for eighteen years.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was engaged fifteen years in the grocery business on his own account, at the corner of Spring and Cook Streets, but retired from active business in 1900. He purchased a lot at 113 West Cook Street on which he erected a residence in 1856. His death occurred February 11, 1908, at eighty-one years of age. A man of fine physique and of high mental ability, he was well fitted for business life, being naturally energetic and possessed of excellent health. He was the founder of his own fortune, having made his own way in life from the age of seventeen years, and by availing himself of his opportunities, became the owner of considerable real estate.

FLATT, Charles Samuel.—When an institution can obtain the services of a reliable man for a responsible position, it is not likely to dispense with him unless forced to do so because of his own desire. The fact that Charles Samuel Flatt has been chief engineer of the St. Nicholas Hotel for the past twenty years, speaks well for both him and the concern employing him. Mr. Flatt was born in Westfield, Union County, N. Y., in October, 1857, a son of John A. Flatt, born in Ipswich, Deconshire, England, about 1821, and grandson of Samuel Flatt, a farmer. John A. Flatt had no educational advantages, but was a keen, shrewd man, who, recognizing the better opportunities offered in the United States, came here with his wife and the two children then born to them. They landed in New York about 1852, locating on a farm, but came to Jersey County, Ill., in 1863, where the father continued farming, until his death in 1891. His wife died at the age of seventy-seven years. In religious faith, they were Baptists. The children born to them were: Mary, deceased; James, deceased; George of Springfield; Charles S.; John A. of Tallula, Ill., married Jennie Rice, and Lillie, married Richard Ryan of Jersey County.

Charles Samuel Flatt was seven years old when his parents located in Jersey County, Ill., and there he attended school until fifteen years of age. A natural mechanic, his boyish fingers were constantly at work fashioning appliances for use on the farm. When he was fifteen, he left home, and worked among the farmers in his native county until his marriage, when he moved to the southern part of Sangamon County, to farm until his engagement with John McCreary, proprietor of the St. Nicholas Hotel, as superintendent of his dairy farm, but in 1891, came to Springfield to assume the duties of chief engineer of the hotel.

On August 13, 1880, Mr. Flatt was married to Miss Mary Francis Boyant of Jersey County, Ill., daughter of Aaron and Ellin (Bartlett) Boyant. Mrs. Flatt died June 24, 1909, after a long illness. A consistent member of the West Side Christian Church, in his funeral sermon her pastor referred touchingly to her deep Christianity. He declared in substance that, although she had been shut in her own home for years, she practiced true Christianity and exerted a powerful influence through her patience and tenderness. There were four children born to her and her husband: Charles Royal, on a ranch in South Dakota, married Pearl Browning; Carlton G., of Springfield; Truman, also of Springfield, and Jessie B. of Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Flatt also belongs to the same church as his wife. A strong Republican, he served one term on the Board of Education, and has been a member of the County Central Committee. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, being Past Chancellor of Capital Lodge No. 14, and is also a member of the Red Men, being Sachem of Inna Lodge No. 117.

FLEMING, Matthew (deceased).—Ireland sends many of its best sons to American, where they develop into our best citizens under more favorable conditions than they are given in their native land. Sangamon County has always welcomed this class realizing how much the country owes to the brilliant minds and keen wits of the sons of the Emerald Isle. One of the men who ably represented all that is best in his

fellow country-men, was the late Matthew Fleming, who for years was a farmer of Riverton, Ill. He was born in County Karlo, Ireland, in March, 1830, a son of Patrick and Bridget (Felming) Fleming, both of Ireland. The father was a weaver, who never came to this country, and he, his wife and their five sons and two daughters have now all passed away.

Growing up in his native land, Matthew Fleming attended the local school and worked for his father until 1857, when he came to America, landing in New York, from there going to Vermont, where he spent six years farming. He then came to Springfield, Ill., where he lived for a few months when he removed to Chatham and there spent a year farming. Then returning to Springfield, he spent a year in the city, when he again engaged in farming in Clear Lake Township. In 1869, he located at Riverton and there worked in the Howlett distillery for a number of years. His death occurred July 16, 1894, his family losing a beloved member and the community a reliable citizen. He was a consistent member of the St. James Catholic Church, and in politics a Democrat.

On January 29, 1854, Mr. Fleming was married to Johanna O'Shaughnessy, born in County Carlo, W. Ireland, in December, 1828, a daughter of Patrick O'Shaughnessy, a native of Ireland who came to America, joining his sons at Springfield, who had come before him but died soon after his arrival. His wife died before the family came to America. There were three sons and two daughters in the family, two of the sons remaining in Ireland. Those surviving are, John; Mrs. Margaret Daley and Mrs. Fleming. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming became the parents of ten children, eight now living: Bridget, wife of William Smith, Superintendent of mines at Springfield; Patrick, janitor of the Franklin Life building, Springfield; Margaret, wife of Leon Bosquet, a carriage maker of St. Louis; William, a blacksmith, died November 6, 1905; James, living in Springfield, is a mine manager; Elizabeth married Millard Mitchell, a master mechanic of a large brewery in Brooklyn, and her twin, Marie, wife of William Gragg, a manufacturer of ladies' garments at Decatur; Johanna, wife of Michael Layden, a farmer of Riverton; Lawrence, with the Illinois Hotel Company, Springfield. There are thirty-eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren in the family. Mrs. Fleming owns her comfortable home in Riverton, in addition to other property. She is a pleasant lady, devout in her religious views, and devoted to her large family. She was a worthy helpmate for her husband, always encouraging him and supporting him in his endeavors to lay aside something that would provide for them in their old age.

FLETCHER, Benjamin F., a retired farmer of Springfield, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and belongs to one of the pioneer families of Sangamon County, being of the third generation of Fletchers who have lived there. He was born in Ball Township, Sangamon County, December 13, 1839, and is of Scotch-Irish ancestry through his grandfather, John Fletcher, who was born in Rockbridge County, Va., in 1774, and married Elizabeth McElvaine. He and Francis Brown brought their families to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1830. Mr. Fletcher entered eighty acres of land in what is now Ball Township, but died a few months later, his widow surviving him twenty-eight years and dying in 1858. He had come to the new home in the hope of bettering his financial condition. He and his wife were buried side by side in the West Graveyard.

Job Fletcher, son of John Fletcher, was born in Virginia in 1801, and served as Captain of a military company in Kentucky, where he married Frances Brown, who was of German lineage, and following farming in that State until he came with other members of the family to Sangamon County. He opened up a farm on Panther Creek and was much interested in the progress and improvement of the community until his death, in 1884. His wife died in 1882, in her eightieth year. He had divided 320 acres of land among his children and was known as one of the successful and practical farmers of the neighborhood. He was a man of large frame, six feet in height, but thin and wiry, and was well able to cope with pioneer conditions, making a good home for his wife and children. There were eight children in the family: Elizabeth, who died after her marriage; William and Frances, who died in childhood; John S., died at the age of twenty-three years; Preston lives in Montgomery County, Ill.; Paulina, widow of Francis E. Dodds, of Springfield; Benjamin F.; Virginia, wife of C. G. Brown, of Divernon, Ill. All were born upon the home farm adjoining that of R. H. Easley, except Elizabeth, and all attended the early subscription schools of their neighborhood, remaining at home until their marriages except those who died young. The father of this family was a large landholder and became highly respected by all who knew him. He was a public-spirited and useful citizen and in religious faith was a Presbyterian, contributing generously to the support of the church and assisting in organizing Pleasant Grove Church in an early day, and later helped organize one at Divernon, where two of his daughters were then residing. His interest was deeply centered in his family and he put forth every effort to provide for the future of his children and for their comfort while they lived under his roof.

Benjamin F. Fletcher attended the subscription schools and later the public schools, and grew to manhood on the home farm. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and took part in the Battle of Jackson, Miss.; the Siege of Vicksburg and Guntown, and at the latter place was captured and held prisoner from June, 1864, until April 28, 1865, spending

some time in Andersonville Prison. After the fall of Atlanta he was transferred to Millen, but later was returned to Andersonville, where he remained until about the close of the war. He had been wounded in the head at Vicksburg, but his injury was without serious results. In May, 1865, at Camp Butler, Ill., he was honorably discharged from service.

At the close of the war Mr. Fletcher returned home and in 1867 was married to Miss Mary Drennan, who was born in Ball Township, in 1847, and they became parents of four children, all born on the old home farm in Ball Township. One died in infancy and the others are: Cyrus O., on the home farm; Myra F., wife of Dr. J. T. Woodward; Dr. F. D., a graduate of Rush Medical College, now practicing his profession at Chatham, Ill. Mrs. Woodward graduated from Lincoln University and Cyrus took a three-year course at that institution.

Upon the death of his father Benjamin F. Fletcher took charge of the old home place and received as his share of the estate 200 acres of land. He purchased the interest of his brother and sister, and has added to his original holdings from time to time, so that he now owns 500 acres of well improved land. He made many improvements on the farm and made his home there until November, 1901, when he purchased a handsome residence at 326 West Jackson Street, Springfield. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Auburn, of which he was one of the organizers and for many years Vice President. He served as a member of the Board of Supervisors from Ball Township and also held various other offices in the township. In politics he has always been a Republican, and though never an office seeker, has done his duty when called upon for public service. He became a member of the Masonic Order in 1865, at Auburn, Ill.; became a charter member of Chatham Lodge, and now belongs to Lodge No. 4, Springfield. He also belongs to Stephenson Post No. 30 G. A. R., and to Abraham Lincoln Regiment of Union Veterans. For most of his life he has belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and he and his wife have been active in church and Sunday School work. He has always tried to do all he could to help in the uplifting of his fellow-men, and by the example of a noble life has given help and inspiration to many. He has won the confidence and esteem of all who have been associated with him, and now, retired from active life, surrounded by comforts and friends is enjoying a well-earned rest.

FLETCHER, Francis D., M. D., a prominent physician located in the village of Auburn, Ill., is well known in that vicinity, where his entire life has been spent, with the exception of a few years spent at college. He belongs to a family that has been well known in Sangamon County since 1830, when his great-grandfather, John Fletcher, settled on a farm in Ball Township. Dr. Fletcher is a son of Benjamin F. and Mary (Drennan) Fletcher, natives of Ball Township. The family history is given further in the sketch of B. F. Fletcher, appearing in a previous section of this work.

Dr. Fletcher is a native of Ball Township, born March 7, 1879, and was reared on his father's farm, attending the district school until he was sixteen years of age, when he entered Lincoln University, taking a three-year course in literature. In 1898 he entered Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, where he spent one year, in 1899, he entered Rush Medical College at Chicago, graduating with the class of 1902, and in the fall of that year engaged in practice at Chatham. He was well fitted for his work and soon built up a gratifying practice. He was already known to most of his patients and had their confidence and respect. He has a well-equipped office and has won a good standing in the community.

October 24, 1904, Dr. Fletcher married Leona A. Nuckolls, born in Auburn, Ill., daughter of J. T. and Martha Nuckolls. Mr. Nuckolls is a member of a pioneer family in Sangamon County and formerly carried on farming, but is now a retired and honored citizen of Auburn. Dr Fletcher is a member of Masonic Lodge No 523, of Chatham, also of the M. W. A., and his wife is a member of the O. E. S. He casts his ballot with the Republican party and takes a commendable interest in public affairs.

FLETCHER, Preston B., one of the oldest native-born residents of Sangamon County, Ill., now retired from active life, has been a business man of keen judgment and energy. He was born March 4, 1834, a son of Job and Frances (Brown) Fletcher, the former a native of the Shenandoah Valley, Va. The parents were married in Kentucky, to which State the father was taken at the age of six years, and they lived on a farm there until 1830, then moved to Ball Township, Sangamon County, and located on the farm where Job Fletcher died in 1883, his wife having died in the same house in 1877. Job was a son of John Fletcher, a native of Virginia, who settled in Sangamon County in 1830 and died there the same year. The father of Frances Brown was also a native of Virginia, and died in Macoupin County, Ill., in October, 1834, at the age of seventy-five years, his widow passing away eight years later at the age of eighty-six. Job Fletcher, the father of Preston B., was one of the historic characters of Sangamon, having served in five sessions of the General Assembly—two in the House and three in the Senate, in the latter being one of the celebrated "Long Nine" with Abraham Lincoln in 1837, which secured the removal of the State Capital from Vandalia to Springfield.

Preston B. Fletcher received his education in the public schools of Ball Township, lived at home until he was twenty-one years old, and worked hard on his father's farm. He then moved to land on which the town of Divernon

now stands, living there from 1855 until 1868, and in the latter year moved to Bates County, Mo., where he was engaged for twenty years in farming and dealing in stock. In September, 1888, he returned to Divernon Township, and in 1892 moved to Montgomery County, where he carried on farming until 1908, then again returned to Divernon Township and lives with his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Elswick. She owns 120 acres of land in Section 16, Divernon Township.

Mr. Fletcher was married (first) in Sangamon County, in 1855, to Sarah Wright, a native of the county, born in 1831 and died in Kansas City, Mo., in 1888. Seven children were born of this union: Job, Benjamin, Lyda, Stuart and Albert, deceased; Lizzie, born in Sangamon County, October 23, 1856, was married, September 7, 1877, to John R. Elswick, of Iowa, who died May 19, 1897; Lloyd F., born in Bates County, Mo., July 22, 1870, married Pearl Elger, in Kansas, and they now live in Kansas City, Mo. John R. and Lizzie (Fletcher) Elswick had children as follows: Clifford, born August 15, 1878, in Bates County, Mo., lives on the farm with his mother, married, in April, 1902, Minta Commons, of Iowa, and they have one child, Vernon E., born in Sangamon County, November 13, 1908; Lulu, born March 3, 1880, in Bates County, married Edgar Whitmarsh of Wiscoinsin, and they now live in the State of Washington, and have one child, Mildred, born in Washington, in 1907; Nellie, born January 20, 1883, in Barry County, Mo., married Louis Plamondon, a native of Washington, in August, 1902, and they had one child, deceased.

Mr. Fletcher was married (second) March 16, 1892, to Comfort Lyman (*nee* Mitchell), whose father was a miller in Springfield, having come to Sangamon County in 1844, but eventually returned to Ohio, where he died. Mrs. Fletcher died in Montgomery County, October 20, 1908, having borne no children. Mr. Fletcher has two great-grandchildren.

There are but three persons living in the community who were residing in Sangamon County at the time Mr. Fletcher was born. He attended the first State Fair in 1853 and the next year took a prize for the best yoke of oxen exhibited. He took premiums for hogs in other years, and had four that averaged 840 pounds in weight at the Fair at Jacksonville in 1859. He also had hogs that took premiums at the Fair held in St. Louis in 1861. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and, in political views, has been a Republican since the organization of that party. His first presidential vote was cast for Fillmore and later he voted for Abraham Lincoln. The Fletcher family have always been prominent in forwarding every movement calculated to be of benefit to the community and one respected wherever its members have resided.

FLETCHER, Ruffin D., superintendent of the plant of the Chicago, Wilmington & Vermilion Coal Company at Thayer, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and is highly esteemed in his community. He was born near Clarksville, Tenn., December 2, 1840, son of John H. and Alice (Bennyworth) Fletcher, the former of Scotch descent and the latter a native of Lincolnshire, England. The Fletcher family emigrated to America and settled in what was known as Scotch Neck, N. C., and the grandfather of Ruffin D. Fletcher married a Miss Winnifred Hunter, afterwards bringing his family to Montgomery County, Tenn., locating on the farm which was the home of his son John H. and the birthplace of the subject of this sketch. In the spring of 1851, the Fletcher family left Tennessee and came to Illinois, locating at Fayette, Greene County, where John Fletcher purchased a farm, which he sold in 1855, and moved to Macoupin County, where his death occurred in 1878. His widow survived him many years, dying in 1906, at the age of eighty-four years. Both were buried in what is called Charity Churchyard, six miles west of Carlinville. Mr. Fletcher was born in 1802, and his wife was a daughter of Joseph Bennyworth, born near Boston, Lincolnshire, England, who emigrated to the United States about 1831. They located at Philadelphia, spent about one year at that city, then moved west to Chesterfield, Ill. While on the road from Alton to Chesterfield, Mrs. Bennyworth was taken with cholera and died, and her remains are buried at Chesterfield. Mr. Bennyworth and the rest of the family located on a farm near Chesterfield but he survived only a short time after the death of his wife, and after his death, his daughter Alice was left in charge of the family as their housekeeper, there being two of her brothers at home and one in Philadelphia.

Nine children were born to John H. Fletcher and wife, of whom eight reached maturity and one, Johnnie, died at the age of four years. The oldest child was Ruffin D., and the others were: Reuben Ross, born in Tennessee, served in Company F, One Hundred Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and fell in the Battle of Parker's Cross Roads, Tenn., December 31, 1862, was buried on the battle field, in 1866, removed to the National Cemetery at Corinth, Miss., his grave being No. 2043, and on Decoration Day in 1908 his brother Ruffin decorated his grave; Narcissa married Jesse Graham and both are deceased, having had three children.—Lula, Reuben and Fanny; Sarah W., married Jesse Rhoades, who served for many years as County Clerk of Jasper County, Mo., and lived at Carthage, dying in office, had twelve children, four of whom now survive, and his widow still resides at Carthage; Choron is married the second time, has twelve children, and resides on a farm in Mason County, Ill.; Alice, wife of John Corder, a farmer near Nilwood, Ill., and they have seven children; Mary, widow of George R. Moore, her husband having died in January, 1910, and she now resides on the old home near Centralia, having had six children; Johnnie B.,

above named; Martha, born in 1863, married Samuel McPherson, a farmer near Wichita, Kan. The father and mother of these children were both of the Baptist faith and active workers in the cause. In early life, he was a Whig and later became a Democrat, and while strong in his beliefs, yet accorded others the right to their own opinions and was liberal in his benefactions, never turning from his door an applicant for help, being most kind and sympathetic by nature. He united with the Baptist church at the age of twelve years and always held his relations with that denomination, being loved and honored for his upright life. He served as Justice of the Peace and his decisions were always just and fair, for he believed the laws were founded on justice to all.

Ruffin D. Fletcher was reared in his native place to the age of twelve years, and there began his education. His father was his first teacher and school was held in a log cabin. The boy was often chastised by the father for his pranks in school, being active and mischievous, but his mind was as active as his body and he always kept a good standing in his class. In 1852, he accompanied his parents and their other children to Fayette, Ill., three years later went with them to Nilwood, and after spending a few years on his father's farm there, became clerk in a store, which position he held until 1862, enlisting July 15th of that year in Company F, One Hundred Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years, the company being organized at Camp Palmer, Carlinville. In September of that year, the regiment was sent to Trenton, Tenn., and in December, they participated in the battle at Parker's Cross Roads, where Mr. Fletcher's brother was killed. July 14, 1864, they participated in the Battle of Tupelo, Miss. He served as clerk to Post Quartermaster of the Freedman's Bureau, at Cairo, Ill. Mr. Fletcher was mustered out at Mobile and was honorably discharged at Camp Butler, Ill., July 15, 1865, having spent three years in faithful service. While he was a native of Tennessee his complete sympathy was with the Union cause.

At the close of the war, Mr. Fletcher began working for the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company as brakeman, studied telegraphy and continued in the employ of the road at Mason City and Streator, as operator and ticket agent. June 15, 1873, he entered the employ of the company with which he is now connected, at their Streator plant, as shipping clerk and telegraph operator. In March, 1890, he became General Manager of the River Bank Coal Company, at Streator, resigning three months later to accept the position of Superintendent of the Chicago, Wilmington & Vermilion Coal Company, at Streator. In 1900, the latter company bought mining lands in the southern part of Sangamon County and Mr. Fletcher was sent to what is now Thayer and opened up mines at that place. He platted the town, got the mines into running order, built eighty-six houses and a twenty-six room hotel. He also erected a large store building and a handsome residence for himself, locating permanently in the town July 17, 1900. He has been one of the most successful superintendent of central Illinois and is the second oldest employe of the company, the oldest being A. L. Sweet, its President, who has been with it since its organization, about 1867. Mr. Fletcher and his secretary, R. H. Hayes, were the original settlers of the village of Thayer, and Mr. Fletcher has made it possible for the miners to own the homes they occupy, only two residents of the town being renters.

Mr. Fletcher was married January 12, 1872, to Miss Rachel S. Proctor, born July 5, 1855, on a farm near New Berlin but in Morgan County, Ill., a daughter of Richard and Rachel (Harris) Proctor, natives also of Eastern Tennessee. The Proctors moved to Tennessee from South Carolina and they also were loyal to their country's flag at the time of the Civil War. Mr. Proctor came to Illinois in 1846. He was a stanch member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and strong in his convictions. No resident of Morgan County was more highly honored for his many good qualities. He had a limited education but became well-to-do, having great business ability. He died at the age of eighty-eight years, his mother having lived to the age of one hundred and four years. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher became parents of two children, Edna M., at home, a clerk in her father's office, was born May 4, 1873, was graduated from Streator High School with a standing of 100 per cent in mathematics and has a business education, and Ralph P., born January 12, 1877, died April 11, 1889.

Mr. Fletcher has for many years been a member of the Masonic Order, which he joined in July, 1867, and he now belongs to Virden Lodge No. 161, A. F. and A. M., to Auburn Chapter No. 92, R. A. M., and to Elwood Commandry No. 6 of Springfield. His wife is a useful member of the Presbyterian Church. He is one of the successful self-made men of central Illinois, and at the age of seventy years, is in splendid health, being of a long-lived race through both his mother and father. He is pleasant and cheerful of manner and readily makes and retains friends. About 450 men are in his employ, and the mines have a capacity of 2400 tons of coal each day.

In 1892, Mr. Fletcher made a visit to his birthplace and engaged an artist to take pictures of the scenes of his boyhood. Though the old home was in the possession of strangers, he visited at the home of an uncle, Drew S. Fletcher, and also with a cousin, Philander Conger. He drank from the old spring, he had left in 1852, and saw the cabin in which he was born, built about 1800. He has made several other trips to this and other places, and greatly enjoys this form of recreation. In politics he is a Republican.

FLEURY, Frank, M. D. (deceased), who had been identified with various business enterprises in Springfield, Ill., and had held various offices of public honor and trust in the city, located there June 3, 1865, and established himself in a drug business, which he conducted some years. He served as City Clerk from 1868 to 1872 and served two years as Alderman of the Fifth Ward. Dr. Fleury was born in Meadville, Pa., September 28, 1841, son of Jacob and Margaret (Hamilton) Fleury, also natives of Pennsylvania. At the age of twelve years Frank Fleury left Meadville and entered a drug store in Erie, Pa. In 1859 he came to Alton, Ill., later moved to Bloomington, and conducted a drug store there from 1862 to 1865. He received his medical training and practiced medicine in Springfield, Ill. He served from 1890 until 1899 as Secretary of the State Board of Pharmacy, and during 1880-81 was Secretary of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association.

In 1881 Dr. Fleury began the manufacture of the "Wa-Hoo Tonic," and won a wide reputation for this medicine, which met with a large sale. It was handled for him by jobbers and he reaped good results in the way of profits. He was engaged in the active practice of his profession until shortly before his death. He was well known in business and professional circles and had been successful in various lines of business. He had received thirty-two degrees in the Masonic Order, being affiliated with the Chapter, Council and Shrine, and was also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Dr. Fleury was married, June 25, 1863, to Miss Annie M. Herndon, of Springfield, and they became parents of one daughter, A. May, now Mrs. McPherson, wife of Augustus W. McPherson, of Springfield. The family attend the Episcopal Church. Dr. Fleury died August 28, 1910, and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield.

FLOYD, Isaac (deceased), an industrious farmer and well-known citizen of Pawnee Township, Sangamon County, Ill., located on the farm now occupied by his widow, about 1874, and there spent the remainder of his life. In his passing away his loss was keenly felt in many circles, as he was a man of high principle and good habits, a true Christian, and always ready to befriend those in need or distress. He was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, and always faithful to its teachings, bringing his religion into his daily life. Mr. Floyd was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, May 5, 1838, a son of Michael and Eliza (Odell) Floyd, both natives of Ireland, the former born in County Tipperary in 1801, and the latter in the city of Limerick in 1803. The father held the office of County Surveyor in his native country. In 1835 he brought his family to America and for thirteen years lived in New York City, then moving to Concord, Morgan County, Ill.

The education of Isaac Floyd was received principally in Landsdown College, New York, and after leaving school he worked on a farm. He was of a quiet disposition and devoted to his home and family, never affiliated with any fraternal organizations, but much interested in church work. He was a Democrat in political principle, but in local affairs voted for the man rather than the party, being active in the cause of progress and education in his community. He served some time as School Director of his district. He was an energetic and successful farmer and became owner of an excellent farm in Section 20, Pawnee Township.

The marriage of Mr. Floyd occurred at Jacksonville, Ill., in 1868, when he was united with Sarah Kerr, born January 18, 1852, a daughter of John and Marian (Stuart) Kerr, the former born in County Down, Ireland, and the latter, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and related to the famous Queen Mary Stuart. Mr. Floyd and his wife had six children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Lillian B., born in Morgan County, September 22, 1872, became a successful school teacher, and was married, April 5, 1892, to Otis D. Shaw; Eugene, born August 6, 1876, is a farmer living near Harvel, Montgomery County, married Minnie Leonard March 6, 1905, and they have two children—Aileen and Glenn; Gilbert Alexander, born September 30, 1880, in Sangamon County, married Agnes Gallon and is a farmer by occupation; Charles E., born in Sangamon County, February 10, 1882, for many years held a good position with a wholesale house, married Jennie Howard, November 25, 1906, in Christian County, and they had one child, Wanita Jaunita —his wife having died he returned to farming; Pearl Aileen, born in Sangamon County, August 12, 1886, was for two years a pupil in Ursuline Convent in Springfield, and March 2, 1910, married Benjamin H. Wagehoft, and they now reside in Montgomery County. Mrs. Floyd has lived in her present home for thirty-five years and is now the owner of the home farm. She has been a devoted wife and mother and is regarded with great respect and love by all her children. Mr. Floyd died May 9, 1909, and rests in Divernon Cemetery.

FOLEY, Enoch, an enterprising business man of Illiopolis, Ill., conducts a grist mill at that village and has a comfortable home and a farm there. He is a native of Bath County, Ky., born April 30, 1838, son of John and Hulda Foley, both natives of Virginia. The father was a farmer and moved to Kentucky at an early day, settling in Bath County, where he carried on farming until his death, at the age of eighty-four years, his wife having died some time previous. There were three children in the family, all deceased except Enoch, who was the youngest.

The boyhood of Enoch Foley was spent on a farm and he was educated in his native county. Upon reaching manhood he began farming on his own account, secured land and raised wheat and tobacco. In 1866 he moved to Rockville,

Ind., and worked in a woolen mill and carried on farming in that locality. He remained there five years, then moved to Harrison County, Ky., where for sixteen years he carried on farming, and at the end of that period settled on a farm in Coles County, Ill., where he lived ten years. From there he moved to Lewis County, Mo., and operated a farm for five years. In 1900 he came to Illiopolis, and for some time conducted a dairy, but now devotes most of his attention to his mill. He is energetic and prosperous, and has the respect and confidence of the community.

Mr. Foley enlisted in 1862, from Mt. Sterling, Ky., in Company B, Fourteenth Kentucky Cavalry, and served twelve months, then worked a year for the Government, after which he reenlisted in Company C, Fifty-third Mounted Infantry, being Commissary Sergeant. He served creditably and was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., September 15, 1865, having taken part in many battles and minor skirmishes. He is a member of Morgan Post No. 208, G. A. R., of Illiopolis.

Mr. Foley was married in Kentucky, November 5, 1857, to Eliza Ingram, born in Kentucky, of which State her parents were also natives. Mr. Ingram was killed in the Civil War and his widow died in Kentucky. Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Foley, of whom the following survive: Thomas; James, living in Sullivan, Ill.; Philip, of St. Louis; William is in business in the Philippine Islands; John, of Kewanee, Ill.; Joseph, of Lewiston, Mo.; Mary, wife of Frank Digbee, of Oakland, Ill.; Harriet, wife of Chink Martin, lives near Redman, Ill.; Josephine, wife of Frank Jacobs, of Kewanee; Maude, wife of Charles Huff, living at Taylorville, Ill. Mr. Foley has thirty grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and has always been a Republican in political views. He belongs to the Christian Church. He has a good trade and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his community.

FOLEY, John, who has for nearly thirty years lived in his present comfortable home on West Elliott Avenue, Springfield, is now living retired from business life. He is a representative of the best type of Irish-American citizen and has the respect of those who know him. He was born in County Waterford, Ireland, in 1844, and lived in his native country until he finished his education. He is a son of William and Margaret (McGrath) Foley, also natives of Ireland, who spent their entire lives there, and was one of six children, four sons and two daughters. Besides John there are two other sons now living, Thomas, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Jerry, still in Ireland.

At the age of sixteen years John Foley emigrated to the United States. He landed in New York and spent seventeen years at Yonkers, that State. He then came to Sangamon County, located in Springfield in 1876, and for some six years was employed in Lamb's foundry. He spent several years in farming, but for some time past has been retired. He belongs to St. Joseph's Parish Roman Catholic Church and is active in its cause. In politics he is a Democrat.

August 9, 1865, Mr. Foley was married, in the State of New York, to Mary Powers, also a native of County Waterford, born May 1, 1846, of Irish parentage. Her father was a blacksmith and spent his entire life in Ireland, and he and his wife had three sons and three daughters, all still surviving: Maurice and John live in Ireland; Edward Powers, of East St. Louis, Ill.; Mrs. Grace McGraw, of New York; Mrs. Margaret Rinar, of Ireland; Mrs. Foley. To Mr. Foley and wife five daughters and two sons were born, all living: William; Mary, of Los Angeles, Cal.; John, living in the West; Catherine, wife of John Barr, of Springfield; Margaret, wife of Abe Adams, of Oakland, Cal.; Alice, wife of William Fisher, also of Oakland; and Grace, of Oakland. There are three grandchildren in the family.

FORD, Edward.—The English contingent in Springfield, while not so large as in some other cities, has produced some of the best business men of Sangamon County. A notable example of this class is Edward Ford, a native of America, but born of an English father. Mr. Ford was born in Ducktown, Tenn., February 23, 1864, a son of Thomas and Catherine Ford, natives of Cornwall, England, and Ireland, respectively. The father was a worker in coal, lead and silver mines in his native land, but believing that better opportunities were afforded in this country, came to America, and for twenty years prospected in California and Colorado. Finally, in 1869, he came to Springfield, where he still carried on his mining operations and conducted a boarding house. He was one of the most solid and reliable men in his line of business, and when he died, in 1898, the community mourned his loss. His wife passed away two years before him. Thomas Ford was a member of the A. O. U. W. While a Democrat in political belief, he never aspired to office, and was a man of a retiring disposition. Liberal in religious views, he gave to others the freedom of thought and action he asked for himself. Six children were born to him and his wife, four sons and two daughters, but one of the sons is now deceased.

Edward Ford attended the Converse School in Springfield until he was sixteen years old, when he left to work in a coal mine. He also farmed and did teaming, until he was able, in 1886, to start into business for himself. Since then he has been engaged in the same line and has been very successful in what he has undertaken. For four years prior to his death Thomas Ford was a partner with his son in the present enterprise.

On April 28, 1886, Mr. Ford was married, in Springfield, to Ellen Brennan, born in County

Mayo, Ireland, daughter of Patrick Brennan, who is deceased, but whose widow survives him and resides in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Ford have had nine children, seven of whom survive: May, wife of William Grehn, of Springfield, one child, Eddie; Annie, Nettie and Edward H., at home; Thomas, with the Illinois Watch Co.; Harry and George, at home. Mr. Ford is a Republican with regard to national matters, but locally is an Independent. Like his father, he has never desired office. Fraternally he is a member of the American Order of Eagles and the Original Order of Owls. He is liberal in his religious views, and is connected with no religious denomination. He is an excellent business man, whose honesty and integrity have won the confidence of his associates.

FORQUER, George. (Vol. I, p. 169.)

FORSTER, Thomas.—It is a noteworthy fact that the peoples of the Old World give to their children and young people a more thorough training than ours receive here. A trade or profession is selected for the child, and he is carefully taught every detail of it, rising from one position to another as his progress warrants. For this reason, those thus taught are eagerly welcomed in this country and some of the most responsible positions are held by just such men. One of the best representatives of the good, solid English training is Thomas Forster, foreman of the Leland Hotel farm, who had this property in charge for seventeen years. He was born in Cheshire, England, November 13, 1858, a son of William and Elizabeth Forster, natives of England, as were their parents. The father was a farmer and brought up his son Thomas in the same line of work. At the same time the lad was attending the National school of England and becoming well versed in the rudiments of an education.

Thomas Forster studied dairy farming, working on a dairy farm until he came to America in March, 1883, finding immediate employment, with Enoch Snider, a farmer east of Springfield. For three years more, he was in the employ of C. C. Brown, who owned the farm on which the White City now stands, and later worked for Stericker Brothers. In October, 1893, he entered the employ of the Leland Hotel farm as foreman, and conducted the property in an eminently satisfactory manner.

On May 12, 1880, Mr. Forster married Emma Parry, a native of England, daughter of James and Elizabeth Parry, farmers of England and both now deceased. Mrs. Forster passed away in January, 1898, and is buried in beautiful Oakridge Cemetery. She and her husband had the following children: William is farming at St. Charles, Ill.; Elizabeth married George Young, a farmer of Fancy Creek Township; Emma is the housekeeper for the family; Jane acts as her father's bookkeeper, and Fred, who is at home. The Forsters are all Episcopalians, and have been confirmed. Mr. Forster is a self-made man, who has worked hard and faithfully, and deserves his success. The fact that he has held this present responsible position for seventeen years, is the best proof of his ability and conscientiousness that could be offered.

FORTH, Charles J.—The building trades prosper in Springfield, for the city offers excellent opportunities for building operations. The men connected with these trades have all they can do to keep with the demands made on their time and skill, and one who has attained prominence as a carpenter and builder is Charles J. Forth. He was born in Kentucky, September 6, 1859, a son of Ewing Dixon and Mahala (Wade) Forth, both natives of Kentucky. The father was a farmer, who moved from Kentucky to Illinois in 1866, locating at Chesterfield. He then returned to Kentucky, but returned in 1876. The Forth family was established in Kentucky in early days, when isolated log forts along the rivers represented its civilization.

Charles J. Forth was educated in both Kentucky and Illinois and grew up on a farm, working for his father. Like other country boys, he enjoyed out-door sports. After leaving school he learned the carpenter trade, and that has since been his calling. He has built and assisted in building many of the beautiful residences and substantial business and public buildings of Springfield, and is noted for his skill and careful attention to detail.

Mr. Forth was married at Palmyra, Ill., in 1881, to Ida Hunt, born in Palmyra, November 9, 1865. She died and Mr. Forth married (second) Emma Battershell, born in Pike County, Ill., November 26, 1858, whose father was a farmer all his life. Mr. Forth had four children by his first marriage: Maud, born in 1882, in Chesterfield; Ethel, born in 1885; Clyde, born in 1892, and George, born in 1894. The last three yere born in Palmyra. Mr. Forth has held local offices, being elected on the Democratic ticket, but is now a Republican from principle. He belongs to the Christian Church and is earnest in support of its good work. Faithful in everything, Mr. Ford has made and retained friends, and is rightly regarded as a substantial, reliable man, who can be trusted upon any occasion.

FORTHMAN, William H., chief engineer in the employ of the Reisch Brewing Company, of Springfield, was born in Waynesboro, Franklin County, Pa., December 5, 1866, son of John and Amanda (Crouse) Forthman, and grandson of George and Susan (Peters) Forthman. The grandfather was a brewer in early life, and later became a farmer in Indiana, living in Spencer County, that State, at the time of his death. John Forthman and his wife were both born in Franklin County, Pa., and he learned the trade of brewer with his father. At the time of the Civil War, he was running a small brewery in Waynesboro, and after he withdrew from the business his place was taken by a Mr. Little.

For the past thirty-eight years, he has been employed in the machine department of the Geiser Manufacturing Company, at Waynesboro, and in that time, has lost but thirty-eight days from his work. He and his wife had children as follows: William H., Frederick, and Lucy, wife of Frank Blessing.

William H. Forthman received his education in the Waynesboro public schools, and after he was thirteen years old, he was employed during vacations for five years in the boiler department of the Frick Company's plant in Waynesboro. Until coming West in 1904, he filled various positions in the boiler department of this same company, as salesman on the road and installing ice and refrigerator machinery, etc. He is a conscientious and faithful worker and has been able to secure a good position by reason of his ability and industry. He owns his pretty home at 212 West Miller Street. He is a member of the Eagles and the J. O. U. A. M., and in politics, is a stanch Democrat. He is social and kindly in disposition, and is popular with his friends. Mr. Forthman was married in Fayetteville, Franklin County, Pa., September 2, 1886, to Miss Daisy Honey, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Ritten) Honey and they became parents of two children: Earl H. and John V.

FORTMAN, John.—Many retired business men of Springfield formerly gained their living from the soil, and are now enjoying the fruits of their labor there. One deserving of special mention, owing to his industry and thrifty habits, is John Fortman, who was born in Germany, September 20, 1833, a son of Henry Fortman, also a native of Germany, who was a carpenter by trade.

Mr. Fortman was educated in his native land and there learned the carpenter trade, at which he worked and on a farm. Believing that in the United States he would find better opportunities, he left his native land, and landed at New Orleans in 1858. After a two-years' residence there he came to St. Louis, and a year later to Springfield, arriving there in 1861. He then bought a tract of six acres adjoining Springfield, and on it raised vegetables, which he hauled to the city, selling them to dealers. This business increased until he was able to accumulate a competency, upon which he retired about 1902. The frugality and industry which are so characteristic of the German, were present with Mr. Fortman, who, although now retired, occupies himself with work about his pleasant home.

Mr. Fortman was married in Springfield, March 17, 1874, to Minnie Shoultz, born in Mecklenburg, Germany, January 1, 1833. Her parents lived and died in Germany. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fortman of whom two survive: Fred, of Christian County; Minnie Price, whose husband is a brass molder for the Wabash Railroad. The family belong to Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Fortman is a Republican but has never came before the people as a candidate for political office. He is sober and reliable, and is well known in the community in which he has made his home for so many years.

FOSSETT, Jonathan E. (deceased), for many years a resident of Illiopolis, Ill., was a veteran of the Civil War and highly respected as a man of integrity and reliability. He was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, May 3, 1843, son of John and Catherine (Erwin) Fossett, both natives of that State. The father carried on farming in Ohio many years and later came to Sangamon County, where he carried on the same occupation some years, then removed to Missouri, where he lived on a farm and was killed by a falling tree. The grandfather had been killed by being thrown from a horse. Four daughters and two sons were born to John and Catherine Fossett, namely: Jesse and Mrs. Margaret Moorehead, of Lincoln; Mrs. Hattie Riley, of Kansas; Mrs. Hannah Stevenson, of Taylorville; Jonathan and Jesse.

As a boy Jonathan E. Fossett worked on his father's farm and after the beginning of the Civil War enlisted from McLean County, Ill., in Company A Fifth United States Cavalry, serving three years and participating in many battles. He was mustered out at Springfield at the close of the war, having proved himself a valiant and able soldier. He then engaged in farming in McLean County and later moved to Kenney, Ill., where he bought and sold stock and conducted a butcher shop three years, then spent six months at Buffalo, whence he moved to Illiopolis and established himself in the meat market business and conducted same until his death. He also served as policeman at Kenney and Illiopolis. He was an enterprising and successful business man and enjoyed the confidence of his community. He and his wife became devout members of the Methodist Church and he belonged to Morgan Post G. A. R.

Mr. Fossett was married in Lincoln, Ill., January 20, 1866, to Miss Mary A. Ellis, a native of Kentucky, born June 8, 1844, daughter of William K. Ellis and wife, of that State. The father was formerly a slave holder, but left his old home and traveled with an ox-team to Illinois in 1852, purchasing a farm in Logan County, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were parents of four daughters and one son, of whom those surviving are: Mrs. Fossett; Mrs. Maggie Mason, of Lincoln, and Mrs. Amanda Bartlett, of Nebraska. Nine children were born to Mr. Fossett and wife, eight sons and one daughter, of whom five survive: William T., United States Deputy Game Warden, living in Illiopolis; J. Edward, of Springfield; Elmer, meat inspector at the State Hospital for the Insane, at Jacksonville; John V., of Illiopolis, a stock-buyer by occupation; Maude, wife of Charles A. Higgins, of Illiopolis, who is an insurance broker. Mrs. Fossett owns a very pleasant home at Illiopolis

and other property in the vicinity. She is an earnest worker for the church and has many warm personal friends. Mr. Fossett's death occurred in February, 1905, and he has been sadly missed in many circles.

FOSTER, George W., who has resided for the last ten years at 146 North State Street, Springfield, Ill., as a retired farmer, was born in Woodford County, Ky., December 28, 1834, son of William O. and Nancy (Beavis) Foster. The father, who was a farmer, was born in Virginia, in 1800, and died in Kentucky in 1840. The mother, who was born in Kentucky in 1796, spent her entire life there and died in April, 1869. The grandmother of Mr. Foster Juliann (Kraft) Beavis was very wealthy for those times and owned stock in several ship companies. When the assessor called at her house she carried out her gold to him in her apron. William O. Foster and his wife had four children, of whom two died in infancy and two grew to maturity.

George W. Foster received his education in the public schools of his native State, attending school in a log building. After leaving school he worked on a farm for his parents, until taking up farming on his own account. He remained in Kentucky until 1876, then moved to Illinois and there spent one year, after which he returned to his former home. In 1880 he moved to Salisbury, Sangamon County, Ill., where he lived eight years, then locating at his present home in Springfield. He owns the house he occupies and formerly owned sixty acres of land in Kentucky, which he sold and then bought property in Springfield. He is a member of the Christian Church and in politics is a Democrat. Mr. Foster has won many friends in Springfield and is respected by all who have had dealings with him. He is interested in public affairs in the community, although taking no active part in them himself.

The marriage of Mr. Foster occurred in Woodford County, Ky., April 7, 1867, when he was united with Melvina Gaines, who was born January 12, 1849, a daughter of Robinson and Frances Jane (Ellis) Gaines. Mr. Gaines was born in Virginia and his wife in Kentucky, and neither lived to middle age. The grandfather of Mrs. Foster, John Robinson Gaines, was wealthy, owning land and plantations in Woodford and Franklin Counties, Kentucky. He died in 1833 and his wife in 1840. Six children were born to Mr. Foster and wife: William B., born March 6, 1869, now a farmer; Anna L., wife of R. E. Parkes, of Pawnee, Ill.; Minnie, married Edward Lacy, a farmer living near Salisbury, Ill.; Oliver J., living at home, has been employed for the past seven years at Fogarty's shoe-store in Springfield; Hattie and Thomas, died in infancy. Four children were born to Edward Lacy and his wife, namely: Gale, Linn E., Keith F. and Lloyd M., all living with their parents.

FOSTER, Hubbard C., member of a family that has been prominent in Sangamon County, Ill., for more than seventy years, is known as a public-spirited and useful citizen and has filled many local offices with credit and satisfaction. Mr. Foster, born about one mile from the village of Loami, Sangamon County, March 29, 1855, is a son of James L. and Martha (Jacobs) Foster, the former born in Boone County, Ky., January 8, 1822. James L. was a son of Samuel Foster, also a native of Boone County. Samuel Foster married Miss Susan Cutter, a native of Massachusetts and a Mayflower descendant. They were married in Cincinnati, Ohio, and after their marriage moved to Petersburg, Ky. A street in Cincinnati is named for the Cutter family, and a brother of Mrs. Foster, Seth R. Cutter, came to what is now Loami Township, Sangamon County, in 1828, settling on Section 4, the land where he located now being the property of H. C. and Gottlieb Meyer. Samuel Foster died in Petersburg, Ky., at a venerable age, while his wife survived him, passing away in her one hundredth year. Her grandson, Hubbard C. Foster, visited her in Kentucky in 1878, and she died in the fall while he was there. She and her husband had a large family, of whom one survives, Seth Cutter Foster, of Cincinnati.

James L. Foster came to Illinois in the early 'forties, his brother Franklin having come to Sangamon County some years prior and purchased land in Loami Township. Here they kept house together several years, on eighty acres of land in Section 9 of that township. James L. Foster purchased eighty acres and put up a log cabin, added to his possessions from time to time as he was able, though his brother Franklin was content with his first eighty acres. The land purchased by James L. Foster was raw prairie and he began improving it, developing a fine farm. He finally owned 220 acres of good prairie land in Loami Township. His brother never married but made his home with James and his family. The former died in July, 1869, having deeded his real estate to his brother's wife, as a remembrance to her for her kindness to him in his last illness.

James L. Foster married Miss Martha Jacobs July 16, 1850. She was a native of Loami Township, born April 2, 1827, a daughter of Daniel Jacobs, who was born in Winchester, Ky., May 27, 1795, and his wife, Charlotte (Webb) Jacobs, also a native of Clark County, Ky. The parents were married January 30, 1819, and came to Illinois in 1825, bringing their household goods in a wagon, while Mrs. Jacobs rode on horseback carrying one of their children in her arms. Mr. Jacobs entered land in Section 25, Loami Township, now owned by his son, James A. Jacobs, who was born on that farm in 1829. The former developed a fine farm and erected a handsome residence with comfortable outbuildings, at the time of his death, October 5, 1853, being the owner of several hundred acres. His wife died at the age

of eighty-four years. Eleven children were born to Mr. Jacobs and wife, of whom but two survive: James A., on the old home farm, and a daughter, Annis, wife of James E. Dodds, a farmer of Talkington Township, Sangamon County. The entire family of children, nine daughters and two sons, reached maturity.

Eight children were born to James L. Foster and his wife: Ella, married James L. Rigg, and moved to Colchester, Ill., where her death occurred, in 1895; George W., makes his home with his brother, Hubbard C.; James A., retired, living at Loami, married Miss Dora M. Morris in 1891, and they have one son, Ralph, a graduate of the Springfield High School in the class of 1911; Hubbard C.; Susan, was wife of Lewis Crabtree and died December 30, 1900; Charles B., a resident of Caloosa, Lee County, Fla., married Era Blount, in 1906; Lizzie and Martha, died in infancy. James L. Foster was reared in the Baptist faith, but after locating in Illinois united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He and his four sons joined the A. F. & A. M., being affiliated with Lodge No. 450, of Loami. He was first a Whig and later a Republican in politics, though a man of quiet, domestic tastes, and never an aspirant for public office.

The boyhood days of Hubbard C. Foster were spent on the farm, where he attended Maple Grove District School, and where he remained until forty years of age. Mr. Foster was married, in the St. Nicholas Hotel, Springfield, April 12, 1892, to Miss Lethe Evans, and they began housekeeping on the farm where he was born. They remained two years there and on that place their son, Benjamin Harrison, was born, August 4, 1895. He graduated from the grammar school in 1908 and was second in the class of 1910 in the Loami High School, which has a two year course.

In 1895 Mr. Foster erected a very comfortable and convenient residence on South Main Street, Loami, and they began occupying this home October 4, 1895. They are surrounded by every comfort and have one of the best houses in the village. Mr. Foster has always been active in the interests of the Republican party since attaining his majority. He filled the office of Town Clerk one year, has for eight years been Justice of the Peace of Loami, has served as Police Magistrate, as President of the Board of Village Trustees 1907-08, and in 1910 was appointed United States census enumerator. In January, 1909, he was appointed by Gov. Charles S. Deneen as Notary Public for four years. He is Social Secretary of Lodge No. 450 A. F. & A. M., of Loami, and belongs to Camp No. 848 M. W. A. He held the office of President of the Sulphur Springs Cemetery Association. For some twenty years he has been local correspondent of the Illinois State Journal, and for the same period has reported on the local changes and conditions of weather, to the United States Weather Bureau at Springfield. Mrs. Foster and her son are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Royal Neighbors, also of the Order of Eastern Star. She takes great interest in church and Sunday School work. Mr. Foster has the confidence of the entire community and is one of the best-known farmers of Sangamon County.

Mr. Foster and his wife are genuinely kind-hearted and generous. They adopted a child, Eva May Evans, who was born June 26, 1897, her mother having died July 7, 1897, when the child was a babe, and her father on May 2, 1899, when she was about two years old. Her parents were Samuel and Kittie (Colburn) Evans, who also had a son, Glenn, who was born March 22, 1894, and who lives with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Barbre, of Taylorville, Ill. Eva May has been given a good education, being a graduate of the common school of Loami, and has also been educated in music, for which she displays considerable talent. She is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

FOSTER, Jacob F.—There are men in Sangamon County who have spent their lives in farming, having become convinced that in that calling there was more profit for them than in any other they might adopt. They have been successful through long years of persistent effort, and can point with pride to their well-tilled acres to show that they have not worked in vain. One of these practical farmers is Jacob F. Foster, of Section 34, Curran Township, where he was born March 11, 1854, being a son of William and Elizabeth (Shutt) Foster, natives of Kentucky.

William Foster came to Illinois in boyhood, settling in Curran Township at a very early day. Later he bought a small piece of land, and still later bought the 100 acres his father had purchased, continuing to farm until his death, which occurred September 5, 1910, when he was eighty-seven years old. His wife had passed away in 1891, having borne him nine children, seven sons and two daughters: George is a farmer of Sangamon County; Peyton lives in Kirksville, Mo.; Sarah E., Mrs. Henry Bivin, resides in Springfield; Douglas is a farmer of Sangamon County; Leonard is also a farmer of the county; Marion is a blacksmith, of Woodside; Eva J. is the wife of Simpson Williams, and lives in Hopkins County, Ky.; Jacob F., and Charles, farmers in Sangamon County. During the Mexican War William Foster served his country, and he was a brave and good man.

Jacob F. Foster went to the district school and worked on his father's farm, as did so many of the sturdy farmer boys of Sangamon County who have since developed into prosperous men in almost every line of business or profession. After attaining his majority he began farming for himself, continuing his work with such success that he now owns 150 acres in the township which gave him birth.

The marriage of Mr. Foster occurred in

Springfield, March 14, 1893, when he was united with Mary Nelson, a native of Illinois. Her parents, who were early settlers of Macoupin County, are both deceased. Six children, four sons and two daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Foster: Frank, William, Louisa, Leola, Earl and Charles. Mr. Foster is a Democrat in political faith. Having lived all his life in Curran Township, he is deeply attached to the place and interested in everything looking towards the advancement of its best interests. He is a solid, substantial and practical farmer and a good business man, and stands well with his neighbors.

FOSTER, Samuel Lewis.—The Foster family has been prominent in Sangamon County, Ill., since the father of Samuel Lewis, Ivins Foster, came to Illinois from Kentucky, in 1829. Samuel Lewis Foster was born in Curran Township Sangamon County, June 29, 1830, and was one of the oldest native-born residents of the county. He was a son of Ivins and Margaret (McKee) Foster, both born in Harrison County, Ky., the former November 23, 1794, and the latter January 24, 1796. The McKee family is of Scotch-Irish descent and came to Kentucky from Muddy Creek, Pa. Ivins Foster was a son of Samuel and Mary Mayhall (Veatch) Foster, who moved from Muddy Creek, Pa., to Harrison County, Ky. Ivins Foster located in Curran Township, Sangamon County, in 1829, and his death occurred there near the village of Curran, January 4, 1866, and that of his wife April 19, 1880.

Eight children were born to Ivins Foster and wife, as follows: William David, died in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1843; Mary Jane, married Samuel Dunn, who died about 1900, and his widow resides with her daughter, Mrs. Ackers, at 1505 South College Street, Springfield; Joel Sanford, born in Harrison County, Ky., died December 9, 1847, in Curran Township, aged twenty-three years; Rebecca Ann, born in Kentucky, died August 15, 1837; Samuel Lewis; John Wesley, born in Curran Township, January 29, 1833, was married, in that Township, March 26, 1883, to Jerusha Dennis, and died in Sangamon County, October 4, 1898; James Thomas, born in Curran Township, March 29, 1836, died August 4, 1840; Martha Elizabeth, born March 23, 1838, died March 29, same year.

Samuel Lewis Foster was reared on a farm one mile southeast of Curran, and received his early education in the country schools. In 1849 he entered McKendree College, at Lebanon, St. Clair County, Ill., where he graduated in 1853 and afterward taught school two years, after which he engaged in farming in Curran Township. In 1860 he sold his interests in Sangamon County and moved to Elk River, Sherburne County, Minn., lived there during the Indian troubles, and in 1863 retured to Curran Township, where he again engaged in farming and sheep-raising. He found good profit in producing wool, remaining on his farm until 1882, when he located in Springfield, buying a house on the corner of Edwards and New Street, which he later sold and moved to the village of Curran. He kept a general store there four years, then moved to a farm southeast of Curran, where he was engaged in farming until 1894, when he moved to his present residence, 701 South English Avenue, Springfield, later selling his farm. For about five years he had been an invalid. He was energetic and industrious during his active career and was successful in whatever he undertook. He was a public-spirited citizen and always ready to contribute his share towards the welfare of his community.

Mr. Foster was married by Elder Crane, of Springfield, December 27, 1855, to Miss Lydia Lee, who was born in Dover, Del., February 8, 1834, and they became parents of the following children: Mary Alice, born in Curran Township, October 5, 1856, was married, July 12, 1881, to Archibald Maxwell; Charles, born in Curran Township, April 7, 1858, died September 13, same year; Louis Kossuth, born in Curran Township, July 12, 1859, was married in Springfield, in 1885, to Miss Lucy Ewell, and they now live in Denver, Col.; Robert Lee, born in Sherburne County, Minn., November 6, 1861, was married, in Menard County, Ill., May 10, 1883, to Miss Margaret Elsie Foster, and they now live in Springfield; Margaret May, born in Curran Township, July 3, 1870, was married December 25, 1888, to James P. Sims, who is Principal of the Iles School, Springfield.

Mr. Foster never cared for public office, though he had been an ardent Republican since the organization of that party. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopol Church and fraternally was affiliated with the Masonic Order, which he joined in 1851, in St. Clair County, Ill., when he became a member of Lodge No. 110. He was a member of Chatham Lodge, at Chatham, Ill. He was genial and kindly of disposition and enjoyed the society of his friends of whom he had a large number. He died in April, 1911.

FOUTCH, Hugh.—When the American Colonies separated from Great Britain and sought to establish their independence, families were divided, some members espousing the new cause, others adhering to the old order of things. Hugh Foutch, an esteemed retired farmer of New Berlin, traces his ancestry back to one of three brothers who came to Virginia at an early day. Of these Abraham Foutch enlisted with the Colonial Army and, in spite of the pleadings of his brothers, fought for seven years in defense of his adopted country. They remained faithful to King George, whom they regarded as their rightful ruler. At the close of the war, feeling unhappy in his old home, Abraham adventurously set forth for the raw land in the vicinity of Evansville, Ind., where he farmed for some years, going later to Kentucky. There his son John was born, as was

Thomas Foutch, the father of Hugh Foutch. All of the sons of Abraham Foutch have passed away, they having been: Abraham, Hugh, John, Thomas and William, all the last-named growing to maturity and rearing families of their own. There were also five daughters who grew up and married, but they are also deceased.

The Foutch family migrated to Sangamon County, Ill., about 1825, and John Foutch, a son of Abraham Foutch, passed his last days there, dying at Old Berlin about 1846. Thomas Foutch was born November 25, 1799, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years, dying February 14, 1893. His widow died in September of the same year, being then ninety-three years of age. She had borne the maiden name of Sarah Wherrett and she, like her husband, was also a native of Kentucky. Upon coming to Illinois the family made a short stop in what is now Pleasant Plains, then bought 160 acres in Island Grove Township. After improving this property and greatly increasing its value, John Foutch sold it, purchasing what is now the old Foutch homestead. This continued to be his home until death claimed him. Thomas Foutch was a typical Kentuckian, charitable and liberal, ready to think well of those he came in contact and help anyone who needed assistance without stopping to ask if it was merited. Long a prominent figure in the Baptist Church, he was instrumental in the erection of the first edifice for worship of this denomination in Old Berlin, and when an aged man took pleasure in walking to the church and building the fire so that the other members could be comfortable while listening to their Master's word. For a number of years he served faithfully as Deacon, and was always a very liberal supporter of the church. Long a Whig, upon the formation of the Republican party he adopted its principles, and gladly followed his warm personal friend, Abraham Lincoln, in his support of that party. All his life he steadfastly refused to accept political honors, preferring to aid his community as a private citizen, and he left behind him a record of a blameless life and countless kindly, charitable deeds.

Six children, three sons and three daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foutch: Elizabeth Ann married Thomas Pollock, both deceased; Nancy married John Bevan, both deceased, left four children; John, deceased; Caroline married Thomas Curran, both deceased, left one daughter; William was First Lieutenant of Company D, Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, was taken sick at Quincy, coming home only to die; Hugh, the youngest and only survivor.

Hugh Foutch was born on the home farm in Island Grove Township, December 19, 1836, and grew to manhood's estate in his native county. He received a district school education and was reared in a religious atmosphere in his home. When he was twenty-one years of age he began farming for his father. On September 2, 1858, he was united in marriage with Mary Ann Wikoff, born near Middletown, in Butler County, Ohio, November 14, 1836, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy Ann (Henderson) Wikoff, natives of New Jersey. Later the family located in Ohio, where both parents passed away. Mrs. Foutch was a daughter by her father's second marriage. By his first marriage he had four children: Joseph, Ireton, Samuel and Allan, all deceased. By his second marriage he had seven children: Augustus, deceased; Gertrude, who married John Vail, both deceased; Peter, of Maroa, Ill.; Lemuel, of Maroa, Ill.; John, Henderson and Mrs. Foutch. She and her two brothers Peter and Lemuel are the only survivors.

For many years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Foutch lived on the homestead, caring for his aged parents. Eventually Mr. Foutch erected a beautiful farmhouse in which he was able to care for his parents more comfortably, and in it they died. He still owns this homestead of 180 acres, and his one son, William Wherett, born January 31, 1863, owns ninety acres, operating the two farms as one. This son married Louisa A. Wilcox and they have two children, Grace and Halden, both at home.

Like his father, Mr. Foutch is an earnest member of the Baptist communion, and has been one of its Deacons for a number of years, holding his membership in the congregation of New Berlin. Mr. Foutch's first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln and he has continued to support the candidates of the Republican party ever since. As long as he remained on the farm Mr. Foutch served his district as School Director, but would accept no other office. Having accumulated a sufficient amount of this world's goods, in April, 1897, Mr. and Mrs. Foutch decided to leave the farm and take life more easily, so retired to the northern part of New Berlin, where they are very comfortably located, owning their present home. They are most excellent people, commanding universal respect and enjoying the friendship of all who have the honor of their acquaintance.

The name Foutch is of French origin, and was originally spelled Fouche, the change being made by the later generations.

FOWLER, Charles C. (deceased), late of Springfield, left behind him, the record of an honorable life and was highly respected as a citizen and an upright, industrious man. He was actuated by high principles in his relations with his fellows and had a wide circle of sincere friends. His birth occurred in Pennsylvania, August 12, 1845, and he was a son of Caleb and Catherine (Ross) Fowler, both natives of Pennsylvania, the father born in 1824, and the mother in 1828. Caleb Fowler, a farmer of Pennsylvania, emigrated from that State to Kentucky, he and his brother-in-law, James Canedy, with their families, making the entire trip down the Ohio River on a flat-boat, which they had con-

structed for the purpose. They located near Ashland, Boyd County, where Mr. Fowler purchased a large farm and operated it until his death, in February, 1906, his wife having passed away about one year previous, in February, 1905. He was a Past Master in the Masonic Order, and at the time of his death the oldest Mason in the State. The Fowlers were an old family in Pennsylvania, having made their home there for several generations before Caleb Fowler removed to Kentucky. Nine children were born to him and his wife, of whom Charles C. was the second in order of birth. The others were as follows: John G., a farmer of St. Germain, Wash.; Ambrose, who was a farmer, died in 1891; Henry is a farmer and lives near Ashland, Ky.; Samuel lives at Ashland, Ky.; James A., a wealthy farmer of Missouri; Anna, widow of James McClellen, who was a wealthy farmer, residing in Indiana; Tryphena, who married Benjamin Barber of Ashland, Ky., and is now deceased; Bell, wife of Wilson Ballard.

November 12, 1845, when three months old, Charles C. Fowler was taken by his parents to Kentucky, where he received his education. It is the earliest home he can remember and his first work was done on his father's farm there. When about thirty years old, he married and began active farming on his own account, purchasing sixty acres of land in Carter County, Ky., where he lived from 1875 to 1885, when he sold his holding, and removed to Illinois. He located near the village of Cantrall, eight miles from Springfield, in Sangamon County, where for the remainder of his active life, he operated a farm. Being an energetic and practical farmer he won success, and in 1904, was able to retire. He then moved to the city of Springfield, where his last years were spent.

Mr. Fowler's marriage occurred in Carter County, Ky., July 17, 1874, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Weisman, in the Southern Methodist Church, when he was united with Matilda Dickerson, a native of Lawrence County, that State, born January 1, 1845. Her father, William J. Fields, was born in Hawkins County, Tenn., September 9, 1819, and her mother, whose maiden name was Rebecca Boggs, was born in Lawrence County, Ky., in 1827. Matilda Fields was first married to James H. Dickerson, in 1864, and he was killed soon after their union. She was the oldest of the six children born to her parents, the others being: Christopher Columbus, a well-to-do farmer of Carter County, Ky.; James A., died in April, 1906; Walter A., a successful farmer of Carter County, Ky.; Elihu M., a farmer of Olive Hill, Carter County; Leander C., on the home farm.

James and Matilda Dickerson were parents of one child, Rebecca Dickerson, born August 29, 1865, who lives with her mother. To Charles C. and Matilda Fowler were born children as follows: Taylor, born on June 11, 1875, a motorman, lives in Springfield, is married and has four children; Kalam C., born December 2, 1876, a farmer of Trinidad, Colo.; William J., born January 1, 1878, a successful fruit-grower of Riverside, Wash.; Eva, born December 14, 1880, wife of George Long, of Springfield; Oscar W., a lineman, was born February 9, 1882, and lives at home; Phena B., born July 3, 1886, a stenographer for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Newark, N. J., at Springfield. Mrs. Matilda Fowler is a devout and helpful member of the Methodist Church, of which she has been a member for the past fifty years. She is a woman of high character and good deeds and has many warm friends. Her father, William J. Fields, served fourteen years continuously as Sheriff of Carter County, Ky., and had served in the Civil War under the command of Gen. Marshall.

FOX, Charles W., a veteran of the Civil War, and a prominent resident of Riverton, Ill., is now living retired from active duties, after having spent most of his life in agricultural operations in Sangamon County. Mr. Fox belongs to a family that has been well known in Sangamon County for half a century, and he was a boy of ten years of age when brought there by his parents. He was born in Cape May County, N. J., November 20, 1838, a son of Aaron and Phebe (Buck) Fox, both natives of New Jersey, and the father a farmer by occupation. In early life Aaron Fox became a sailor and followed that occupation many years on the Atlantic Ocean, before taking up farming. He brought his family to Illinois in 1848, settling first at Pleasant Plains, where he lived thirty-seven years. Their first home was an old log house, which had been built by Samuel Purvines, and later they lived in a log house which had been erected by Rev. Peter Cartwright, a pioneer Methodist minister, for whom Cartwright Township was named. Later, Mr. Fox moved to Lanesville Township and spent several years in farming there, then lived several years in Buffalo, whence he moved to Clear Lake Township and there carried on farming. About 1859, Aaron Fox was accidentally killed. His widow died in Riverton, in 1897. Five sons and five daughters were born to Aaron Fox and wife, of whom the following survive: Charles W., of this biography; Smith and Coleman, also of Riverton; Somers, now of Nebraska; Frank, a retired farmer living in Springfield; Elmira, wife of George Sharp, a farmer living near Riverton; Melissa, wife of Sidney Branch, of Mason City, Ill. The Fox family originally came from England and the Buck family from Scotland.

Charles W. Fox was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools of Sangamon County. He enlisted in Company C, Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil War, and served four years and five months, being promoted to rank of First Lieutenant of his company, participating in many important engagements, bearing himself creditably. He enlisted from Springfield, and was

discharged March 12, 1865, in Tennessee, having never been wounded or taken prisoner.

At the close of the war, Mr. Fox returned to Sangamon County and he was married September 21, 1865, to Melinda Ridgeway, born in Buffalo Hart Grove, April 9, 1848, daughter of Enoch and Mary (Likens) Ridgeway. Enoch Ridgeway was a native of Kentucky and his wife, who was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln's mother, was a native of Indiana and lived just across the road from the latter. Mr. Ridgeway came to Buffalo Hart at an early day and there engaged in farming, making that place his home the remainder of his life. Mrs. Ridgeway died in 1908, at the age of eighty-nine years. In the family were three sons and one daughter, of whom the only one now living is Samuel Ridgeway, of Buffalo Hart Grove. After his marriage, Mr. Fox engaged in farming in Buffalo Hart Grove and met with considerable success. He has resided in Riverton since 1886 and owns a very comfortable home there, besides other property. To him and his wife, children were born as follows: six sons and six daughters, of whom six children are now living: Mary, wife of Elmer Wilson, of Springfield; Edward, a carpenter and brick mason, of Ashdown, Ark.; Alice, wife of Clarence Hamilton, of Riverton; Charles W., of Springfield; Clara, wife of Noah Hickman, an employe of the Chicago, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company, living in Springfield; Gilbert, of Riverton. There are eleven grandchildren in the family. Mr. Fox is a prominent member of the local post of the G. A. R. and his wife belongs to John R. Tanner Circle of Springfield. He is a member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Republican, and well known in Riverton and vicinity, as an upright, useful citizen, possessing many warm friends.

FOX, James R.—The vast interests involved in carrying on the coal industry in Sangamon County, necessitate the employment in official capacities of men of experience and ability, especially in the mechanical department, where they are expected not only to answer for the efficiency of the work turned out, but must also be able to handle large bodies of men. James R. Fox, of the well-known Woodside Coal Company, a man of wide experience and unlimited capability, was born March 5, 1856, in Iowa County, Wis., and is a son of James and Mary (Crebo) Fox, natives of England, who later became farming people of Iowa County, where both died.

James R. Fox was the fifth of his parents' eight children, and his youth was spent on his father's farm in Iowa County, in which location he secured his education in the common schools. In his youth, in addition to farming, he engaged in the livery business until going to Mitchell County, Kan., where he embarked in stock-raising, and so continued for four years, at the end of which time he returned to his Wisconsin home. A short time later he came to Illinois, locating in LaSalle, where he became connected with the Twin City Electric Company, continuing in the capacity of chief engineer of this firm for six and one-half years, and then taking the management of the lighting plant at Spring Valley, a position which he held for the five years following. In 1900 he came to Springfield, for nine years was engineer and had charge of the electric work for the Jones & Adams Coal Company, and in March, 1909, became hoisting engineer for the Woodside Coal Company, a position to which he was eminently fitted after his long and varied experience.

On September 14, 1882, in Iowa County, Wis., Mr. Fox was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Zimmer, a native of that county and daughter of Daniel and Amelia Zimmer. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fox, namely: Alice, Arthur, Clara, the wife of John Weigand, of Springfield, and Ray.

Mr. Fox is well known in fraternal circles of Springfield, being a leading member of Sangamon Lodge No. 6, and of the State Encampment, of the Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through all the chairs. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. His present comfortable residence on North Sixth Street was erected by him after his former home had been destroyed by fire.

FOX, Samuel C., an enterprising business man of Riverton, Ill., has established himself in the confidence and respect of the people of his community and has built up a good trade through honest dealing and ability in his line of work. The family of which Mr. Fox is a member is one of the older ones in Sangamon County and has always had a good standing there. He was born at Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County, May 24, 1849, a son of Aaron and Phoebe (Buck) Fox, natives of New Jersey and the father a farmer by occupation. The parents came west and settled on the old Peter Cartwright farm, where they remained many years, moved thence to Lanesville Township, and for many years carried on farming there, then moved to Buffalo, where for many years the father conducted a tavern. They finally located on the George Mann farm at Lake Fork, where the father carried on agricultural operations until his death. The mother died in Riverton in 1894. Ten children were born to Aaron Fox and wife, five sons and five daughters, of whom the following are now living: Samuel C., Charles W. and Smith, of Riverton; Frank, of Springfield; Sumner, of Nebraska; Elmira, wife of George Sharp, of Riverton; Mrs. Millicent Branch, of Mason City, Ill.

Samuel C. Fox spent his boyhood on his father's farm and received a common school education. As a young man he learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed several years, then began contracting in this line of his own account, carrying on this enterprise seventeen years, after which he engaged in

mining, but later he again took up plastering, and has ever since taken contracts on his own account. He is wide awake and enterprising and devotes himself closely to building up his business. He is a splendid workman and endeavors to employ the best help obtainable so that he has established a good reputation in his line of work.

Mr. Fox was married, in Lincoln, Ill., to Miss Ada J. Freeman, born in Knox County, Mo., December 17, 1859, daughter of Edward Freeman and his wife, the former born in New York State May 4, 1818, and died December 18, 1885, and the mother born in Canada February 26, 1829, and died July 30, 1894. The parents came to Illinois before the time of the Civil War and settled on a farm near Dawson, where they lived many years. They had one son and five daughters, and three of these children are living: Mrs. Fox; her brother Silas, of Macon, Mo., and Henrietta, wife of Charles Cantrall, of Springfield.

Three children were born to Mr. Fox and his wife, namely: Mary, wife of Frank Hott, of Riverton; Edward married Miss Nellie Radigan, of Riverton, and they have three daughters —Ada E., Veda M. and Nellie M.; John W., of Riverton. Mr. and Mrs. Hott have one child, Charles H.

Mr. Fox has a nice home in Riverton and has many friends in the vicinity. In politics he is a Republican. he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and both are interested in any worthy cause which comes to their notice. He is a member of Industrial Lodge No. 550, I. O. O. F., of Barclay, and his wife belongs to the Yeomen of America, being affiliated with Springfield Lodge No. 136.

FOX, Smith, a highly respected citizen of Riverton, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and has spent most of his life in Sangamon County, being brought there by his parents when about four years old. He was born in Cape May County, N. J., June 3, 1844, a son of Aaron and Phœbe (Buck) Fox, both also natives of New Jersey. The father was a sailor in early life and later took up the occupation of farming. Coming to Illinois in 1848, he immediately located in Pleasant Plains, where he lived many years, subsequently living in Lanesville Township, Buffalo and Clear Lake Township. He and his wife, together with a list of their children, are mentioned in this work in connection with the sketch of Charles W., a brother of Smith Fox, who is also a resident of Riverton.

As a boy Smith Fox attended the country schools, and helped with the work on his father's farm as soon as he was old enough to do so. He followed farming as an occupation until a few years ago, when he retired from business life and located in Riverton. He enlisted from Springfield in Company D, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged at Mobile, Ala., New Year's Day, 1865. He had taken part in many serious engagements, among them being the battles of Bull Run and Mobile.

At the close of hostilities, Mr. Fox returned to Sangamon County and followed farming for many years in connection with his trade of plasterer. His marriage occurred July 6, 1866, when he was united with Louisa Flagg, a native of Sangamon County, who was born in 1847. Her father, Isaac Flagg, was a native of Delaware and an early settler of Sangamon County, where he entered land from the Government at $1.25 per acre, and there carried on farming the remainder of his life. He and his wife are both deceased and Mrs. Fox died August 27, 1907. Twelve children, six sons and six daughters, had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fox, of whom but three now survive: Benjamin, of Wyoming; Charles E., of Riverton; May, wife of William Peters, of Michigan City, Ind. There are six grandchildren in the family. Mrs. Fox was a devoted wife and mother, and had a host of friends by whom she is most kindly remembered and deeply mourned.

Mr. Fox is a member of the Methodist Church and in politics a Republican. He takes an active interest in local affairs and is identified with the best interests of his community. He owns a very comfortable home in Riverton, where he has lived since March 20, 1867. He was a member of Post 389 G. A. R., which has been disbanded. He is regarded as a man of strict integrity and honesty and is considered a representative citizen.

FRANCIS, James S., one of the oldest residents of Sangamon County, Ill., was born at Palmyra, N. Y., January 15, 1831, and was brought to Illinois by his parents when five years old. He is a son of Josiah and Fidelia (Clark) Francis, the former born in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1801, and married in the same place. Josiah Francis was a cabinet maker and in 1822 came to Palmyra, N. Y., from Massachusetts, removing thence to Sangamon County July 4, 1836, and at first lived with a brother, Charles B., who had come to Springfield the year previous, remaining with him until 1857, then moved to what was known as the Davy Newsom farm, where he died in 1898, his wife having passed away in 1872. Mrs. Francis' sister, Esther Clark, lived with the family until she was ninety-eight years and four months old, and died in 1905. Esther Clark many times saw the Colonial soldiers under Gen. Washington when they stopped at her father's house. The father of Josiah Francis was a native of Massachusetts and died at Pittsfield, the father of Mrs. Francis also having spent his entire life in Massachusetts. Joseph Francis and his wife had four children, three sons and one daughter.

(Palmyra, N. Y., the birthplace of Mr. Francis, was for a time the home of Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, and where he started the scheme for the propagation of his new faith, and it was Josiah Francis, the father

of James S., who made the box to receive the first Mormon bible.)

The boyhood of James S. Francis was spent in the city of Springfield, where he was educated, and after leaving school he was employed as clerk for Joseph Thayer & Co., where he worked two years. He has lived on the same farm since 1851, and has there been constantly engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has a fine tract of 200 acres which he has developed and improved in every way possible. Mr. Francis' methods as a farmer are shown by the fact that, during the year 1910, a tract of five acres of the land which he had been cultivating for fifty-eight years, produced a crop of oats amounting, within a small fraction, to 90 bushels per acre. He is one of Sangamon County's best-known citizens and is revered and respected by all who meet him. He has seen remarkable changes since locating in the county and has always been the friend of progress and education. His pleasant home is located on Section 16, Clear Lake Township. He was formerly a Whig and is now a Republican, and has always been interested in public affairs. He has served as School Director, but has not held other public office.

Mr. Francis was married in Missouri, in February, 1881, to Abbie Barrows, a native of New York, and daughter of Franklin Barrows and wife, also natives of New York. Mrs. Francis died on the home farm, in 1906, and her memory is cherished by many friends. She and her husband had no children. Mr. Francis is a devout member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Springfield, and is always ready to advance the cause of any benevolent or charitable enterprise. He is a man of high character and kind heart, a true friend and a kind neighbor. He saw Lincoln and Douglas many times and was a personal friend of the former.

FRANCIS, Joseph (deceased), was born in Kentucky, in 1838, lived in his native State until he reached the age of ten years, then accompanied his parents to Illinois, his home for the remainder of his life. He was a son of Joseph and Margaret Francis, natives of Kentucky, and the father, a farmer by occupation, located in Illinois in 1848 and secured a farm in Adams County.

The early education of Joseph Francis was received in Kentucky, but being a small boy when the family came to Adams County, he attended the schools of that county for some time. His father's farm was located near Clayton, and after reaching manhood he engaged in farming there. Later he moved to Sangamon County and located on a farm, but afterwards returned to the vicinity of Clayton, and there his death occurred. His widow subsequently brought her children to Springfield, where they are all living at the present time. Mr. Francis was a devout member of the United Brethren Church, of Clayton, and in politics was an earnest Republican. He was an industrious and able farmer and won a fair degree of success in this occupation. He was a man of innate honesty and high character, and when his death occurred, he left many warm friends to mourn his loss.

The marriage of Mr. Francis occurred in 1861, at Mt. Sterling, Ill., when he was united with Miss Mary Ann Farrell, born September 1, 1844, in Indiana. Mrs. Francis is a daughter of David and (Kattie) Catherine (Hall) Farrell, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis, namely: Harvey is married and has two children—Hazel and William; Frank, conductor on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Road, lives in Springfield, is married and has two children; Lucinda married Thomas Stailey, and has three children—Ruth, Esther and Tracy, all attending school in Springfield.

FRANCIS, Simeon. (Vol. I, p. 175.)

FRANCIS, Vincent (deceased).—Many of the valued and useful citizens of Springfield, Ill., were natives of the Island of Madeira. Of this number was Vincent Francis, who lived in the city for more than half a century. Mr. Francis was born on Madeira Island, June 15, 1836, a son of Frank and Anna (Dacausta) Francis, who spent their entire lives on the Island. The father was a gardener and owned a fine grape vineyard, also carrying on farming in a small way.

At the age of ten years Vincent Francis accompanied relatives who came from his native land to the State of Illinois, locating at Springfield. His education was begun in his birthplace and was completed in Springfield. After leaving school he learned the trade of painter and followed it the remainder of his life, eventually taking contracts on his own account. He was an expert in his trade and became quite successful. He enlisted for service in the Civil War, becoming a member of Company I, One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Volunteers, winning an excellent record as a soldier, and at the end of his term was honorably discharged.

At the close of the war Mr. Francis resumed work at his trade in Springfield and continued to build up a very good business. He was honest and reliable and fulfilled his contracts in a way to give entire satisfaction. He became a member of the G. A. R. and also joined the Mutual Aid Society, to which order Abraham Lincoln belonged, and in which he carried his membership some thirty years. His widow is a member of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Mr. Francis was an active member of the First Portuguese Presbyterian Church of Springfield. In politics he was a firm Republican and took the greatest interest in the cause of his party and especially in its success in national affairs. He was a public-spirited, highminded citizen, ready to promote the best interests of his com-

munity and having very practical views along these lines.

Mr. Francis was married (first) in Springfield, Ill., to Miss Dimingus Goveria, a native of the Island of Madeira, and three children were born of this union: Vic, a mail carrier of Springfield; Lizzie, who married William Sylvester, a painter in Springfield; Sindie, married Albert Helme, and they reside in Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Francis was married (second) in 1869, to Miss Carrie De Freitas, daughter of Francis De Freitas, an old resident of Sangamon County, who was connected with a slaughter house at Springfield up to the time of his death, and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Children as follows were born to Mr. Francis by his second marriage: Fred, married and living in Racine, Wis.; Rose, married Ernest Fernandez and they have no children; Lawrence Bert. Mr. Francis died in Springfield, July 15, 1906, and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. His widow now resides at 325 North Fourteenth Street, Springfield. She and her husband made many friends in the city and both won universal respect. Mrs. Francis owns the pleasant home where she now lives.

FRANKS, John.—When a man decides to answer the call of his fellow citizens who wish to elect him to public office, he must, of necessity, neglect his own private interests and serve them to the best of his ability. Very few there are, especially in civic positions, whose business does not suffer from their acceptance of public life, and this unselfishness in behalf of the people should be appreciated. John Franks, one of Springfield's self-made men, who has been connected with official life in the Capital City for a number of years, was born there, January 8, 1850, a son of Emanuel and Clara (Verria) Franks, natives of Madeira. Emanuel Franks came to the United States in 1848 and was engaged in various occupations until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the Union army, under General John M. Palmer, and served three years, during which time he was wounded in the hand. For twenty years he was janitor of the Palmer School in Springfield, and after his retirement went to El Paso, Tex,. where he is now residing. His wife died in December, 1909. Mr. Franks is a member of the Portuguese Presbyterian Church.

As a youth John Franks showed his enterprise by peddling apples to the soldiers of the Union army at Camps Butler and Yates. His education was secured in the Palmer School, which he left at the age of eighteen years, and worked at various occupations until obtaining a position with the wholesale house of Smith & Hay. In 1876 he became a member of the Springfield police force, with which he was connected for nine years, and in 1885 entered into his present business, in which he has continued to this time. He hauled the first load of sand to use in the construction of the State House, and the first load of dirt in excavating for the reservoir, and his was the last team to leave work thereon. He also hauled the first load of sand to use in building the Presbyterian Church. For a time he farmed on the land where the water company's plant is now located. He was Deputy Sheriff under Tamp Elliott, Sheriff of Sangamon County, and in 1889 was elected Alderman of the First Ward, serving until 1901, when he was re-elected for a term of two years, and it was during his term that the High School was erected. He has always been faithful in the performance of his official duties and constantly looked after the interests of his constituents. Mr. Franks' politics are those of the Democratic party. In religious views he is liberal. He is the owner of considerable property in Springfield.

On March 30, 1874, Mr. Franks was united in marriage with Kate Smith, who was born in Jacksonville, Ill., whose father is deceased and whose mother is living in Springfield. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Franks: Melborn, who is Deputy Sheriff; Nellie, the wife of Patrick Ganhan, of Springfield; Leo, the wife of G. C. Watson, of Chicago; Lillie, the wife of Patrick Rourke, of Springfield; Grace, the wife of Albert Murry, connected with the Chicago & Alton Railroad; Ida, the wife of Arthur Burk, of Springfield; and John Palmer, who is in business with his father in Springfield.

FREEMAN, Norman L. (deceased), a prominent lawyer and for more than thirty years, Supreme Court Reporter of the State of Illinois, spent a large part of his life in Springfield. He was born in Caledonia, Livingston County, N. Y., May 9, 1823, the son of Truman and Hannah (Dow) Freeman, both natives of New Hampshire and residents of Concord in that State for many years. His maternal grandmother was a member of the Greeley family and his mother a cousin of Horace Greeley. Truman Freeman became a leather merchant at Albany, N. Y., where he died in 1824.

Norman L. was member of a family of eight children who reached maturity and of whom he was the last survivor. In 1831, his widowed mother, accompanied by her family, moved from New York to Ann Arbor, Mich., where they remained six years, when they removed to Detroit. After spending some three years as an employe in the store of David Cooper, a merchant of Detroit, in 1840 Norman L. went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he clerked for a few months in the store of an older brother. He then entered the University at Athens, Ohio, but on his retirement from that institution in 1843, engaged in teaching for a time in western Kentucky, while thus employed devoting his leisure time to reading law. In 1845, he went to Waterford, N. Y., where he prosecuted his preparatory law studies in the office of Kirtland & Seymour for a year, when in 1846 he returned to Kentucky, and at Morganfield, Union County, that State, was admitted to the bar. On December 20, 1849, he

was there married to Miss Tranquilla Richeson, a daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth Dabney (Williamson) Richeson, of that county. Mrs. Freeman was a native of Lynchburg, Va. and her father became an extensive land owner in Kentucky, while an uncle, William Richeson, was a wealthy merchant of Shawneetown, Ill.

In 1851, Mr. Freeman removed to Shawneetown, then a place of considerable importance, and the home of a number of prominent lawyers, was there admitted to the bar and for a time enjoyed a lucrative practice in the Local and Supreme Courts of Southern Illinois. For a part of this time he devoted his attention to authorship on legal topics, in 1856 issuing a "Digest of the Illinois Reports" in two large volumes. It was, no doubt, his success in this line which brought him to the attention of the Supreme Court, resulting in his appointment by that body as Supreme Court Reporter in April, 1863, on the retirement of his predecessor, Judge Ebenezer Peck, of Chicago. In the meantime he had spent some three years (1859-1862) seeking recuperation of his health on a farm in Marion County, Mo., returning in the latter year to Shawneetown. During this period the State was divided for judicial purposes into three Grand Divisions, the Supreme Court holding its sessions successively at Ottawa, Springfield and Mt. Vernon. Mr. Freeman, with his headquarters at Springfield, was accustomed to attend each session, issuing reports of proceedings for thirty-one years (1863-1894), amounting to 120 volumes. His death occurred after a protracted illness at his home in Springfield on the morning of August 23, 1894, the obsequies in his honor being of a specially impressive character. The deecase of Mrs. Freeman took place at Springfield in 1905, and both are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were the parents of three daughters and one son, namely: Mary D. married John A. S. Miller, a fruit dealer of Spokane, Wash.; Elizabeth H. married Joseph P. Doyle, and they are residing in Chicago; William R. and Georgia L.—the latter, the wife of John H. Brinkerhoff, a real-estate dealer of Springfield, and they have two children, George Norman and John William. (See also Vol. I, p. 176.)

FREIDINGER, Henry (deceased), formerly an enterprising German-American citizen of Springfield, who died January 11, 1911, was a resident of that city for nearly half a century. He was born in Bavaria, August 18, 1822, son of George and Mary (Bloomenauer) Freidinger, the former a well-to-do farmer of Germany. The family came to the United States in 1832, landing in New York City. They spent one year at Frederick, Md., moved thence to Funkstown, same State, and soon after located in Hagerstown, where both parents died. George Freidinger was a laborer and for some time he and his sons worked on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. Children as follows were born to him and his wife: George, Charles, Katy, Henry, and John, all of whom are now deceased.

Until he was ten years of age Henry Freidinger lived in Bavaria, where he attended school as soon as he was old enough. He also attended the public schools of Hagerstown, Md., for a time. The first work he did was on the old Bruethett farm, near Hagerstown, where he received $3 per month and board for his services. He then worked for a time for a butcher near his home, and worked with his father and brothers for a time on the canal. He then found employment in a brick yard, where he remained for a time, learning the trade of brick-making. He worked for some time at various kinds of work, and then moved to Pennsylvania, where he worked for some time in his brother George's brickyard. He began business on his own account in Hagerstown, manufacturing brick for the farmers in the surrounding country, and after moving to Springfield, Ill., in 1864, engaged in the same business there.

Mr. Freidinger was married (first) about 1852, to Miss Mary Esterday, who died one year later, and he married (second) Miss Frances Kuhn or Koon.

Upon locating in Springfield Mr. Freidinger bought property on Fifth Street, but soon afterwards traded this for a forty-acre farm in Cotton Hill. Owing to various complications, he disposed of this farm and returned to town. During the first year he spent in Springfield he made two kilns of brick, and upon returning to the city he formed a partnership with a Mr. Baker, and they began moving houses, which they continued several years. For four summers Mr. Freidinger worked on the State House, worked four years in the rolling mills, then worked ten years in the watch factory, after which time he was retired. He worked hard for many years and well earned the rest he later enjoyed. He was a man of good principles and habits and had the respect and good will of all who have had dealings with him.

Mr. Freidinger was reared in the faith of the German Reformed Church, was a stanch Democrat in political views, and took an active interest in public affairs. His second wife died in July, 1908. Mr. Freidinger had children as follows: Henry died in Muncie, Ind.; William, of Springfield; Katy, Mrs. Nicholas Trainor, of Springfield; John, of Colorado; Charles and Benjamin, deceased; and Frank, of Springfield.

FREISCHLAG, Joseph.—The men who displayed their faith in the future of Springfield realty have been richly rewarded, for land values have reached an astounding figure and those fortunate enough to own land, either in the city or its vicinity find their possessions materially increasing in value. One of the men thus fortunate is Joseph Freischlag, of No. 2101 Rochester Road, whose five acres are valued at $1,000 per acre. He was born in Southern

Germany, November 9, 1848, a son of George and Eva (Voth) Freischlag, both of Germany, farming people, who never left their native land. Of their two sons and one daughter, Joseph is the only survivor.

Mr. Freischlag was educated in Germany, attending public school eight years and drawing school two years. He worked on the farm for his father until fifteen years old, then began learning the stone-cutter's trade. In 1880 he came to America, sailing from Antwerp to Liverpool, and thence to New York City, where he remained a week, then came on west to Chicago. From there he went to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he spent a year, working at his trade. His next location was at Gladstone, Henderson County, Ill., but after four years there, he went to Kansas City, Mo. After four years more there, he went to Ogden, Utah, where he spent 1890 and 1891, and then went to Burlington, Iowa. He then spent a short time in Alabama, finally coming to Springfield, where he worked at his trade until he retired, a short time since, after a long period of hard work.

On January 13, 1883, he was married at Gladstone, Ill., to Augusta Gade, born in Germany, June 17, 1858. Her parents also died in Germany when she was quite young, she being a daughter of Christian Gade. Mrs. Freischlag had two brothers and a sister, Mrs. Anna Morris, of Gladstone, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Freischlag have had eight children: two are deceased; Herman, a boiler maker in the Wabash shops; William, also in the Wabash shops; Oscar, clerk for Anton Elshoff, grocer; Gertrude, employed by the Herndon Dry Goods Company; Helen, with the John Bressmer Company; Joseph. Herman has two children.—Theresa and William A. Mr. Freischlag is a Roman Catholic and belongs to the Sacred Heart parish. He is a solid, reliable man and one whose word is as good as his bond.

FREITAG, Charles H.—Springfield has its full share of veterans of the Civil War, and is proud of them and of the fact that they have selected their Capital City as a place of residence during their declining years, as well as during those of their business activity. One of the men who have been of importance in peace as well as war, is Charles H. Freitag, now retired from active life, but who for years conducted a thriving transfer and coal business, being prepared to do the heaviest kind of moving. He was born in Prussia, Germany, near Berlin, April 26, 1837, a son of Fred and Fredericka (Yeates) Freitag. The mother died in her native land but the father came to the United States in 1850, bringing with him his four children. They came to New York, from Hamburg, on a sailing vessel named the "Carolina," and spent seven weeks on the ocean. From New York, they went to Newark, N. J., spending a year there together but at the close of that time Charles H. Freitag, upon the advice of a friend who had two sons in what is now the city of Champaign, Ill., came west. When he reached Chicago, Mr. Freitag found no one who seemed to know anything about a place called Urbana, as Champaign was then named. After many inquiries, however, he found that there was such a spot, on which a town was to be built. This location was the terminus of the division of the Illinois Central Railroad, and at that time two tents and two sheds constituted the town. The first building in the place was a warehouse, and in the point of its roof was a hotel dining room, so low that the waiters had to stoop in serving the guests.

The first house at Urbana was erected by Adolph Maker and Mr. Freitag assisted in its construction, boarding there when the family moved in. Upon the completion of this house the German citizens there proposed celebrating the event, and as they thought they could not do this properly without beer, Mr. Freitag was delegated to go to Chicago and get a barrel of this liquor. Three dances were then given, the music being supplied by an accordion, and although the temperance people of the place tried to break up the jollification, the participants drove them off and completed their celebration.

As soon as the Illinois Central Railroad Company had work at Urbana, Mr. Freitag entered its employ there, as assistant to a blacksmith, and saving his earnings with German frugality, he was soon able to take advantage of the opportunity to buy cheap land, purchasing eighty acres from the Illinois Central Railroad Company. Although he knew nothing about farming, this young German was not daunted, but assuming that he understood the work, hired out, and being quick to learn, was soon able to break prairie land with anyone. The work was done with an ox team. However, as he was not an agriculturist, Mr. Freitag sold his farm, going to Galveston, Texas. While he was working there, the yellow fever broke out in his vicinity and he decided that he did not care to remain in a place where such an epidemic was imminent at any time. For some time he lived in the country, then returned to Galveston, where he learned that a manager was wanted for a hotel at Columbus, Colorado County, Texas, and immediately upon hearing of this fact Mr. Freitag went there, secured the position and filled it satisfactorily until the outbreak of the war. He then enlisted in Company I, Twenty-fourth Texas Rangers, and was taken prisoner and confined at Fort Hineman, being later taken to Camp Butler. He tells some entertaining stories of prison life, as well as of the privations endured by the soldiers of the Confederacy. At one time their only food was cornmeal, and the whole grain parched served as coffee. Quinine was in demand to help break the fever that wasted them, and cream of tartar was also valued to raise their bread. Mr. Freitag remembers the dire conse-

quences of mixing the two and trying to make light bread with the entire supply of quinine.

After coming to Camp Butler, Mr. Freitag became acquainted with Springfield, and liked the city so well that it has been his home for forty-eight years. He worked as teamster for Dennis & Beam, architects, and then for five years was custodian at Reservoir Park, being the first to hold that position. He was next chosen as driver of the Jefferson Street fire engine. Following this, he formed a partnership with Godley & Reevely, who secured a cooperative coal shaft. Later, Mr. Freitag bought a team and sold coal all over the city, and this was the beginning of his business success. Little by little, he increased his business, adding team after team, and taking up moving and transfer business, until he had the best equipped line in the city. In January, 1910, he retired from active life, being well satisfied with what he had accomplished.

In 1864 Mr. Freitag was married, in Springfield, to Margaret Beierlein, a daughter of Michael and Katherine (Keil) Beierlein. Five children were born to them, of whom the two now surviving are Henry, of Springfield, and Lizzie, Mrs. John McGavin, also of Springfield. Mr. Freitag is a Republican. Genial kind-hearted, fond of his fellowmen, Mr. Freitag has a host of friends, and is welcome wherever he goes. In his life he demonstrates what a man can accomplish if he be ambitious and willing to work.

FRENCH, Augustus C. (Vol. I, pp. 176-177.)

FRESE, Adolf G.—The United States has no better citizens today than those who are of German birth. The Germans, as a rule, are intensely loyal and patriotic, striving to advance the interests of their country and contribute to the support of its institutions. When they come here, they bring with them these patriotic impulses and seek to carry these ideas into effect. They are also industrious and thrifty, and are bound to succeed in whatever they undertake. Springfield is the home of some of these good men, and among them none stands higher than Adolf G. Frese, born in Elberfeld, Germany, June 9, 1874, a son of Louis and Helene (Wulling) Frese, the former a native of Waldeck and the latter of Elberfeld, Germany, where in his native country the father was a baker and horse-dealer.

Adolf G. Frese was educated in the K. K. Real Gymnasium, where he fitted himself to be a school teacher. He lost his parents early in life, and his struggle was a difficult one, so he finally decided to come to America. Having learned the butcher's trade, upon coming to Springfield, Ill., he found employment in that line and is justly regarded as one of the substantial men of the city. He has been an important factor in organizing German and American benefit associations, and is at present the deputy organizer of the National Protective Legion of Sangamon and Logan counties.

On July 1, 1906, Mr. Frese was married to Sarah Stewart, whose family are engaged in business in New York City. There is no issue of this marriage. Mr. Frese belongs to the Netherland Reformed Church. Starting out as a common laborer upon his arrival in the United States, he has sought to do his part in promoting the interests of his adopted country and make it the most prosperous nation in the world. No matter how small his wages, he managed to save money, and to advance himself. He is a great advocate of the rights of humanity, and believes in giving to his fellow beings and his adopted country, the benefit of his experience and good will.

FREY, John (deceased), was a large landowner in Sangamon and Christian counties, and followed farming most of his life. He was born in Germany, January 9, 1829, a son of Lawrence and Mary (Rodemeier) Frey, both natives of Germany, the former born in Derkhein and the latter at Sieboff. They lived on a farm in Germany, where the mother died, and the father came to the United States in 1862, locating in Louisville, Ky., where his death occurred in 1866. Very little is known about the grandparents, who were residents of Germany. John Frey received his education in his native country and passed his childhood on a farm. After leaving school, he worked at farming, and left Germany May 20, 1850, for the United States, landing July 13, in New York, with but one dollar in his possession.

After coming to the United States Mr. Frey first worked in a saw-mill until he had enough money to go to Louisville, Ky., and reached that city August 10, 1850. He remained a short time with a brother in Louisville, then went to Pike County, O., where he remained until 1888, working at farming, first, but from 1861 until 1888, was engaged in a mercantile business in Waverly. In 1888, he sold out his business and purchased 440 acres of land in Illinois, going to Buffalo. He was able to converse in five languages: German, French, Italian, Hebrew and English.

Mr. Frey fought with the "Patriots" in Germany for nineteen months, but his comrades were so greatly outnumbered that they were forced to surrender. He was wounded in the head while near the French lines, and at the close of his services was exiled, so came to the United States. Though he had espoused a losing cause, he had risked his life for what he believed to be right. He was a member of the Christian Church at Buffalo, and a Democrat in political belief, taking an active interest in the public welfare and in the improvement of the community.

Mr. Frey was married in Pike County, O., in 1853, to Miss Mary Hildebrant, born in Germany, November 9, 1833, daughter of William Hildebrant, also a native of Germany. Mr.

Hildebrant and his wife were natives of Germany. They were there married, coming to America in 1848, locating in Pike County, O., but later moved to Kansas, where she died, but he died in the northern part of Ohio. There were three girls and one son in the family. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frey, three sons and six daughters, Namely: Maud, born in Pike County, O., wife of Frank Thompson, lives in Sangamon County, and has five children; Jacob is married and lives on the home farm; Lizzy, wife of George Armstrong lives in Mechanicsburg; Emma, wife of John Rowe lives in Springfield, no issue: Lena, wife of George Kiser lives in Ohio; William is married and lives in the west; Louisa, wife of Jacob Byerline lives in Sangamon County, one child; John is married and lives on his father's farm in Sangamon County; and Tillie, wife of Harve Mosentetter, lives in Springfield and has four children.

Mr. Frey owned 420 acres of land in Sangamon County and also 220 acres in Christian County, Kas., besides two business blocks in Waverly, O. He had a handsome residence in Buffalo. Having been very industrious and thrifty, he was able to accumulate a competency. Mr. Frey was much respected in his community and made many friends during his residence there.

FRY, Dominick, a veteran of the Civil War, who has lived in Springfield since 1872, was born in Baden, Germany, August 4, 1836, son of Frank and Mary (Leifer) Fry, both of whom spent their entire lives in Germany, as did the grandparents. Dominick Fry was reared and educated in his native country, and in 1850 emigrated to America, landing in New York. He worked first at gardening and later moved to Pennsylvania, where he was employed digging in an ore bank.

In October, 1861, Dominick Fry enlisted in Company H, Third Maryland Infantry, served two years and was discharged at Alexandria, from the hospital camp. In 1864, he re-enlisted in Company H, Two Hundredth Pennsylvania Infantry, and served to the close of the war. He was wounded at Antietam, and also participated in battles at Cedar Mountain, Culpeper, Bull Run, Fort Stedman, Fort Held, Petersburg, and many others. He endured many hardships, and feels reasonably proud of his record as a soldier. He was later transferred to the Fifty-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. During his first enlistment he served as Corporal. He was discharged in June, 1865.

Mr. Fry was married in Springfield, in 1870, to Miss Annie Wieties, who was born in Menard County, Ill., March 8, 1859, daughter of Uffie Wieties, who was born in Germany and died in Springfield as did his wife, Minnie. Four children were born to Mr. Fry and his wife, namely: Minnie, born in Springfield, March 16, 1878, married William Reitz, of Springfield, and they have three children; Mary born in Springfield, July 12, 1883, married Russell Reavely, and they live in Springfield; John, born in Springfield May 4, 1885, is unmarried and lives with his parents; Uffie, born in Springfield November 19, 1887, is unmarried and lives at home. Mr. Fry and his family have lived in the home which he owns, at No. 1928 North Eighth Street, for thirty years. He has three grandchildren—Grace, Blossom and Lee Wright. Mr. Fry is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican. He served as a member of the Village Board of Ridgely, and was the first police officer of that village. He worked in the rolling mills from the time he located in Springfield until 1899, since which time he has been employed as janitor of the Ridgely School. Honest and upright in all his dealings, he has many warm friends.

FUDGE, Adam Thomas, retired carpenter and builder, and one of the men who are responsible for much of the good work on Springfield residences and public buildings, is living at his comfortable home at No. 413 West Canedy Street. He was born on a farm in Washington County, West Va., August 20, 1835, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (McReynolds) Fudge, both natives of the same county as their son. The grandfather, Adam Fudge, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and served in defense of Baltimore. Locating in Washington County, Va., he died there. Both he and his wife were natives of Germany, and they had three children.

Samuel Fudge spent his youth on his father's farm, and when he had attained to his majority, bought a farm one mile from the family homestead. This he later sold, coming to Illinois with his family in 1840, settling on the Okaw River in what is now Shelby County, becoming the owner of 120 acres of land, forty of which was government land, and all in a somewhat wild condition. In 1847, he moved to Springfield, dying here in 1900, aged ninety-one years. His wife passed away when she was eighty-seven years old. There were seven children in their family: James went to Oregon when twenty-two years old, served as a pilot on the Columbia River and was killed in an explosion; Samuel H. died at the age of thirteen years; Adam Thomas; Eliza Jane married Harry Smith and died in 1901; Mary E., is now Mrs. Mary E. Raymond of Aurora; George W. of Decatur; Lucinda, now Mrs. James Vasconcelles of Springfield.

Adam Thomas Fudge attended school held in a log house, while living in Shelby County, and when he came to Springfield continued his studies, being then only twelve years old. A year later he became what is called "off boy" in a brick yard, following which he drove a team for his father until he was nineteen. At that time he began learning the carpenter trade with Morris & Phillips, remaining with them for four years, after which he engaged in contracting and building for himself. In time he

made a specialty of stair building, operating a shop in connection with his work. Many beautiful residences in the city attest his skill.

In 1858, Mr. Fudge married, in Springfield, Elizabeth Horton, a daughter of William Horton, a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Fudge are consistent members of the First Methodist Church, and in politics he is a strong Republican, in early life having been an old time Whig. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fudge are: Elizabeth, died at the age of seventeen; Hannah, died at the age of fifteen; Samuel, of Jamestown, N. Dak.; Mary, Mrs. Henry Ebel, of Chicago; Thomas of Riverton, Ill., and Jessie Ethel, at home. Mr. Fudge is a man whose activities in former years entitle him to the rest he is now enjoying, and he uses some of his leisure in studying local conditions and giving the community the benefit of his investigations.

FUNDERBURK, William Braden.—The visitor to Sangamon County, Ill., invariably remarks upon the excellent appearance of the farms, the flourishing condition of the crops, the neat appearance of the buildings and the healthy look of the livestock. If the visitor be unacquainted with the business of farming, he is very apt to give credit to the excellence of the soil for this condition, not taking into consideration the years of toil, of study and experiment, and of hard, unremitting labor which have been put upon these farms before such results could be accomplished. He does not think of the long period that has elapsed since these farms were brought under cultivation nor of the more recent period when tiling, grading, ditching, crop rotation and even fertilizing were unknown and unheard of; or when the present farm machinery, the reapers, the mowers, harvesters and threshers, with their horse propelling power, their time and labor-saving devices, were something that even the most far-sighted never dreamed of. Yet such were the early conditions in Sangamon County, Ill., just as they have been in every other section of the country, where the land had to be reclaimed from the prairie or the forest, and the excellent conditions existing to-day are the result of hard, conscientious labor and unfailing energy on the part of those who tilled the soil before present scientific methods came into use.

William Braden Funderburk, one of the progressive agriculturists of Sangamon County, is carrying on operations along scientific lines on a fine 110-acre property, on Section 9, Cotton Hill Township. He was born in Cotton Hill Township, December 25, 1864, a son of Alford Newton and Emily Jane (Ward) Funderburk, farming people of Sangamon County where their lives were spent. Mr. Funderburk secured his educational training in the country schools of Sangamon County, and as a youth was always fond of out-of-door sports. His father was engaged in farming here, and reared his son to the life of an agriculturist, which the latter has always followed. His property is well fenced, his buildings in excellent condition and the farm, all in all, is one of the valuable properties of Cotton Hill Township. In his political belief Mr. Funderburk is a Republican, and his reputation for honesty and integrity, together with his personal popularity, has won him the vote of his fellow townsmen at various elections, and on numerous occasions he has been elected to positions of honor and trust. In 1900 he acted in the capacity of Census Taker. With his family Mr. Funderburk attends the Methodist Church. He is public-spirited to a high degree and can always be counted upon to give his support, both moral and financial, to those movements which he feels will be of benefit to his township or the community at large.

Mr. Funderburk was married April 9, 1903, at Glenarm, Sangamon County, Ill., to Miss Mary Elizabeth Lord. Mrs. Funderburk was born November 23, 1866, at Glenarm, which was also the birthplace of her father, Robert Jones Lord, born December 13, 1837, and of her mother, Sarah A. (Rupert) Lord, born March 20, 1850. To Mr. and Mrs. Funderburk have been born two children, both sons. Shelby Lord Funderburk, born June 23, 1906, at home, and Paul Rupert Funderburk, who was born May 15, 1904, but died July 8, 1907.

FUNKHOUSER, Charles Elbert.—Springfield is the home of some of the most reliable business men in the State, who have gradually developed through numerous experiences which have taught them self-reliance and economic habits. These men would be successful in almost any line of work, for they have the proper business sense, and are willing to devote themselves to the matter in hand untiringly and devotedly. One of these men is Charles Elbert Funkhouser, born near Terre Haute, Vigo County, Ind., October 18, 1861, a son of John G. and Mary (Hay) Funkhouser, natives of Virginia and Indiana, respectively. They were married in Vigo County, Ind., where the mother died in 1864, but the father's death occurred in Kansas in October, 1908. He was a farmer and a reliable, industrious man.

Charles E. Funkhouser attended the district schools of his native county until he was sixteen, when he stopped to give his services to his father, working on the latter's farm. This continued until he was twenty-one years old. At that time he went to Kansas and for eight years rented a farm. He then entered the employ of the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis Railroad, returning to Illinois at that time. He remained in that position three years, leaving it to take a position with the Springfield Boiler Manufacturing Company works. Here he worked as an expert machinist for seven years, but at the expiration of that period went into business for himself. He has become prominent in civic matters, serving on the Board of Health, to which position he

was elected on the Democratic ticket. He belongs to the American Order of Owls, being one of its charter members, and is liberal in his religious views, according to others the liberty he gives himself.

On February 12, 1883, Mr. Funkhouser was united in marriage with Miss Isabelle Leuts, who was born in Washington, Ind., a daughter of Seal Leuts. Mr. and Mrs. Funkhouser have these children: Verna May, wife of Roy McCune, a resident of Springfield, one child, Lloyd; John Cleveland, assistant book-keeper for the Springfield Mattress Company; and Joseph Edward, attending school. Mr. Funkhouser is one of the progressve men of the city who believes in good government and local improvements, and he has a number of warm personal friends, who know and appreciate him.

GADERT, John, who has been in business in the city of Springfield for the past twenty years, was born in Mondorf, Luxemburg, Germany, August 24, 1848, a son of Nicholas and Eva (Wiedert) Gadert, both natives of the same place. The father was a farmer and John Gadert was given early training in habits of industry. He received a very meager education, attending school little more than two years, and at an early age began earning his own way in the world. At first he worked about the house in various families, receiving his board and clothing as remuneration for his services. He came to the United States as a young man and subsequently located in Springfield. He was one of three children, the two others being daughters.

For twenty-seven years Mr. Gadert worked at the trade of machinist, being a good workman and skilled in this line. He was able to save from his wages and invested his earnings with such good judgment that he was eventually able to engage in business on his own account, and has been fairly successful. He owns a business corner at 315-317 East Washington Street, Springfield, and a six-acre truck farm three and one-half miles south of the city. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and ready to support its good work. He is also a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, which he joined in 1892, and of the Western Catholic Union, which he joined in 1887. In political views he is a Democrat. He is well-known in the city, where he has lived some fifty-two years, and has many friends.

Mr. Gadert was married, in Springfield, April 9, 1874, to Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Maurer, who was born in Baden, Germany, in 1850, and children as follows have been born to this union: John A., born June 10, 1875; Charles J., born November 27, 1876, died at the age of nine months and ten days; William H., born August 9, 1878; Florenz N., December 13, 1881; Eva M., born July 20, 1886, died at the age of seventeen years.

GAEDE, Charles W.—A typical German-American citizen, now living retired from active business life in the city of Springfield, Ill. He was born January 15, 1845, near Berlin, Germany, and received his education in his native land, there learning the trade of shoemaker. He is a son of John and Henrietta (Loze) Gaede, both born in Germany, who spent their entire lives in their native land. The father was a shoemaker and he and his wife had three sons and one daughter, those living, besides Charles W., being a son and daughter who reside in Germany.

Mr. Gaede followed the trade of a shoemaker until he was twenty years old, when he served a term in the German Army. In 1870 he came to the United States landing at New York City, thence came west to Ohio, a short time later to Springfield, Ill., and has since lived in that city or its immediate vicinity. He spent five years at farm work, since which time he has lived in the city. When he first came the Capital building was in process of construction, and he obtained work on it. For the past ten years he has been in the employ of Oak Ridge Cemetery Company. He erected his present home on Monument Avenue in 1872, and is well known in that part of the city where he has many warm friends. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Gaede was married in Springfield, August 15, 1872, to Christina Bruesz, whose parents lived and died in Germany, where she was born, in July, 1845. To them have been born five children: Gustie, wife of Charles Dallman, living in Minnesota; Bertha, wife of Sam Roberts, a mail-carrier of Springfield; Lena, wife of Frank Ahrens, a Lutheran Minister at Sabin, Minn.; Fred, living at home; and John, of Los Angeles, Cal. There are eight grandchildren in the family. Mr. Gaede is the owner of his residence and has been successful in his investments and other business ventures.

GAFFIGAN, Michael.—Ireland is well represented in the business life of Springfield, there being men from that land in almost every line of commercial and industrial activity. One who has attained more than the average amount of prosperity is Michael Gaffigan, one of the city's grocers. He was born in County Mayo, Ireland, November 5, 1843, a son of Patrick and Cecilia (Flanerry) Gaffigan, the former born in County Mayo, Ireland, as also was his wife. In 1851 the father came from his native land to Pennsylvania, where he found employment as a coal-miner. He had the misfortune to lose his wife in that State in 1854, but survived until September, 1870, when he, too, passed away, aged fifty-seven years. In July of that year, he had come to Illinois, and the change did not appear to agree with him, as he died two months later. His wife remained in Ireland, with her four children, until the year 1853, when she joined her husband in Pennsylvania.

Michael Gaffigan was educated in his native land, and attended school for a short time in Pennsylvania. When a mere boy he went to work in the coal mines, but in 1865 made a trip to Illinois, returning east the next year. During the following fall he returned to Illinois and worked in LaSalle and Peoria at whatever he could find to do. In 1867, he came to Springfield, and in December, 1870, he opened up his present grocery business, which he has since conducted in a profitable manner. In addition to his business, he is also owner of the building in which it is conducted.

Mr. Gaffigan was married in Springfield, Ill., in September, 1875, to Margaret Proctor, who was born in England. After her demise, he married in 1889 Margaret Hickey. The following children have been born to him: James, Tersa, Helen, Patrick, Lizzie; and Cecilia, deceased. Mr. Gaffigan was brought up a Catholic, and has been faithful to his membership in that Church. Politically he is a Democrat. His business relations with the general public have been of a satisfactory character, for his customers know that they can depend upon him, and trust him accordingly. He enjoys a large trade, and knows how to furnish the people what they want at satisfactory prices.

GAINES, David, a highly respected and substantial resident of Springfield, enjoying the comforts of a handsome home, situated at No. 2039 East Clay Street, is a retired farmer and deserving of honor as a veteran of the great Civil War. He was born in Western Tennessee, July 18, 1834, a son of John and Polly (Smith) Gaines, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in Tennessee. John Gaines came to the United States in early manhood and settled in Tennessee, where he was engaged in farm pursuits until the end of his life. He married there and his two children were born on the old homestead, the only survivor being David, of Springfield.

In the schools near his father's farm Mr. Gaines obtained his schooling, and farming became his occupation. In 1861 he moved to Illinois, settling in Jefferson County, where he resumed farming and continued until 1863, then enlisted for service in the Civil War. From Washington County, Ill., he entered Company I, Forty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which command he remained until the close of the war. He took part in a number of severe battles and did not escape all the dangers that attend war, being wounded by a shell at Nashville, Tenn. He was honorably discharged and mustered out at Paducah, Ky. After the war Mr. Gaines went to Missouri, where he visited for a time, but did not invest in farm land until after he returned to Washington County, Ill. After a few years of farm life there he sold to advantage and moved to Springfield in 1881, where he lived for a short time, then moved to Morrisonville, purchasing a residence there. In 1896 Mr. Gaines returned to Springfield and purchased his house on East Clay Street, together with other property, and this has remained his home.

Mr. Gaines was married in Tennessee, in July, 1856, to Miss Charlotte J. Marcrum, who was born in Kentucky, January 8, 1836, a daughter of Elijah and Hattie Marcrum, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, died on their farm in Allen County. Mr. and Mrs. Marcrum had thirteen children, all of whom have passed away except Mrs. Gaines and a brother, the latter of whom lives near Centralia, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Gaines eight children were born and four of these are living, namely: Anna, wife of Henry Turner, of Springfield; James, who lives in Oklahoma; Emma, who is the wife of Edward Goff, a plumber by trade, at Springfield; and Frank, who lives at home. There are seven living grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is identified with the Republican party and belongs to the G. A. R. Post at Morrisonville. Mr. Gaines is a man who has won the esteem of his fellow citizens through uprightness of character and those neighborly qualities which help smooth the pathway of life.

GALLAGHER, Patrick (deceased).—Closely associated with the commercial development of Springfield are the names of many persons now deceased, to whom the city owes much in every way. Not only were they enthusiastic as to the future of the city, investing time and money in it, but they brought trade to their community and raised its financial standing. One of these representative citizens was the late Patrick Gallagher, who for nearly thirty years was one of the city's leading merchants. He was born in Ireland in 1832, a son of Egbert and Mary (Allen) Gallagher.

The parents came to the United States, locating in New York City. The father obtained employment in a brick yard and they spent the remainder of their lives in that city, dying there. They had children as follows: James, John, Mary, Ellen, Anne, Margaret, Ellen (II) and Patrick. The latter was fifteen years of age when the family emigration took place, and finished the education begun in Ireland in his new home.

About 1861 or 1862, he came to Springfield, and immediately recognized the future of that city, and decided to make it his permanent home. For the first seventeen years he was in the employ of the United States Express Company, during which time he carefully saved his money and was able, at the expiration of his service with the company, to embark in a grocery business on the southeast corner of Eleventh and Adams Streets. Here he continued until his death, gradually enlarging his business as trade necessitated and warranted. He was known over a wide territory as "the honest grocer," and held customers for years.

In 1871 Mr. Gallagher was married to Maria McCormick, daughter of Michael and Catherine

(Daly) McCormick. Mrs. Gallagher was born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1859, and had the misfortune to lose her parents, who died in their native land. A brother and two sisters still reside there. She was a young girl, under twenty years of age, when she came to the United States with relatives. The little party landed in New York City, whence they came on to Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher became the parents of children as follows: Mary E., now Mrs. J. C. Wessenberger, of Springfield; James E., at home, having succeeded his father in the management of the store; John died in infancy; Catherine, Annie, Hugh and Margaret, all at home.

Mr. Gallagher was a member of the Roman Catholic Church from boyhood and was connected with the parish of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. The Democratic party had his earnest support from the time he cast his first vote. He was a genial, hearty man, whose honesty of purpose and thorough conception of right dealing was never questioned. He was fond of his home and family, and no man was every prouder of his children. He possessed in marked degree those excellent traits of character which distinguish the Irish race and make them prominent wherever they are found. Stanch in his friendships, he was loyal to those who needed him, and no man appealed to his sense of justice in vain. When he died, in 1905, there were many who felt that they had lost a warm, personal friend, and one that could not be replaced. There are too few men of such character left, for one like Mr. Gallagher not to be sadly missed, and his memory is kept green, not only in the hearts of his immediate family, but by those with whom he was in daily association in his business relations.

GALLIGAN, Bart.—The Springfield Bar has some eminent men, whose names are known all over the central part of the State, as fairly representative of all that is best in the legal profession. They are men whose caliber has been proven; who have gained their prominence by hard work and unremitting study, and who are permitted to practice in any court in the State. Among these able lawyers, one of those most deserving of mention is Bart Galligan, who was born in Fancy Creek Township, Sangamon County, Ill., April 4, 1859, a son of Bart Galligan and his wife, Ellen (Riley) Galligan. Both were born in County Cavan, Ireland, and brought to the vicinity of Toronto, Canada, when only six years of age. The father was brought by an uncle and the mother by an aunt. These childhood playmates grew up together and married, and for some time thereafter lived in their old home. In 1858 they emigrated to the United States and located in Fancy Creek Township, where the father still resides, although he lost his wife in 1905. He has always carried on farming, and has been important in his vicinity, holding various township offices, although he has had no desire for a public life. He is a consistent member of the Catholic Church, as was his wife. Eight children were born to this couple, seven of whom survive, Mr. Galligan, of this record, being the second in order of birth.

After finishing his district school course in Fancy Creek Township, Bart Galligan Jr. farmed for three years, then spent a year at Wesleyan University. Later, entering the university at Valparaiso, Ind., he took a scientific and law course, graduating in the Class of 1888. Directly following this he located in Springfield, which has been his place of residence ever since. Mr. Galligan has built up a large law practice and has been connected with some of the most important jurisprudence in his part of the State. While a Republican in national matters, in local elections he believes in voting for the man rather than the party. Though his friends believe him well fitted for a number of offices within the gift of the people, he has never cared to accept nomination for any of them, preferring to devote himself to his profession.

In June, 1898, Mr. Galligan was united in marriage with Elizabeth Fortune, daughter of John Fortune. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Galligan: Virginia V., and Francis B., both attending school.

Mr. Galligan is a keen, shrewd, able lawyer, who thoroughly understands his profession, and is noted for his eloquence in presenting his cases. However, he does not depend upon this, but works them out in a clear, forcible, logical manner, that presents the salient points to the jury and insures a fair and just decision.

GALYEN, George E.—No more striking example of what a man can accomplish through the force of his own ability and perseverance, through the sheer strength of his determination to succeed, can be found in Sangamon County than that furnished by the career of George E. Galyen, of Pawnee, Ill., who in a few short years has raised himself from practical obscurity and humble circumstances to a place among the substantial men of his section and the office of chief executive of his town. Mr. Galyen was born in Sangamon County, May 12, 1874, a son of William R. and Harriet A. (Sanders) Galyen.

William R. Galyen was born March 15, 1844, in Smithville, Dekalb County, Tenn., and was married in Sangamon County, Ill., to Harriet A. Sanders, who was born in that county, August 16, 1853. Mr. Galyen resided in his native county until two years old, when he moved with his parents to Kentucky, but when thirteen years of age he went back to Tennessee, settling in Smith County. In 1861 he left home and joined a Confederate company at Dixon Spring, Tenn., went to Nashville, and on April 18th was ordered to Trousdale, where the company was drilled until being mustered into the service May 18, 1861, as Company A, Eighth

Tennessee Infantry, under Col. Fulton, Brig.-Gen. Daniel Donaldson and Div.-Gen. B. T. Cheatham. The company arrived at Manassas, Va., the day after the terrible battle at that place, and here Mr. Galyen first saw a dead soldier. On the trip to that point he had taken his first ride on a railroad train, riding on top of a box car and being compelled to lie flat to avoid being swept off when the train went through a tunnel. From Manassas the company went to Petersburg, Va., and then was ordered to West Virginia, Mr. Galyen doing picket duty most of the time. They finally took up winter quarters at Pocahontas. They went thence to Cheat Mountain, where Mr. Galyen first saw a man killed, a party of Confederates surprising a bunch of Union pickets playing cards, killing one of them and making the others prisoners. While camping on Cheat Mountain he could look down into the valley and see 15,000 Union soldiers camped there, and much excitement was caused in the camp on one occasion when a stampede in the horse corral led the Southerners to think that the Federal troops were upon them, only later to find that a large bear had invaded the corral and caused the stampede. At this time Mr. Galyen first saw that famous general, Robert E. Lee. Mr. Galyen's company then went to Stanton and later to Beaufort, S. C., where they did picket duty on the coast until shelled by the gun-boats, then went to Shiloh, where they arrived the day after the main fight. The army then fell back to Corinth, Miss., remained for one month, then went to Tupelo and remained until September. They then went to Chattanooga by train, marching thence into Kentucky with Bragg's Command, and taking part in the great fight at Perryville, where 30,000 men on each side fought from eleven o'clock in the morning until dark, October 8, 1862. They then went to Cumberland Gap for the last time and next to Stone Mountain, where Mr. Galyen received a scalp wound, December 31, 1862. After the fight there, the whole army being engaged, the Southern forces fell back to Chattanooga and camped most of the summer of 1863 on the side of Missionary Ridge. Later they were ordered to Chickamauga and went thence back to Chattanooga, where November 23, 1863, Mr. Galyen's company was ordered to guard a bridge. The Union soldiers had reached there first, however, and just as the Confederates were within range opened fire, Mr. Galyen receiving a bullet in the leg that splintered the bone. He was taken to Atlanta, Ga., where he remained until 1864, and then was taken to Covington for two months and was retired from service for six months and sent to Fort Gaines, Ga., where he stayed until the winter of 1864, being then sent to Columbus Springs. The company then went to Macon, Ga., until the surrender of Wilson's Cavalry, and Mr. Galyen went to Nashville, where he was paroled in June, 1865. After the war he came to Sangamon County, Ill., and worked on various farms until his marriage, after which he started farming on his own account and so continued until 1890, when he retired and moved to Pawnee, where he was residing at the time of his death, January 16, 1910. His widow survives him and makes her home with her daughter in Pawnee. Mr. Galyen was one of the prominent men of Pawnee Township and was active in public matters, being one of the first members of the Township High School Board of Education, and served as Justice of the Peace and Assessor for many years. He was a Democrat in his political affairs and his religious belief was that of the Baptist Church.

George E. Galyen was educated in the public schools of Pawnee and lived at home until nineteen years of age. Until he was seventeen he engaged in farming, but at that time started to learn the trade of barber, at which he worked for two years. He was married in July, 1893, and went to Springfield, where he remained until winter, then came to Pawnee and opened tonsorial parlors of his own, conducting them with much success for ten years. In April, 1903, he sold out and went on the road, selling groceries for the E. C. Harley Grocery Company, of Dayton, Ohio. Several months later he became a clerk in a store in Pawnee, but two years afterward engaged in the real estate and insurance business, in which he has been engaged to the present time, also being identified with Twist Brothers Grain Company.

Mr. Galyen has always been a Democrat, and is strictly a Local Optionist, on which ticket he has been elected to fill various positions of honor and trust. He is now President of the Village Board, Township Treasurer and Vice-president of the Law and Order League. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic Lodge, of which he is Secretary, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Modern Woodmen of America. Religiously he is connected with the Presbyterian Church. In every walk of life Mr. Galyen has shown himself to be a man in whom the utmost confidence can be placed.

In Springfield, Ill., July 26, 1893, Mr. Galyen was married to Catalena Higgins, who was born December 10, 1873, in Sangamon County, daughter of Robert and Lydia (Stare) Higgins, the former born November 22, 1836, and died December 6, 1893, and the latter born June 14, 1838, and died March 21, 1910. To Mr. and Mrs. Galyen there have been born two children: Ozelma, born in Pawnee in 1893, died in infancy; and Leroy F., born in Pawnee, March 25, 1895, is now ready for high school.

GAMBLE, Ezra, a retired carpenter living at Buffalo, Mechanicsburg Township, Sangamon County, was born in Franklin County, Pa., May 15, 1830, and is a son of Morrell R. and Hannah (Filson) Gamble, natives of Pennsylvania. The parents were farmers and spent their entire lives in Pennsylvania, the father dying at the age of forty-four years, and the mother also dying young. The Gamble family came originally from

Scotland and the Filson family from Ireland. Morrell R. Gamble and his wife had seven children, of whom five were sons, and Ezra is the only surviving member.

Mr. Gamble was educated in his native county and during his boyhood worked on his father's farm until eighteen years of age, then began learning the trade of carpenter, which he followed in Pennsylvania for some years. He came West May 15, 1857, and lived for a time in Scott County, Ill. Two years later he moved to Sangamon County, and has since resided in Buffalo. Since coming to the village he has followed contracting in the vicinity, and in this connection has erected many residences, and has been successful financially. He has made a large number of friends during the many years he has lived at his present location and is considered a representative, useful citizen.

Mr. Gamble was married in Buffalo, January 7, 1861, to Mary Elizabeth Vlerbome, who was born in Butler County, Ohio. Her parents came to Sangamon County, Ohio, at an early day and located on a farm. Mrs. Vlerbome died in Sangamon County and her husband returned East and died in New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Vlerbome had five sons and four daughters. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gamble, of whom two survive: Jennie E., widow of William T. Hall, of Buffalo, and Anna, who lives at home. Mrs. Hall has two children, Lela E., with her mother, and Hazel, wife of Ernest Fullenwider, residing in Springfield. Mr. Gamble is a member of the Methodist Church and a member of its Board of Directors. In politics he is a Republican.

GARDNER, William P., a general farmer and stock raiser on Section 17, Gardner Township, was born in the house, now his home, June 13, 1854, son of John Gardner for whom the township was named. The latter was one of the commissioners engaged in dividing the county into townships, and was thus honored. He was born June 21, 1805, in Trimble County, Ky., and grew to manhood. There he married Mary C. Duncan, born March 27, 1810. The Gardner family is of English extraction the founders of the family in America first settling in Virginia. The Duncans are of Scotch origin. The mother of Mrs. Gardner died when she was only six weeks old, and she was reared by an uncle, William Prior. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner remained in their old home until 1833, when they came to Sangamon County, and in January of the following year, settled in what is now Gardner Township, building a one-room house, at what was Hickory Point, on Prairie Creek. From time to time they enlarged their primitive house until it was one of the best in the township. Their nine children were as follows: Hiram E., born April 28, 1831, in Franklin County, Ky., died in August, 1903, vice-president of the Farmers National Bank of Springfield; Sarah A. born October 15, 1833, in Sangamon County, died August 12, 1908; Nannie C., born September 12, 1835, died April 10 1857 and is buried on the home place; John P., born July 5, 1839; Cranmer, born in 1841, died Aug. 3, 1843; James, born March 27, 1844, at Clarksville, Texas; Mary E. Gardner, born April 3, 1847, married John S. Berry, two children died in March 1887; Lucy M., born June 19, 1851, married W. T. Hurt; and W. P., of whom we write.

John Gardner was one of the representative men of the county, and one who was fitted for rounding out a pioneer community. He and Pater Cartwright were fast friends, and often worked together in effecting public changes. He was a strong Democrat, and was often returned to the Board of Commissioners. A devout Baptist, he was active in Church work, and lived out in his life the religious doctrines he believed. Charitable, broadminded, he never failed to give liberally of means and sympathy, and was affectionately called "Uncle John" by those who knew and loved him. His death occurred February 11, 1868, and at the time he was the owner of 3,000 acres of excellent farm land. His widow survived him until March, 1882. She was reared in the Methodist faith, but after coming here, she and her husband joined the Christian Church. These two excellent people reared up their children in the fear of the Lord, and those who came within their home were expected to live according to their standards. Of these perhaps the most noted is Judge McGuire, who affectionately remembers their kindness to him during the several years he lived with them.

William P. Gardner attended district and Springfield high school, but when sixteen years old, left school as he was the only one of the sons then at home with his mother, she having been left a widow two years before. The lad shouldered the heavy responsibilities until she died in 1882. On September 24, 1879, he was married to Mary R. Harrison, born December 20, 1853, daughter of Simeon and Mary (Renshaw) Harrison, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Peck. Mrs. Harrison is living with Mrs. Gardner. Two of the Harrison sisters have married brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner became the parents of three children: William R., born January 13, 1883, married Mamie Fugate, on June 22, 1905, issue Mary P. born September 4, 1906, and Harriet R. born May 6, 1909; Lee D., born August 20, 1884, married Nina Moberly of Chicago, and is now employed by the Stock Yard National Bank at Kansas City, Mo.; Hiram E., born September 30, 1889, living at home. The eldest son is operating the old farm. The children have been given a good education, and assisted in their settlement in life.

For fifty-seven years, Mr. Gardner has lived in the township bearing the same name as his own, and is one of its most representative men. Many are the township offices he has filled with ability, including a seven years' occupancy of the assessorship. He is a member of the Christian Church, and his wife of the Methodist

Church, and he has contributed liberally towards both. Fraternally, he belongs to Camp No. 114, M. W. A., and each one of his sons are also members, while he and his wife are members of Royal Camp, No. 431, Neighbors, and Springfield Council No. 136 Yoemen of America. The Democratic party owes much to his support, for not only has he represented it in office, but for years was Committeeman for the County. He and his family occupy a very high place in the esteem of the neighborhood, and they deserve this distinction, everyone having won it by honest, upright living and kindly open-handed charity.

Mr. Gardner was present at the corner stone laying of the State House, being on Gen. McClernand's staff, at the laying of the cornerstone of the first building on the State Fair Ground.

GARMAN, William (deceased), was born in Carroll County, Tenn., September 14, 1849, and was a son of James and Ruth Dorothy Garman, both natives of the same county. James C. Garman brought his family to Brown County, Ill., when his son William was a small boy, and located on a farm. William Garman was reared on a farm in Brown County and there received his education. He then engaged with his father in mining operations and in later life acted as manager for several different coal mines.

Mr. Garman was an excellent business man and carried on his business affairs in an able manner, becoming successful in whatever he undertook. He was honest and upright in all his dealings and was universally esteemed. He never cared for public office, though he was a stanch Republican all his life. As a boy he and his mother attended a campaign rally in Springfield and heard Abraham Lincoln speak. While living in Pleasant Plains, Ill., he joined the Christian Church, and also belonged to the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 770, of that city. He was well known in mining circles in central Illinois and was popular among his associates.

Mr. Garman was married in Rushville, Schuyler County, Ill., to Miss Flora Addison, daughter of Matthew and Rhoda (Workman) Addison, who lived on a farm near Beardstown, Ill. Two children were born of this union: Winona Bell, unmarried and living with her mother, Mrs. Nellie Lettarst, wife of Charles Lettarst, who is a mine operator living in Springfield, has one son, Charles, born in August 22, 1907. Mr. Garman died December 6, 1905, and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Mrs. Garman owns her present comfortable home at 149 North Lincoln Avenue, Springfield.

Mrs. Garman's father, Matthew Addison, came to Illinois as a young man, from Pennsylvania, and located on a farm in Schuyler County, where the remainder of his life was spent. He became a prominent man in his community. He died in 1865 and his wife died when Mrs. Garman was only two years of age. Mrs. Garman attends the Christian Church in Springfield.

GARNER, Thomas G., a prosperous and well-known farmer of Section 29, Fancy Creek Township, has lived on his present farm about thirty-five years. He was born in Williams Township, Sangamon County, April 27, 1866, and is a son of Anderson S. and Elizabeth (Whitefoot) Garner, the former born in Tennessee and the latter in Washington County, Md. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, came to Illinois in the early fifties and settled in Williams Township, purchasing a farm near Sherman. Some years later he removed to a farm a half-mile south of the farm where his son Thomas now lives, lived there six years and in 1876 bought the farm now owned by the son, where he erected the log house which is still standing, one of the few of its kind now in existence in Sangamon County. He died there in 1877. He and his wife were married in 1863 and became parents of three children: Thomas, subject of this sketch; Mary J. died in 1891; Rhoda M., living with her brother. Elizabeth Garner came to Sangamon County in an early day, and her father, who was a native of Maryland, died there. Her death occurred in 1904.

The education of Thomas G. Garner was acquired in his native county and he early began to help his father with the farm work. He has lived on the home farm since 1876, inheriting it at the death of his parents, and owns forty acres of good farm land. He is an enterprising and energetic farmer and his efforts have been rewarded by success in a gratifying degree. The parents were members of the United Brethren Church, and he now belongs to the Methodist Church.

Mr. Garner was married in Sangamon County, February 8, 1900, to Minnie B. Keeth, born in Ohio, August 22, 1869, and brought to Sangamon County at the age of one year. Her father, John Keeth, was born in Maryland, emigrated thence to Pennsylvania, where he lived several years, then removed to Ohio and carried on farming for some time, coming to Sangamon County in the 'seventies, and settling on a farm near Sherman, where he and his wife still reside. He served four years as a soldier in the Civil War. He and his wife had one son and four daughters and one daughter is deceased, the others being: Samuel; Mrs. Elizabeth Slaughter, of Maysville, Mo.; Benjamin, living with his father near Sherman; Mrs. Garner. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Garner, one who died in infancy, and Thomas N. Mr. Garner is an intelligent, useful citizen and actively interested in the public welfare, being ready to support any worthy cause.

GARREN, John W.—Probably no section of Illinois responds more generously to the care expended upon it than Sangamon County, and one of the farmers who has proven this through long, prosperous years, is John W. Garren, of Section 12, Cooper Township. He was born in Indiana, April 9, 1847, a son of Andrew and

Mary E. (Foutz) Garren, natives of Indiana. They were farming people who came to the southern part of the State in 1848. There the father engaged in farming, in the vicinity of Centralia, but later went to Macon County, and, after spending a year there, to Marion County. There he lived, engaged in farming, until his death, in 1891. The mother died in 1873. There were five sons and four daughters in the family, of whom the following survive: Theodore and Charles are farmers of Cooper Township; Scott is a farmer of Marion County; Mrs. Julia Malcom, Mrs. Elizabeth Markam and Mrs. Adaline Garren, live in Marion County; and John.

John W. Garren was educated in Marion County, Ill., and spent his boyhood in helping on the farm. In 1868 he came to Sangamon County, settling in Cooper Township, where he bought thirty-five acres of land. This is in a good state of cultivation. The maternal great-grandfather, Jesse Snapp, was a soldier during the American Revolution, serving under General Washington, and was wounded in the battle of the Brandywine.

On November 9, 1868, Mr. Garren was married in Jefferson County, Ill., to Martha J. Tate, born in Tennessee, June 4, 1844, daughter of John W. and Priscilla (Snapp) Tate, natives of South Carolina, and Randolph County, N. C. Later the father moved to Tennessee, where he lived until his death, in 1857. His widow survived him until 1866. There were ten children in the family, and of them Mrs. Garren is the survivor. Mr. and Mrs. Garren have no children, but have an adopted daughter, Fern Barbre, whom they are rearing as their own.

Mr. Garren belongs to Union Chapel of the Methodist Church, contributing liberally towards its support. In political faith he is a Democrat. Both he and his wife are much beloved among their neighbors, for they are good, honest, kindly people, whose charity and Christianity are put to every-day use.

GARVEY, J. Walter, who owns one of the finest herds of Holstein cattle in the State of Illinois, is a whole-souled, kindly man and a prominent citizen of Auburn Township. He is a native of the county, born at Mechanicsburg November 7, 1877, son of John Garvey, who is one of the leading farmers of the vicinity of that village. J. W. Garvey spent his early life on his father's farm, and attended the district school until about eighteen years of age, then went to Eureka College, where he took a special business course, which he finished in 1898, after which he returned to the home farm and took charge of 240 acres of same, beginning life on his own account. He began breeding pure-blood Poland-China hogs and became very successful in this line, making a creditable showing at the State Fair, 1905, winning a championship with "American Special." In 1904, he won a First and Grand Champion at the Missouri State Fair and one year later, won first prize at the Illinois State Fair with "Lucky Charm." The following year he won first prize at Columbus, Ohio. He has been one of the leading breeders of those hogs in central Illinois, and although still comparatively a young man, has won remarkable success. He has exhibited in Missouri, Ohio, Illinois and other States with excellent results, and in December, 1905, he took possession of a farm on Section 29, Auburn Township.

Mr. Garvey has 160 acres of land in his farm and has made many improvements. He has a comfortable home and good outbuildings, and his buildings for housing his cattle and hogs are among the best in the township. He began paying special attention to breeding fine Holstein cattle in 1907, and in the interests of this industry visited Indiana, Ohio and New York, where he selected his stock. He purchased Pontiac Jewel Butter Boy, at the head of his herd, one of the best animals in the State, a native of Utica, N. Y., and bred by W. A. Matheson, one of the best judges of cattle in that State. Mr. Garvey purchased other animals for his herd from C. F. Hunt of Syracuse, taking seven of the best cows in his herd; purchased two cows from T. H. Russell of Ohio; and three head from John Sugart, of Marion, Ind. Mr. Garvey started his herd with this strain and now has a herd of 70. He has had buyers from several States and has won many prizes on his cattle. He has had a return of 32.7 pounds of butter in seven days from one cow, Molly. He has a dairy 60x100 feet, with the latest equipment and appliances, and has provided the most sanitary conditions in every respect. Although he has not had the advantage of a university education he is well versed in matters pertaining to the management of a dairy, and his opinions are often sought by the faculty of the State universities. He has written many articles on this subject and also on the subject of the proper selection of a dairy herd. Mr. Garvey has devoted his active life to agricultural pursuits and his success is the result of his most careful study of every detail of his business.

Mr. Garvey was married October 10, 1900, to Miss Florence May Moore, who was born in Waverly, Ohio, October 18, 1881, and came to Sangamon County with her parents in 1883. She is a daughter of M. K. Moore, a prominent citizen of Springfield, residing at 835 South Park Avenue. Mr. Moore dates his ancestry back to the royal families of Germany through his mother. Mr. Garvey and his wife have two children, Florence Irene, born July 30, 1903, and Frances Mildred, September 26, 1904.

Mrs. Garvey is an educated and cultured woman and is a graduate of Williamsville High School and of the Bettie Stuart Institute, of Springfield. She formerly won many medals in oratorical contests while attending school. She has social gifts as well, and is popular among her many friends. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while her husband belongs to the Christian Church.

Fraternity he belongs to the Masonic Lodge at Virden and to the Knights of Pythias, of Springfield. Politically he is a Republican. He is a representative of the class of enterprising young American citizens interested in the public welfare and ready to advance any worthy cause. He takes a leading part in the councils of his party but has never had political aspirations of his own. He has the fullest respect of all who know him and is a Christian man and a gentleman in the fullest sense.

GARVEY, Patrick (deceased), who for some years prior to his death lived retired from active pursuits in Springfield, Ill., was a useful, upright citizen, who had the esteem and good will of all who knew him. He was a native of County Mayo, Ireland, born in March, 1852, son of John and Mary (Ratchford) Garvey, both also born in County Mayo, where their entire lives were spent, and the father was a farmer.

The boyhood of Patrick Garvey was spent on his father's farm and he was educated in the country schools of his native place. He lived with his parents until reaching his majority, then, believing he could better his condition by leaving his native soil, sailed for America in 1873, locating in Sangamon County, Ill., where he became a successful farmer. He was energetic and ambitious and was able to retire from active life a few years before his death. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and fraternally belonged to the Western Catholic Union. He was a firm Republican in politics, although taking no very active part in public affairs, being absorbed in his farming. He was a man of cheerful disposition, a kind friend, neighbor and husband, and won many warm friends.

Mr. Garvey was married at Bloomington, Ill., February 13, 1876, to Miss Annie O'Brien, born in County Mayo, Ireland, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Welsh) O'Brien, both also natives of that county. Children were born of this union as follows: John, an electrician in the employ of Rachford Brothers, of Springfield, is unmarried and lives with his mother; Mary, a dressmaker, unmarried, and living at home; Joseph, connected with a ranch, lives in California and is unmarried; Anna married Frank Maley, a business man of Springfield, and they have no children. Mr. Garvey passed away at his home, which is now owned by his widow, at 118 North Fourteenth Street, in 1905, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Garey is a member of the Immaculate Conception Roman-Catholic Church.

GATHARD, Malon.—Many of the most substantial men of Sangamon County are now living retired from farming activities in one or other of the towns which surround Springfield. There they find congenial surroundings and pleasant friends, among whom to spend their declining years. A representative of this class is Malon Gathard, of Riverton. He was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, May 27, 1836, a son of William and Matilda (Hogan) Gathard, both natives of New Jersey. At an early day these parents came from New Jersey to Ohio, farming there until 1848, when with their two sons, Malon and Elijah, they came to Illinois, locating in Round Prairie, Sangamon County. They farmed there for twelve years, then moved to Springfield where they spent four years. They then settled on a farm in Fork Prairie, which continued their home until death claimed them, the father dying in 1871 and the mother in 1881, both being over eighty years of age. There were eight sons and two daughters in the family, those surviving being: William, of Germantown, Ind.; Elijah, of Fork Prairie, and Malon.

Mr. Gathard was educated in the country schools of Sangamon County, working during boyhood for his father on the home farm. After the war broke out, he enlisted at Camp Butler in Company B, Sixty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Stuart, serving for three months, when he was discharged, and re-enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, from which he was discharged after a service of one hundred days, and mustered out at Camp Butler. After the war was over he resumed farming, lived at Round Prairie for several years, then moved to Riverton, where for fifteen years he was in the employ of the Clear Lake Ice Company. Since 1892 he has been living retired in Riverton. He is a member of Riverton Post, G. A. R. His religious affiliations are with the Christian Church, of which he is a member, but his wife belongs to the Methodist Church.

Mr. Gathard was married in Rochester, Ill., December 21, 1865, to Amanda Lawyer, born in Round Prairie, November 12, 1848, a daughter of Hiram Lawyer, who was born in Ohio but his wife was a native of Round Prairie, her maiden name being Nancy Trotter. Mr. Lawyer came to Illinois at an early day, locating at Round Prairie, where he farmed until his death, passing away April 13, 1891, his wife preceding him, dying March 25, 1884. There were four sons and five daughters in the Lawyer family, those surviving being: Mrs. Gathard; Eliza, wife of James Burch, of Riverton; William, a farmer south of Riverton, and Eva, wife of William Beck, of Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Gathard became the parents of eight children, six daughters and two sons, six of whom survive: Emma, wife of James Moore, a farmer near Springfield; Archie, of Middletown, Ill.; Matilda, wife of Henry Hulett, of Riverton; Eva, wife of Robert Rubly, of Springfield; Ada, wife of Manuel Raylotts, of Riverton, and Jessie, of Riverton. There are twenty-nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild in the family.

Mr. Gathard owns the comfortable family residence in Riverton, and is in receipt of a pension, which does not compensate him for what

he has endured all his life as a result of exposure and hardships while in service. While many gave up their lives on the battlefields, they were not the greatest sufferers. The real heroes of the Civil War are those who lived, enduring, through years of suffering, the ailments which resulted from forced marches, poor and insufficient food, exposure, and other hardships. Such veterans are deserving of distinguished honor and material benefits as well.

GATTON, Walter T., a successful farmer and breeder of Holstein-Friesian cattle, living on Section 34, Woodside Township, Sangamon County, is a native of that township, born February 5, 1882, and although comparatively a young man, has shown great enterprise and excellent business judgment. Mr. Gatton is a son of Walter T. Sr. and Mary (Whitehurst) Gatton, the former born in Woodside Township, September 16, 1854, and the latter born August 1, 1856. Walter T. Gatton, Sr. spent his entire life on Oakwood Stock Farm and was an expert in the cattle business, his father having came to Sangamon County from Hardin County, Ky. He died March 4, 1886, and his wife April 22, 1906.

Walter T. Gatton Jr. was educated in the public school and in Springfield Business College, and as a boy was fond of hunting and other outdoor sports. He began to assist his father with the duties on the home farm as soon as he was old enough and was always much interested in stock. He has done much to advance the interests of stockmen in Sangamon County and has a fine herd of pure-bred stock, having exhibited cattle at the State Fairs and won several premiums. He is also greatly interested in hogs, and is a prosperous farmer as well. He has the entire confidence and esteem of his neighbors and is well-known throughout the county in connection with his business. In political views he is a Democrat and he joined the Masonic order in 1907. He belongs to Tyrian Lodge No. 333 A. F. and A. M.; Springfield Council No. 4; R. A. M., Elwood Commander No. 6, and Sangamo Lodge of Perfection. He and his wife belong to the Christian church and are interested in many worthy causes.

Mr. Gatton was married in Springfield, June 20, 1906, to Eva C. White, born in Mason County, Ill., in 1884, daughter of Elbert and Anna (Scott) White, the former born in West Virginia, March 21, 1854, and the latter in Illinois, April 3, 1856. Mr. White came to Illinois at the age of ten years, and when he reached manhood engaged in farming, which he continued many years, then retired from active life. Mr. Gatton and his wife own a very pleasant home and a farm of 194 acres.

GAUL, George M. (deceased).—There are certain staple articles which have been necessary to mankind from time immemorial, which no innovations could displace, no inventions dispose of, and these facts have made the trade of broom-making one of the time-honored occupations. In the ranks of this profession have been found men of the highest character and integrity, and one who made it his life work was the late George M. Gaul, in whose death Springfield lost one of its best citizens. He was born in August, 1835, in Germany, a son of George W. and Katie Gaul, the former a molder. Mr. Gaul's parents died in Germany when he was nine years old and he resided with relatives until he had reached the age of twenty years, when he came to America, settling first in New York and later removing to Springfield. His education had been begun in Germany and he also attended high school in New York, but after coming to Springfield devoted all of his time to the trade of broom-making, establishing a large and profitable business, with which he was connected right up to the time of his death. He was a Republican in politics, but never cared for public preferment, nor would he consent to become a member of any fraternal order. His religious connection was with the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. Gaul was married in Sangamon County, Ill., March, 1867, to Catherine Haritt, who was born in Germany in 1846, and to this union there were born ten children: George Peter, John, Adam, Thomas, William, Elizabeth Cummins, Emma Wall, Annie Carey, Caroline and Katie, residing at home. John and Thomas have died: The family is socially prominent and Mr. Gaul is remembered as a man of integrity, whose friends were many and whose enemies were few.

GEDMAN, Charles.—America has long been the refuge of those from foreign lands who are oppressed by their own governments. Some of the best citizens we have are those who have thus sought the religious and political freedom denied them elsewhere. Springfield is fortunate in having many such men, and among them, an excellent example of what a foreigner can accomplish in this country, if he is intelligent and willing to work and learn, is Charles Gedman. Mr. Gedman was born in Russia, August 19, 1870, a son of Michael and Rosie (Gemba) Gedman, born in the same place as their son. The father was a farmer, who died in 1887, but his wife survives, residing in Russia. They had two sons and three daughters, who, with the exception of one daughter, came to America. The family are all Catholics.

Mr. Gedman was fortunate in possessing an educated mother, who taught him in his youth and implanted in his heart the desire for acquiring more knowledge. He speaks Russian, Polish, Lithuanian, English and Bohemian, all learned from contact with men. In addition, he writes English well and reads fluently. While living in Russia he was a miner, but, believing he could do better in America, he came over in 1893 and located in Chicago. There he found employment in different lines, until 1895, when he came to Springfield to begin

working in the coal mines. This was his occupation for some years, until he embarked in a coal business, July 1, 1902. His previous experience has served him well and he has developed a large and constantly growing trade.

Mr. Gedman was married in Springfield, October 30, 1899, to Emelia Valtioncys, born in Russia, where her parents died. She has a brother and sister in America, and came in 1899, to join Mr. Gedman. They had been sweethearts in their native land, and one of his reasons for leaving was to prepare a home for her. Two children have been born to them, Julia, attending St. Mary's Academy, and John. Mr. Gedman belongs to St. Vincent De Paul's Church of Springfield, being a consistent Catholic. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Society, Eagles and the Lithuanian Citizens Club, and has belonged to the Guards of Grand Duke Vitaugh. Independent in politics, he votes for the men and principles he believes best suited to secure the interests of the people. His success is something of which he has every reason to be proud, for he is essentially a self-made man, and one who has had to struggle hard for all he possesses. It is such men who form the backbone of the nation and support it in any emergency.

GEHLMAN, Samuel Henry.—The Gehlman family has been identified with the progress and development of Springfield, Ill., since 1849, when the father of Samuel Henry Gehlman located there and established himself in business as a contractor. Samuel H. Gehlman was born in Petersburg, Menard County, Ill., May 21, 1851, son of Ernest F. and Mary (Sidener) Gehlman. E. F. Gehlman was for thirty years a successful contractor and erected some of the largest and best stores and residences of the older portion of Springfield. In Company with his son, S. H. Gehlman, he erected the main building of the Illinois State University, at Champaign, Ill.

Samuel H. Gehlman was educated in the public schools of Springfield, and after leaving school became employed as bookkeeper and clerk. He worked some time in company with his father, but has now established himself in the real estate business on his own account, and has met with gratifying success. He has always been a Republican in politics, and fraternally is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Elks. For the past forty years Mr. Gehlman has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, and he is interested in every measure for the public benefit. He takes an active interest in local politics and public affairs and is an enterprising citizen. He has spent most of his life in Springfield, where he has a reputation for business sagacity and reliability, and has a large number of friends.

Mr. Ghelman was married, September 30, 1872, to Miss Nettie L. Lasswell, who was born December 9, 1851, daughter of John Lasswell, who was born in Sangamon County and spent his entire life there. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gehlman, namely: Virginia Mary, May 23, 1874; Howard L., December 16, 1876; Janetta, January 30, 1887; John Alexander, August 30, 1892. Mrs. Gehlman died November 26, 1906. The family reside at 707 South Douglas Avenue, Springfield.

GEHRMANN, Charles A., is now living retired from active life in his pleasant home at 1021 North Third Street, Springfield, Ill., where he has about three acres of ground, laid out in a beautiful park. The place is adorned with ornamental trees, flowering shrubs, choice fruit trees, and with giant forest trees rising with ancient grandeur. Evergreens, some sixty feet high, spread their dark green branches over the extensive lawn, and benches underneath invite one to repose, while admiring the beautiful prospect. The house contains many original paintings, some from Mr. Gehrmann's own brush and some executed by his children. The home contains a large library and there are various musical instruments which show evidence of daily use. It is a model home, with every comfort and many luxuries.

Mr. Gehrmann is a native of Nordhausen, Germany, born August 1, 1835, son of Frederick August and Christiana (Klemm) Gehrmann. His father was born in Nordhausen and his mother in Haynrode, Germany, he August 24, 1804, and she January 6, 1811. They owned a farm at Nordhausen and were parents of four children, of whom but two are living: Charles A., of this sketch, and Theodore A., who has two sons, Dr. Adolph G. and Felix G. Dr. Adolph G. Gehrmann is connected with the Columbia Laboratory, of Chicago, and Felix G. is a large buyer in the stock yards in that city. Frederick A. Gehrmann and his wife died in Germany.

The boyhood and early youth of Charles A. Gehrmann were spent in his native country, where he received an excellent education and a thorough training for business, becoming a clerk in one of the leading dry goods stores of Potsdam, and later being employed by Herman Gerson, of Berlin, where his knowledge of the English and French languages brought him into contact with the foreign customers, especially the trade of Russia. On one occasion he became the recipient of a fine gold watch from the Empress of Russia in acknowledgment of services rendered. Having a desire to see the world, he made arrangements to enter the employ of a London house, but on reaching Hamburg altered his plans and, contrary to the wishes of his parents, came to America. He tried to buy a ticket on the ill-fated "Austria," but finding them all sold, he and a friend came over in another vessel, the trip consuming six weeks. The first news he heard on his arrival in New York was of the burning of the "Austria" in mid-ocean, but ten persons being saved of about one thousand on board. Mr.

Gehrmann spent some months very pleasantly, traveling through the northern part of the country and going as far as the source of the Mississippi, where he found excellent hunting ground, and visiting the larger cities of the region. He finally located in Springfield in 1858. The primitive conditions he found in that place, as compared with some of the larger cities he had visited, aroused his interest and convinced him it would be a good location for a business. He did not believe in spending his life as a clerk, and to those who later worked under him he would say, "Save one thousand dollars; accomplish this and we will talk about your future." Many who followed his advice are today rich and prosperous merchants, either in Springfield or elsewhere. He believes a clerk should have an ambition to become proprietor of some business of his own, and has helped many to realize such an ambition.

By close attention to the needs of his business, hard work and liberal dealing, Mr. Gehrmann built up an extensive dry-goods trade, at No. 113 on the west side of The Square. In 1882 he bought out the old John Williams dry-goods store, at No. 507 on the north side of The Square, which he occupied until the purchase of his place on the west side. He was able to retire from active business life January 1, 1906, having at that time many warm friends, who gave him their entire respect and esteem. He left the business world with the good will of all. In 1876 he became a prominent member of the Merchants' and Shippers' Association, of Springfield, which was largely instrumental in securing an Interstate Railroad Commission. He was for eighteen years a member of the Springfield Board of Education, and was the originator of the idea of a training school for manual labor in the schools of the city, which has been so successfully and thoroughly installed there. It began with four pupils and now has about one hundred thirty-five, some of its graduates having won distinction in industrial discoveries and projects. He believes in the necessity of manufacturing goods at home and strongly advises the training of home talent into industrial and productive work, thus doing away with the necessity of "buying brains" from outside. He is a Mason, being affiliated with Elwood Commandery No. 6, K. T., and also belongs to Capital Lodge No. 14, Knights of Pythias. In 1875 Mr. Gehrmann was made an honorary member of the Governor's Guard, which had been founded the previous year. W. D. Richardson was President and E. S. Johnson Commander of same.

April 12, 1862, Mr. Gehrmann married Miss Minnie Jahnke, a resident of Springfield, who was born in Berlin, Germany, June 23, 1844. She accompanied her parents to the United States when she was quite young. She departed this life October 31, 1886, leaving five children, namely: Charles A., a professor of chemistry and a mining engineer, owns several mines in Colorado and Nevada; Clara M. married F. W. Sutton, of Kenilworth, Ill.; Ella G., Adele and Paul M. The family are members of the German Lutheran Church and highly esteemed in social circles. Mrs. Gehrmann was much beloved by all who knew her, being of a kind and loving disposition and one of those faithful women whose chief pleasure in life consists in making the home a place of comfort and peace for husband and children, and who have always a kind word for the unfortunate and a smile for those who are struggling against adverse circumstances. Mr. Gehrmann has a brother, Theodore A., who is a retired business man of Chicago; a cousin, Charles G., of Montclair, N. J.; and another cousin, C. W. Klemm, of Bloomington, Ill.

Mr. Gehrmann is now over seventy-six years old, but has never abused his body by the use of liquor or by other bad habits, and is in complete possession of all his mental and physical faculties. He greatly enjoys watching boys at their fishing and likes to care for his garden, in which he takes great pride. He has great love for his native country and takes much comfort in his linguistic knowledge, through which, to use his own words, "The whole world lies before me, and it is satisfactory to answer the old question 'Why?' quickly and correctly." He is fond of nature and natural scenery and has written several poems along this line for local German papers, many of which have been translated into English. One of these, "Bob White," which he considers one of his best, was suggested by scenes in Sangamon County. His wise, temperate manner of living was instilled into his mind by his grandfather, who reared him carefully and strictly, and there is no period of his life upon which he looks back with regret or with the feeling that he would have done well to act or speak in a manner other than he did.

GIBSON, David L., an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of Springfield, Ill., may always be counted on to do his share in promoting any movement which is for the general welfare of the public. Mr. Gibson was born in Mercer County, Ky., September 21, 1840, son of James B. and Fannie Violett Gibson, the former a native of Owen County, Ky., born in 1805, and the latter of Virginia. The father was a farmer and moved with his family to Missouri in 1846, and the mother died there the following year. James B. Gibson moved to Decatur, Ill., in 1867 and died there in 1872. The father of James B. Gibson was a native of North Carolina and was an early settler in Kentucky.

The childhood of David L. Gibson was spent on a farm in Clark County, Mo., and he there attended the country schools. Upon leaving school he assisted his father with the work of carrying on the farm. He served from June to September, 1861, in the Home Guards of Missouri, and enlisted at Clinton, Ill., in August, 1862, in Company D, One Hundred and Seventh Illinois Infantry, under Colonel Snell, serving

three years and being mustered out at Salisbury, N. C., June 26, 1865. Mr. Gibson proved himself to be a brave and faithful soldier and in the performance of duty participated in the battles of Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville, Raleigh, Salisbury, Knoxville, and many others. He was with Sherman's army. Mr. Gibson is reasonably proud of his record and won the highest esteem of his comrades. He belongs to Stephenson Post G. A. R. Upon his discharge from the army he returned to Clinton. In 1872 he moved to Kansas, thence to Missouri in the same year, and returned to Illinois in 1874, having since lived in Sangamon County. He learned the trade of carpenter and now follows same with excellent success. In early life he devoted his attention to farming. In politics he is a Republican and he is a member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Gibson was married in Macon County, Ill., January 25, 1869, to Miss Jemima Simpson, born in Sangamon County, Oct. 25, 1850, daughter of Jordan and Clarissa (Sayer) Simpson, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of New Jersey. Six children blessed this union, namely: Frank, born September 14, 1869; Lydia B., January 16, 1872; Emma, Aug. 27, 1879; Grace, November 13, 1883; George William, born March 3, 1874, died November 29, 1894; Nellie, born 1876, died in March, 1879. Mr. Gibson is a man who takes great interest in the welfare of his family and friends, and is a favorite among his acquaintances on account of his cheerful disposition and sterling traits of character. He is genuinely liked by all who have had dealings with him and has won many personal friends in Springfield. He lives in a very comfortable home at 1118 North West Grand Avenue.

GIBSON, John T., a retired teamster living just outside the city of Springfield, is a veteran of the Civil War and is well known as a useful, public-spirited citizen. He was born in Hamilton, Ohio, son of Hiram and Mary Ann (Miller) Gibson, the father born in Kentucky, in 1818, and the mother in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1820. Hiram Gibson was a blacksmith by trade and he and his wife came to Illinois in 1858, settling at Greenup, Cumberland County, Ill., where they lived two years, then located at Charleston, Coles County, where the father died in 1863, being buried at that place. Mrs. Gibson moved to Vandalia, Ill., in the spring of 1866, lived there fourteen years, then moved to Springfield and lived there until her death, in 1891. She is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The education of John T. Gibson was received in the public schools of Illinois, and the first one he attended was held in a log building. He lived at home until the death of his father. In 1862 Mr. Gibson enlisted in Company A, Fifth Illinois Cavalry, remaining two months in Camp Butler, January 15, 1863, they left for Pilot Knob, Mo., where they joined their regiment. Their first serious engagement was at Vicksburg, and they spent about sixty days on this campaign. After the surrender of Pemberton, July 4, 1863, they moved on to Big Black River, where they took part in a fight, spent a short time at Champion Hills, and had a three days' engagement at Jackson, Miss. They went on to Meridian, then came back to Vicksburg and spent about two months there, went on to Memphis, Tenn., where they remained about two months, then went on to Natchez, Miss., where there was some skirmishing. At the close of the Meridian campaign they went to Alexandria, La., thence to Hempstead, Tex., where they remained a couple of months, then got orders to be mustered out and returned to Camp Butler, Ill., where they received their honorable discharge in October, 1865. Mr. Gibson served ably and faithfully and was never captured, but was wounded at the Battle of Big Black River and spent three months in the hospital. Upon his return, at the close of the war, he engaged in teaming and built up a good business. He now lives retired in his home at the northeastern limits of Springfield. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and in Politics is a Republican. In 1909 he was elected to the office of Constable of Springfield Township. He was born May 23, 1848, and was only a boy when he enlisted in the service of his country.

Mr. Gibson was married at Charleston, Ill., October 26, 1866, to Miss Mary E. Bartholomew, who was born in Hocking County, Ohio, March 2, 1844, daughter of David and Rachel Bartholomew, who came to Illinois in 1859. Mrs. Gibson's father died in 1876 and her mother in 1902, and both are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield. They first settled at Greenup, Cumberland County. They had eleven children, of whom four are now living. Five children were born to Mr. Gibson and his wife, two sons and three daughters, namely: Ida May, born July 10, 1867, wife of Frank Wilder, who is employed at Striffler's Ice Plant, Springfield, where he has worked the past six years, and four children died young. Mr. Wilder and his wife have one child, Biddy Bell, born November 12, 1900.

GIESE, Gustav, a substantial and enterprising German-American citizen of Springfield, Ill., has resided in his present home at 1104 East Laurel Street, since 1884, and during that time has witnessed many changes and improvements in the community. Mr. Giese is a native of a village in Prussia, Germany, born October 23, 1845, and spent his early life in his native country, on his father's farm and in the German army. He is a son of John and Annie (Sailer) Giese, both natives of Germany, who were lifelong residents of their native country, where both died. John Giese served under King William in the Prussian Army. He and his wife had seven children.

The education of Gustav Giese was acquired in his native village and in 1866 he entered the

Prussian Army, under King William, serving two years. He again enlisted in 1871, serving another two years, after which he sailed for America, landing in New York June 7, 1873. He spent but a short time in New York, then removed to Springfield, which has since been his home. He worked three years in the brick yard of Herman Master, then entered the employ of the North Shaft Coal Company, where he remained twenty-seven years. For the past seven years he has been retired from more active labor and has been engaged in gardening, in which line he has met with gratifying success. He has always been industrious and thrifty and has been fortunate in his investments, now owning his home and other city property. He is interested in anything he believes will benefit the community in general and is a useful and patriotic citizen of his adopted country. In politics he is a Republican and he is affiliated with the order of Loyal Americans. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. Giese was married (first), in Springfield, January 1, 1881, to Miss Yochemig, born in Springfield, daughter of Morris and Mary Yochemig, and they became parents of five children. She died April 25, 1895, and Mr. Giese married (second) in 1899, Mrs. Elizabeth Cleland, born in Scotland, October 4, 1847, daughter of John and Jane Campbell. Her parents both died in Scotland. Mr. Giese and his first wife had children as follows: Louisa, residing in Chicago; Emma, wife of William Walther, also of Chicago; Frank and Gustav, of Springfield, and Henry, of Indiana. Mr. Giese and his wife are well known in Springfield, where they have a large number of personal friends.

GIGER, Henry Douglas (deceased).—Faithful service as a public official is more rare than it ought to be, and consequently deeply appreciated whenever found. The late Henry Douglas Giger, who for nine years was Chief Deputy of County Clerk Opal, of Sangamon County, was a man against whose public and private life no word of censure could ever be uttered. He was a native of the county, having been born on a farm in Cooper Township, September 18, 1861, a son of Benjamin Giger. The latter was born on the same farm, in January, 1827, his father Henry Giger, having been among the very early settlers of that part of the State. Benjamin Giger died on the homestead, October 14, 1909, having been a consistent member of the First Methodist Church at Buckhart for many years. He was twice married, his first wife having been Margaret Kirk, who died when Henry Douglas Giger was only seven years old. He was the youngest of the three children she bore her husband, the others being: Luella, who died at the age of four years, and Edward, now living on the home farm. The second wife of Benjamin Giger was Mary Johnson, who survives him, making her home in Springfield.

Henry Douglas Giger received an excellent education, attending the public schools of his neighborhood and Brook's Institute of Springfield, and being reared to farm work at the same time. On November 24, 1887, he married Ida McCune, of Rochester, daughter of the late John McCune, who was born in Kentucky, but came to Illinois in young manhood, locating on a farm which his father had entered. His death occurred in Rochester, in September, 1897. His wife was Jane Baker, a most estimable lady. After marriage Mr. Giger taught school several terms and, becoming prominent in politics, served as Township Treasurer and Supervisor, at the same time continuing his farm work. When appointed Chief Deputy by County Clerk Opal, Mr. Giger moved to Springfield, where he built a comfortable home, and in it his death occurred, on August 28, 1907. Like his father, he died firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which he had long been an active and valued member. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, upholding party principles upon all occasions. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow and a Woodman. Mrs. Giger and their four children: Gertrude, now Mrs. Roy Canham, of Springfield; Frank C., a student of the high school; Eva and Agnes, both at home, survive him.

Faithful to the duties of his office, a kind father and devoted husband, Mr. Giger's loss was deeply felt by the whole community, for such men are not easily spared. His services to his office as well as those to his church brought him into contact with many, and none failed to find him accommodating and loyal to what he believed were the best interests of all concerned.

GILBERT, A. D. (deceased), who served nearly eighteen years as Postmaster of Illiopolis, Ill., for several years conducted a general store in that village, and was well known and highly esteemed in his part of Sangamon County. He was well known in church and Masonic circles and was a man who readily made friends and retained their good will. He was a Christian and a gentleman, and his memory is tenderly revered by his family. He left a widow, three children and several grandchildren. He was born in Portage County, Ohio, April 10, 1828, a son of Jabez and Olive (Daniels) Gilbert, the former born in Connecticut and the latter in Massachusetts. The parents lived on a farm in Ohio, where both died, and of their six children all are deceased. The father of Olive Daniels was a soldier in the Revolution.

A. D. Gilbert was educated in Hiram College, in his native State, and worked for his father on the farm as soon as he was old enough. At the age of seventeen years he began teaching school, and after spending one year at this profession in Ohio came to the southern part of Illinois and taught there one year, then came to Sangamon County and taught for some time in the Lick Creek and Sugar Creek Schools, spending his summers at farm work. While

teaching between Riverton and Dawson his future wife was one of his pupils. In 1868 he engaged in mercantile business in Illiopolis and the following year received the appointment for the office of Postmaster, which he filled seventeen years and a half. He also conducted a store for two years previous to his death, which occurred in 1904. The family have made their home in the house they now occupy for forty-one years. Mr. Gilbert served many years as School Director and in politics was a Republican. He was a member of the Christian Church and the Masons. He became prominent in his community and always took an active interest in the cause of education and progress. He was a man of superior intelligence and good judgment and a most useful citizen.

Mr. Gilbert was married in Clear Lake Township, September 14, 1858, to Nancy Harbert, born near LaFayette, Ind., September 11, 1838, daughter of Eli and Mary (Hulbert) Harbert, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of Virginia. They moved from Ohio to Indiana and there both parents died. Mr. Harbert was a tanner and shoemaker. Three children were born to himself and his wife, namely: Samuel Harbert, of Illiopolis; Eli, on a farm in Sangamon County, and Mrs. Gilbert.

Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert: Eli J., superintendent of a mine in California; Olive, wife of William C. Galloway, a traveling salesman living in Chicago; Fannie, wife of George Smith, a real estate dealer of Lawrence, Kan. There are six grandchildren in the family: Earl and Claire Gilbert; Massock, Paul and Richard Galloway, and Gilbert Smith. Mrs. Gilbert owns the home in Illiopolis, as well as other property.

GILBERT, Edward, who for many years was engaged in mining ventures, and whose experience as a mine superintendent took him to various parts of the country, is now living retired, in Springfield, his home being located at No. 1904 South Fifth Street. He is a native of Cornwall, England, born February 18, 1840, a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Roberts) Gilbert.

The parents of Mr. Gilbert came to America in 1848, bringing a family of five children, and from Quebec, Canada, where they landed, made their way to Milwaukee, Wis., and thence by wagon to Galena, Ill., where they remained for five years, the father being engaged in mining. At the end of this time the father and the eldest son, John, went to the Island of Cuba, where they were engaged in copper mining, and there the father was accidentally killed, the son returning to the United States soon after, and eventually dying in the West. Another son now resides in Bowlder, Colorado.; a daughter, Mrs. Fannie James, in Seattle, Wash.; and another daughter, Mrs. Jane Clemmens, in Cuba, Wis.

Edward Gilbert was educated in the schools of Illinois, and first engaged in mining at Hazel Green, Wis., whence he went to the upper peninsula of Michigan to engage in copper mining. He remained there about two and one-half years, and later made a second trip there, remaining about one year. He engaged in copper mining for about six months in Ducktown, Tenn., later was employed in the iron mines of Orange County, N. Y., and in 1859 went to North Adams, Mass., where he worked in the Hoosac Tunnel. He spent the next six months in the coal mines of New Brunswick, where he met the Superintendent of the Springfield Mining Company, and on his return to the United States again went to work at copper mining in New Jersey. After some time spent in the mines of North Carolina, Mr. Gilbert enlisted as a soldier in the Civil War, and fought bravely from 1861 to 1864, in which latter year he returned to his old home in Galena. In 1865 he went to Colorado, where he was employed in gold, copper, silver and coal mines, and then went to the State of Virginia, where he was married. Several months afterwards he again went to Colorado, but in 1871 went to Hazel Green, Wis., and thereafter was engaged for more or less extended periods in Butler County, Iowa; in the Black Hills; in Colorado; again in Iowa; the lead mines of Joplin, Mo.; the coal mines of Pittsburg, Kan., and Parke County, Ind., and eventually went to Decatur, Ill., where he engaged in sinking the first mine located there. This was about the year 1879, and after one and one-half years there he went to Marietta, where he resided for a quarter of a century and was superintendent of the mines. He retired after a long and active career, and is considered a substantial citizen, having property in Springfield and Niantic, Ill. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and is a Republican in political views.

In 1867, Mr. Gilbert was married, in Cassel, Va., to Margaret Darnewood, who was born in Virginia, and died in 1905, having been the mother of three children, of whom one survives, William E., book-keeper for the Franklin Life Insurance Company, of Springfield, who has two children—Evelyn and Adele.

GILLETT, Joseph E.—The manufacture of vehicles is one of the time-honored occupations and one without which our present state of civilization could not exist, for transportation has always been a necessity to mankind. Although in these days of automobiles and steam and electric cars, the manufacture of carriages, buggies and wagons is not carried on to such an extent as in former years, still there are many uses to which these vehicles can and always will be put, and their manufacture will go down in the annals of time as one of the standard occupations. Joseph Gillett, who was for many years engaged in this line of work in Illinois, now living retired at No. 1823 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, was born May 31, 1835, at Dayton, Ohio, the son of Francis and Mary

Gillett, natives of France. Francis Gillett, who was a stone manufacturer and quarry-man, came to America at an early date, and in 1828 opened a stone quarry at Dayton, Ohio, where he engaged in the same kind of business until his death. His burial took place at Dayton, and after this event his widow came to Jacksonville, Ill., where she resided with her son, Joseph E. until her death, in 1891, when she was eighty-four years of age.

Joseph E. Gillett, who is the only surviving child of his parents, was educated in Dayton, Ohio, and when a young man learned the carriage-making trade, which he followed there until 1857, and in that year went to St. Louis, Mo. One year later, in 1858, he went to Jacksonville, Ill., where he followed his chosen occupation for some time, later going to Columbia, Mo., but two years later locating in Springfield, Ill. After several years spent at his trade in Springfield he returned to Jacksonville, and was there employed for some time in an official position in the Insane Hospital and the Deaf and Dumb Institute. For the past two years he has lived retired, having earned a competency. He is a Roman Catholic in religious belief and his politics are those of the Republican party.

On November 7, 1862, Mr. Gillett was married, at Springfield, Ill., to Clara A. Robinson, who was born in Springfield in 1840, daughter of John and Mary Robinson. Mr. Robinson, who was born in Scotland, came to America and settled in Sangamon County at an early date, for several years conducting a saw-mill at Spring Creek. Both he and his wife are deceased. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gillett, namely: Thomas, who is engaged in the coal business in Springfield, and Mrs. Mary F. Murphy, of St. Louis, Mo. In the family there are four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

GLAREN, Maurice, a well-known citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born in County Waterford, Ireland, December 4, 1848, a son of Maurice and Johanna (Wade) Glaren, both natives of that county. The father was a farmer by occupation and both parents died in County Waterford, the father March 4, 1848, and the mother in 1863. Maurice Glaren was the youngest of seven children, namely: Michael, deceased; James; Bridget; Johanna, of Boston; two died young, and Maurice. All live in Ireland except Johanna and Maurice, and the sister Bridget made them a visit recently, but returned to her native land.

In boyhood Maurice Glaren attended the public schools of his native place and his work was done on a farm. He came to America in May, 1870, and located first at Charlestown, Mass., where he was employed at the water works two years, and in 1872, came to Springfield, Ill. He then engaged in work on the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, now part of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern. In 1873 he purchased about three lots in Springfield, on which stood a small cottage, and later erected his present comfortable home. For thirty years he worked in the rolling mills of Springfield, becoming foreman there, and later, until recently, was connected with the Springfield Gas Company.

Mr. Glaren was married in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, by Father Brady, in 1873, to Margaret Foley, a native of County Waterford, Ireland, born December 1, 1852, daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Curran) Foley, both natives of that county and the mother born in 1831. Mr. Foley and his father, James Foley, were wealthy farmers and never left their native land. Mrs. Foley's father, Patrick Curran, was also a wealthy farmer and spent his entire life in Ireland. Patrick Foley died in 1864 and his widow in 1891, both passing away in Ireland. They were parents of three sons and four daughters, only two of whom now survive: William died in Ireland in 1890; Patrick came to the United States in 1881 and died at Springfield in 1901; Thomas died in Ireland; Hannah, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Hawley, of Springfield and left eleven children; Anastasia is the wife of Richard St. John, of Springfield and they have three children; Mary came to Canada and died there recently; Mrs. Glaren came to the United States alone in 1871.

Nine children have been born to Mr. Glaren and wife, namely: Patrick, born November 18, 1874; James L., born November 4, 1876; Maurice, born May 7, 1881; William J., born November 15, 1884; John, born November 18, 1893, all under the parental roof; and four children who are deceased. Mr. Glaren is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and in St. Joseph Parish. He belongs to St. Joseph's Lodge of the Catholic Order of Foresters, and is also a member of the Court of Honor. In politics he is a Democrat. He is regarded as an upright, useful citizen, and is popular with his many friends.

GLEASON, James M.—The grocery trade of Springfield is rapidly developing into one of the most important branches of industrial activity there. The demand for food-stuffs is growing, and careful housewives, recognizing the necessity for careful marketing, owing to advanced prices and the increased cost of living, are directing their attention to those grocers upon whom they can depend, not only for fair prices, but for good material. No longer do they buy blindly, taking no heed as to quality. Investigations have shown her of the dangers that lurk in imperfectly prepared foods and she demands the best. One of the men who has proven himself able to cope with these existing conditions, and to earn a fair profit for himself, is James M. Gleason, of No. 1000 North Fourteenth Street.

Mr. Gleason was born at Cantrall, Ill., in 1883, being a son of Matthew and Margaret (Moore) Gleason, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Gleason was educated in the pub-

lic schools of his native place and, leaving school at the age of sixteen years, stored up vitality by working on the home farm until he came to Springfield in 1902. He established himself in the grocery business at the corner of Fourteenth and Jefferson Streets, in 1902, and successfully carried it on until 1906, when he built his present store, to which he transferred his stock. As yet he is unmarried. His religious connections are with St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of which he is a consistent member. In political faith he is a strong Democrat. Energetic, hard-working, a good buyer and understanding thoroughly the possibilities of his business, Mr. Gleason is giving his customers an excellent service and growing in popularity.

GOLDFUSS, William, who for many years was well known in Springfield as being connected with the painting and contracting business, is now living retired, although holding a public position. He is a native of the Capital City, born June 12, 1872, a son of Paul and Margaret (Rapps) Goldfuss, natives of Germany, who left the Fatherland and located in Springfield, where the father was engaged in contracting and mason work.

The education of William Goldfuss was secured in the German Lutheran schools of Springfield, and he spent his youth at home with his parents. On reaching the proper age he went to learn the painter's trade, and this he followed, with contracting, for a number of years, or until his retirement from that business. He has always been more or less of a leader in Democratic politics in his community, although he has never cared to hold office. He is now serving as watchman at the police station. With his mother and wife, he is living at No. 314 West Mason Street, where the family home is located, and all are well known in society circles and highly esteemed by a large number of acquaintances. All three attend the German Lutheran Church and may be found ready at all times to assist in church and charitable movements.

On July 4 1899, at Decatur, Ill., William Goldfuss was united in marriage with Miss Olive May Tuel, who was born in Newman, Ill. There have been no children born to Mr. and Mrs. Goldfuss, but they have an adopted daughter, Miss Elvin Goldfuss. Mr. Goldfuss was well and favorably known in the trade of which he was a member, and for a long period served as foreman of the union in Springfield. He has never cared to associate himself with secret or fraternal organizations, preferring to give his spare time to his family or his business.

GOMES, Eli, a lifelong resident of Springfield, Ill., was born on Tenth, between Reynolds and Mason Streets, in 1855, a son of Joseph Gomes, an old citizen of Springfield, who passed away there in 1902. The family is given more extended mention in connection with a sketch of John Gomes, to be found in this work. Joseph Gomes was a native of Madeira Island and came to the United States as a young man, locating in North Carolina, whence he emigrated to Springfield, Ill., about the middle of the nineteenth century. He worked in various capacities for others for some years and later established himself in mercantile business, retailing groceries and other goods. He lived to the age of eighty-one years. His wife, Johanna Gomes, was also a native of Madeira, as a young girl accompanied her parents to Springfield, Ill., and there her death occurred, at the age of seventy years. Nine children were born of this union: Joseph, deceased; Eli; Eliza, Mrs. Martin, of Springfield; Julia, Mrs. James Krim, of Springfield; Johanna, Mrs. John Reidner; Sarah, deceased, was the wife of Philip De Frates; Virginia, Mrs. Kelley, deceased; David, living with his father, and Wilbert, deceased.

Eli Gomes received but a limited education and early began working for his living, turning his attention and energy to any honest work by which he might earn money. He has followed various occupations since reaching his majority and has been fairly successful, having acquired some property and won the respect of his fellows by his upright, reliable disposition and his regard for the highest principles of honor. He was married to Miss Jennie Rodicks, of Springfield. Mr. Gomes and his wife reside at 718 North Eleventh Street, where they have a comfortable and well-appointed home. Children have been born to them as follows: Edward, of Springfield; Ida, Mrs. T. Haynes; Stella; Mary, Mrs. Frank Boehning; Mollie, wife of William Cort; Wilbert and Joseph, at home. All live in Springfield. Mr. Gomes belongs to one of the old Portuguese families who have done so much in the upbuilding and development of the city of Springfield. He is a stanch Republican in political belief. He is well known as an industrious and useful citizen and has the highest esteem of all who have had dealings with him.

GOMES, John, an old retired citizen of Springfield, Ill., followed his trade of carpenter for forty years in the vicinity of Springfield and helped in the erection of many large buildings, business blocks, residences, etc., and has been identified with the development of the city since 1849. He was an enterprising and skillful workman and formed many acquaintances and warm friends among his associates. Mr. Gomes was born on Madeira Island, southwest of the coast of Portugal, August 29, 1829, and spent his early childhood in his native place. He is a son of Frank and Martha Amelia Gomes, and after the death of his father accompanied his mother and sister Juana to the West Indies, where they remained one year and then came to the United States. Mrs. Gomes died in North Carolina and her son afterward went to New York City, and thence, by a devious route,

reached Springfield, Ill., where he has lived for more than sixty years.

After arriving in Springfield John Gomes learned the trade of carpenter with James Sutton, and afterward worked eleven years for the firm of Sutton Brothers & Runyan. He worked for many other firms in a similar line and became an expert carpenter. He is a stanch Republican and takes considerable interest in public affairs and issues. He is considered a useful representative citizen, honest and upright in all his dealings. He married Julia Gomes, a daughter of Antion Gomes, a native of the Madeira Island, where she was born. The father died in Trinidad. They became parents of nine children, viz.: Ella, of Oshkosh, Wis.; John, deceased; Joseph; Carrie, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Frank, of Springfield; Mary, of Iowa; James, died in Milwaukee. The family reside at 612 North Eleventh Street and attend the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gomes is now living retired. His wife died about 1870, and he has never married again.

GOODPASTURE, Levi D., a successful and enterprising business man of Springfield, has lived in that city most of the time since 1871, and is identified with its progress and growth. He is well established in the line of cement work contracting, and his enterprise is constantly enlarging. He was born in Menard County, Ill., January 28, 1855, son of William Bryan and Martha (Harville) Goodpasture, natives of Tennessee, the father born September 25, 1810, and the mother in February, 1815. The father was a farmer and came to Morgan County, Ill., in 1830, lived there five years, moved to Wayne County and lived there for a time, then moved to Menard County and lived there thirty years. His wife died in February, 1855. In 1871 he moved to Sangamon County and there spent the remainder of his days, passing away April 4, 1893. He is buried at Auburn, Ill. When he was a boy living near Salem, Ill., the old home of Abraham Lincoln, he split rails in company with the latter.

The school-house where Levi D. Goodpasture first went to school, near Middletown, Ill., is still standing. Upon leaving school he worked at farming and continued this occupation fifteen years, then moved to Chicago and was employed two years in a baby-carriage factory. Returning to Sangamon County, he carried on farming three years at Auburn. He learned the trade of brick and stone mason and worked at it fourteen years. He realized the possibilities of cement work, and for the past eight years has been contracting in that line. The family reside at 931 West Governor Street, and Mr. Goodpasture owns eighty acres of excellent improved farm land in Dewitt County. He is well known and respected in business circles as a man of strict honesty and integrity. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Goodpasture was married, in Auburn, Ill., December 3, 1874, to Miss Martha Fletcher, who was born February 11, 1855, daughter of Nathan and Margaret Fletcher, the former born in Kentucky, in 1816, and the latter in Menard County, Ill., September 7, 1828. Mr. Fletcher came to Illinois in 1820 and died March 29, 1906. Mrs. Fletcher died in 1888, and both are buried in the old Fletcher Cemetery at Auburn. They were well known in Sangamon County, where they had lived many years and made many friends. Mr. Goodpasture and his wife became parents of children as follows: Della M., wife of Geer H. Truman, a machinist in the mines at Virden, Ill., was born May 8, 1878; Clyde, born May 15, 1888, shoe merchant at 620 East Adams Street Springfield; Beulah Merle, born November 23, 1896, living at home. Geer H. and Della (Goodpasture) Truman have one child, Marian Ruth, born June 24, 1901.

GOODSON, L. Jay, D. D. S.—Dr. L. Jay Goodson, who has been engaged in the successful practice of his profession in Springfield, since 1901, was born in Christian County, Ill., near Taylorville, July 14, 1870, son of Benjamin F. and Maria E. (Blankinship) Goodson. Benjamin F. Goodson was born in Bond County, Ill., February 24, 1836, and his wife in Fayette County, Ill., June 12, 1843. He was a farmer and liveryman by occupation, and in 1860, moved from Bond County to Taylorville, where for twenty years, he was engaged in manufacturing brick. He afterward engaged in farming. For many years, he conducted a livery stable at Taylorville. Dr. Goodson is the only surviving child left of a family of twelve children.

The boyhood of Dr. Goodson was spent in his native county, and after attending the public schools, he entered Lincoln University, and afterwards the Northwestern University dental department, at Chicago. He disliked farm work, and turned his attention to mercantile affairs after leaving school. He was employed for some time as a clerk in a grain warehouse, and later in a dry goods store, and continued this occupation until 1891, when he became cashier of a life insurance company's branch office, and later district manager. Six years later, he disposed of his insurance business, and entered the Northwestern University, in 1897, taking up the study of dentistry. He was graduated with his degree in 1900, and practiced a few months in Chicago; spent one year practicing in Shawneetown, and then located in Springfield, where he has built up a good practice, and has established an excellent reputation for honest skill in his profession. He is a Presbyterian in religious belief, a Republican in politics, and fraternally a member of the Knights of Pythias, which order he joined in 1891. Professionally, he belongs to the Illinois State Dental Society, is Committeeman of the same; is a member of the Sangamon and Menard Dental Society, and during 1909, served the latter as president. He

is a man of pleasant manner, and prepossessing in appearance, and has many warm friends.

Dr. Goodson was married in Greenview, Menard County, Ill., November 27, 1894, to Miss Ella Blane, born in that village, February 19, 1871, daughter of John J. and Mary Ann Blane, both natives of Greenview, the former born in 1845, and the latter in 1843. Mr. Blane is an extensive farmer and stockman, and ships a large number of cattle and hogs annually. Two children have blessed the union of Dr. and Mrs. Goodson; Blane J., born July 17, 1897, and Mabel, born July 7, 1899. They own a comfortable residence at No. 514 South State street, and his office is on the second floor of the Illinois National Bank building. Lately, Dr. Goodson has been interested in the colonization of lands in Florida.

GORDON, Marion L., publisher of the "Auburn Citizen" and one of the representative newspaper men of Sangamon County, is a public-spirited citizen and one who has the welfare of his locality deeply at heart. He was born in Schoharie County, N. Y., April 18, 1861, a son of Seth E. and Anna (Freese) Gordon, the former born December 25, 1833, and the latter November 20, 1835, both natives of Schoharie County, N. Y. The father served three years in the Army of the Potomac, during the Civil War. At the close of the war he moved, with his wife and three sons, of whom Marion L. Gordon, the youngest, was then but five years old, to Sac County, Iowa, and homesteaded eight and one-half miles from Sac City. There he lived until his death, February 19, 1899. During his residence there he became an important factor in local politics, serving as Supervisor for fourteen years in succession. He refused to permit his name to appear on his party ticket for County Treasurer, although solicited to accept that honor. The family originated in the vicinity of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Marion L. Gordon took a course at the Northern Illinois Normal School at Dixon, and a classical course at Iowa College, Grinnell, Ia. He was brought up on a farm, but from childhood found his pleasure in reading and studying. For twenty-nine terms he taught in the public schools, finally becoming President of Mendota College, and for three years held that responsible position. Then his health failed because of his close application to his duties, and he had to leave the profession. He began newspaper work and has succeeded along this line as he did in his other field. A stanch Republican, he has always favored strong opposition to intemperance, and since coming to Illinois in 1896, has affiliated with the Prohibition party. He has steadily refused to be a candidate for any office, as his tastes do not run in a political direction.

Mr. Gordon was married at Auburn, Ill., October 24, 1893, to Minnie O. Lowry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lowry, born in Auburn, Ill., December 25, 1873. The grandfather founded the "Auburn Citizen," owning it until a short time before Mr. Gordon assumed its management. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have these children: Herbert E., born at Sac City, Iowa, August 10, 1894, and William Truman, born in Auburn, Ill., April 3, 1903. Mr. Gordon has been a member of Advent Christian Church since he was fifteen years old. He joined the Knights of Pythias in 1891, the Modern Woodmen of America in 1896, and the Court of Honor in the same year. While very charitable, he helps others so quietly that few know of his kind deeds. Industrious, conscientious, scrupulously honest, fearless in his advocacy of what he thinks is right, sympathetic with the "under dog" unless too far in the wrong, Mr. Gordon is a man of upright living and broad views. He declares, though, that he desires no higher praise than the remembrance when he is gone that he did his best to do the right and help his fellow-men. Mr. Gordon owns residence property in Sac City, Iowa.

GOREY, John Patrick.—The business instincts of some men are such as to insure their success in whatever line they undertake. They appear to know what is wanted by their customers and how to supply them with the best goods at satisfactory prices. Springfield is the home of a number of such men, among whom none is more worthy of special mention than John Patrick Gorey, proprietor of the largest retail store in Sangamon County, if not in this part of the State. He was born six miles southwest of Springfield in Sangamon County, August 26, 1864, a son of Patrick and Margaret (Casey) Gorey, natives of Ireland. In the 'fifties Patrick Gorey came to the United States, locating in Boston, Mass., where he remained for two years. He then came to Sangamon County, engaging in farming until 1884, when he moved to Chatham, and until his death, in 1899, conducted a butchering business. In politics he was a Democrat but never entered public life, not aspiring to office. His widow survives, residing in Chatham. Both were born and reared in the Catholic Church, in which faith they reared their nine children, all of whom are now living.

John Patrick Gorey attended the district schools until about seventeen years of age, when he began working the farm in partnership with his father. He then worked for two years in a general store at Chatham, after which he was on the road as a commercial traveler for three wholesale shoe houses, in this way gaining an invaluable knowledge of the requirements of the trade. About 1894 he came to Springfield to enter the employ of Klayholt & Fogarty, shoe merchants, buying them out two years later. Since then he has been engaged in supplying a large retail territory, and has a handsome shoe emporium, that would do credit to any city in the country.

In politics Mr. Gorey is a Democrat, and

served very ably and acceptably as Tax Collector for a year, but, like his father, has never desired office. A strong Catholic, he belongs to St. Agnes' Church, and is one of its liberal supporters. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the M. W. of A., the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

On February 28, 1890, Mr. Gorey was united in marriage, at Auburn, Ill., with Mary Jane Burns, daughter of James Burns and his wife Elizabeth. Mr. Burns was born in Scotland, while his wife was born in Ireland. They came to America in 1862, having been married at Glasgow, Scotland. Mrs. Gorey was one of a family of twelve children. Mr. and Mrs. Gorey have had an interesting family of children, as follows: Mary J., studying music at the Sacred Heart Academy, with the intention of developing her exceptional ability to the extent of fitting herself for teaching music; Margariette died at the age of three months; Jessie Veronica and Irene, attending the same school as Mary J.; Josephine, who died at the age of four years; John, Jr., who is attending St. Agnes school, and Leonarda Bernaine, the baby. Mr. Gorey belongs to the class of self-made men, his success being the result of his own unaided efforts intelligently directed in legitimate channels. His pleasant, genial manner and unfailing courtesy aid in furthering his business and making friends, and no man is more highly regarded in Springfield than he.

GORMAN, William, now retired from active life and living with his daughter, Mrs. James McAlone, at 1128 North Walnut Street, Springfield, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1841. He is a son of Thomas Gorman, a farmer in Ireland, who had seven children: Thomas, Patrick, John, Johanna, Lizzie, Sarah and William, all of whom came to the United States, although at different times.

William Gorman was educated in his native country and worked for the parish priest before emigrating to America, at the age of twenty-one years. He landed in New York and soon after joined his brother Thomas in Springfield. Upon first coming to Springfield he found employment in the hotels of that city, and during the war drove a wagon for the United States Government, from Camp Butler to Springfield. He afterward carried on farming at Buffalo, Sangamon County, and later at Tolono, Champaign County, where he lived many years, and there reared his family. His first wife, Miss Catherine Clear, of Springfield, died at Tolono, July 7, 1874, and he married (second) Bridget Bohan, who died in Springfield, in 1885. About 1885 Mr. Gorman moved to Springfield and purchased the home where he now lives. He worked at putting in water mains until he retired from active life.

Mr. Gorman is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and is a Democrat in politics. He is an old resident of Springfield and has always taken an active interest in the progress and welfare of the community. He is highly respected by all who know him and has many friends. Children as follows were born to him: Thomas died in Nebraska, at the age of twenty-six years; Elizabeth, Mrs. McAlone, of Springfield; Sarah, unmarried; Johanna, Mrs. Thomas Lundregan, of Springfield; John died young; Margaret died at the age of thirteen years; James died in infancy.

James McAlone was born in Springfield, July 19, 1866, and has lived in the city all his life. His father, who is deceased, was a carpenter, and served on the city police force. He was married, April 24, 1906, to Miss Elizabeth Gorman. He and his wife are both members of St. Joseph's Church. She and her sisters own the old family home on North Walnut Street. Mr. McAlone is well known in Springfield and he and his wife live with her father.

GRAHAM, James M., Member of Congress from the Twenty-first District of Illinois, is a man whom his community has delighted to honor with various offices of trust, and one who has in every instance proven worthy of the confidence reposed in him by his constituents. He is a self-made man in every sense and his life is an inspiration to all young men of enterprise and ambition, an incentive to high endeavor and the determination to make the most of their abilities and opportunities. Probably no man is more widely or favorably known in political circles in Illinois than Mr. Graham, and few men there are who in the midst of political strife, have made a smaller number of enemies. A man of superior intelligence, educated and cultured, he has at all times maintained the attitude and principles of a true gentleman, though forceful in speech and vigorous in defense of his opinions. The people of Sangamon County and of Central Illinois feel proud of the record of Mr. Graham and acknowledge that his success is a credit to himself and to his constituents.

Mr. Graham was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, April 14, 1852, and came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1868. He is a son of Hugh and Sarah (McMahon) Graham, the former a farmer by occupation. Honorable J. M. Graham received his education in the common schools, the Northern Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind., and when of age began teaching in Champaign County, Ill., continuing this profession seven years. During his teaching he began the study of law under William A. Day, who later became Second Auditor of the Treasury under President Cleveland, and finished his legal studies under the supervision of James A. Creighton, who became and is Circuit Judge of the Springfield District. Mr. Graham was admitted to the Bar in 1885, and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly of Illinois, in 1885-86. He rose rapidly in his profession and served as State's Attorney for Sangamon County in 1892-96. He afterward entered the

law firm of Palmer, Shutt & Graham, the senior member being Hon. John M. Palmer, a biographical sketch of whom appears on another page of this work, and the second member, W. E. Shutt, became United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois. The firm has since been reorganized and now consists of Hon. James M. Graham and his two sons, Hugh J. and James J., both of whom are graduates of the University of Illinois. The firm has won high prestige and all its members stand high in their profession. Mr. Graham was elected a member of the Sixty-first and Sixty-second United States Congress. He has always been interested in educational matters and served as a member of the School Board in Springfield in 1898-1900. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Knights of Columbus and the Loyal Americans. In political views he is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. Mr. Graham has always taken an active interest in the progress and welfare of Springfield and Sangamon County, and as a public-spirited citizen, has been ready to promote the same. Mr. Graham is an active member of the Catholic Church and has made a special study of its history as well as other lines of historical research. He is the author of an article to be found in this work entitled History of the Catholic Church, and is well fitted to cover his subject comprehensively.

Mr. Graham was married at Rantoul, Ill., August 15, 1876, to Miss Catherine Wallace, a native of Rantoul, daughter of Michael Wallace and Ellen (Nolan) Wallace. Seven children have blessed this union, three of whom are graduates of the University of Illinois, and one a student in that institution. Their names are: Hugh J., born in 1877; James J., in 1879; Arthur F., in 1881; Charles W., in 1882; Mary, in 1885; Nellie, in 1892; Agnes, in 1897. Mr. Graham is a fine specimen of athletic manhood, being six feet tall and weighing 195 pounds. He has little time for social pleasures, but has always been greatly absorbed by his work and it is his favorite occupation. His two oldest sons are partners in the firm of Graham & Graham and his third and fourth sons are preparing for business life. Mr. Graham owns a residence in Springfield and some farm land in Sangamon County. Though Mr. Graham has been so successful in his professional and political career, he never forgets his former friends and meets them with the same pleasure and greets them with as much friendliness as in his early life. He is modest and unassuming in demeanor, pleasant and courteous to all, and has a multitude of close personal friends, in all stations of life.

GRANT, Ulysses S. (Vol. I, pp. 206-207.)

GRAVES, Samuel L., Jr.—That Springfield is growing rapidly is proven beyond any reasonable doubt in a number of ways, but one that is conclusive is the locating there of men who are interested in building and allied trades. One of the foremost painters, paperers and decorators of Springfield is a comparatively recent addition to the city's population, having come there in 1907, since which time he has built up a large busines by the quality of his work and his artistic taste. Samuel L. Graves Jr. is a native Girard, Macoupin County, Ill., born September 2, 1867, son of Samuel L. and Pauline (Coots) Graves, natives of Kentucky, the former born in 1835 and the latter in 1846. The father came to Macoupin County more than fifty years ago, first settling on a farm, which he still owns, but for the past score of years has been connected with the New West Coal Company, at Girard, being one of the stockholders and foreman. During the Civil War he was a soldier and a non-commissioned officer. He occupies an enviable position in Girard.

Samuel L. Graves Jr. was educated in the public schools of Girard, graduated from the high school there, and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm. After leaving school he learned the painter's and decorator's trade, but later was clerk for the Carr & Bowensox Clothing Company for two years. He then decided to return to his trade and worked at it in Girard until 1890, when he moved to Decatur, and after a period of working for others, embarked in business on his own acount, becoming one of the leading decorators of that city. In 1907 he was induced to move his business to the Capital City, and has had no cause to regret the change.

Mr. Graves was married at Virden, Ill., May 30, 1895, to Vicland Graves, a young lady bearing the same name as himself, but as far as known not related to him. She was born in Kentucky in 1873 and died in 1898, and the two children she bore her husband are also deceased. Her father is dead, but her mother lives in Springfield. Mr. Graves is a Methodist and a Republican. His work is artistic and skillful, he employs a force of competent men to assist him, and his contracts are faithfully carried out. Immersed in business, he finds little time to devote to public matters, but is in favor of good government and improvements, and gives them his support.

GREENAWALT, George W.—There are some names that are indissolubly connected with the history of Sangamon County, their representatives having come here in early days, conquered the wilderness and left behind them reliable men to support the government they made possible. The Greenawalt family is one of those known from one end of the county to the other, and one of its members who is a solid citizen and excellent farmer, is George W. Greenawalt, of Pawnee Township. He was born in Kentucky, November 12, 1847, a son of the pioneer Louis B. and his wife Polly (Holloway) Greenawalt, both born in Kentucky. The paternal

grandfather was one of those sturdy old Germans who came first to Kentucky, and thence to Sangamon County, making his home with his son Louis B., until his death, which occurred when he had attained the extreme age of ninety-two years. The maternal grandfather was a prosperous farmer of Kentucky, where he died. Louis B. Greenawalt brought his family to Sangamon County in 1852, and spent a useful but uneventful life in this locality, dying at an advanced age. His remains were interred in the Baptist Cemetery, but his wife was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

George W. Greenawalt spent a useful boyhood on the homestead, attending the Oak Ridge School. From the time he was able to assist his father his interest centered in farming, and he has followed that calling all his life. His fine farm of 200 acres in Pawnee Township is rated as one of the best in the county.

Mr. Greenawalt was married in Springfield, by Squire S. B. Brock, on February 24, 1874, to Mary C. Landrey, born in Indiana March 26, 1853, daughter of Joseph M. and Adaline (Bowers) Landrey, the former born in Ohio, January 22, 1827, and the latter in Indiana, July 27, 1830. The grandparents on both sides were farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Greenawalt have had five children: Pearl died in infancy; Laura, born December 17, 1874, married Owen Molohon of Pawnee, one child, Phinas, eight years old; Addie, born November 28, 1879, at home; Charles, born July 12, 1881, at home; Ollie, born August 16, 1883, married Fred Ketterer, of Pawnee, no issue.

Like other members of his family, Mr. Greenawalt is a very stanch Democrat and is active in his party. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen and Loyal Americans. The Methodist Church claims his membership. He is a man of high moral character and he and his wife are important factors in their church and community. They have brought up a nice family and are proud of them and their grandchildren. Their pleasant home is the scene of many delightful social gatherings and both are never as happy as when extending hospitality to their hosts of friends.

GREENAWALT, Leroy. — There are many men in Sangamon County who have devoted themselves to farming, spending their lives at the work, learning it from the foundation up, and therefore have become authorities upon everything pertaining to agricultural matters. One of these men who has amassed a comfortable fortune from his farming, and is regarded as one of the most representative of his class, is Leroy Greenawalt, born in the county, February 10, 1858, and now residing on his farm, which occupies portions of Sections 2 and 3, Divernon Township. He is a son of Louis B. and Polly (Holloway) Greenawalt, natives of Kentucky.

The paternal grandfather came from Germany to America at an early day, locating in Kentucky. The maternal grandfather was born in Kentucky, where he died. In 1852, the family migrated to Sangamon County locating in Divernon Township, with the object of securing cheap land. Here the paternal grandfather passed away, aged ninety-two years. The father died on the homestead, aged eighty-three years, and his wife passed away on that same property.

Growing up on the homestead, Leroy Greenawalt attended the country school of his neighborhood, but his interest was centered in farming, and the caring for horses and other kinds of stock. This homestead of 119 acres of rich farm land came into his possession, and he is still improving it, although his fine buildings, neat premises, well kept fences, sleek stock and modern machinery would indicate that but little is ever left undone.

Mr. Greenawalt has never married, but is interested in his two brothers, George, who is a farmer of Sangamon County, and James, a farmer of Kansas. He is a Democrat, and is proud of the fact that he has always voted the straight ticket. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen, the Royal Circle and the Odd Fellows. While not connected with any religious organization, Mr. Greenawalt in his daily life sets an example of morality that many a church member might follow with profit, believing in the Golden Rule as a guide in business and social intercourse. Pleasant, genial, kind-hearted, Mr. Greenawalt has made countless friends, and probably no enemies. It is such men as he who raise the standard in any community, and their influence once exerted, results in the securing of good government and the enforcement of existing laws.

GREENE, Henry S. (Vol. I, p. 208.)

GREENWALT, John Thomas.—Farming as an occupation is a profitable one if followed along scientific lines, but the work of the farmer today entails much study and not a little scientific training, in sharp contrast to the agricultural life of several decades ago. While the soil of Sangamon County is very fertile, water plentiful and easily obtained, and weather conditions nearly ideal, good crops cannot be raised unless conditioned, and the high standard set by the agriculturists of this section is, therefore, all the land is properly worked and scientifically the more creditable. John Thomas Greenwalt, who is farming along scientific lines in Cotton Hill Township, was born in this township, May 22, 1862, a son of John W. and Elizabeth Ann (McAtee) Greenwalt.

Mr. Greenwalt's paternal grandfather was a native of Kentucky who died in Sangamon County. On the maternal side his grandfather was a native of Tennessee and served as Justice of the Peace of Sangamon County many years, and he also died there. John W. Greenwalt was born in Kentucky July 23, 1830, and came to Sangamon County with his parents in 1836. He

spent his life there, dying January 4, 1904, and his wife, who was born in Sangamon County, March 5, 1832, died May 16, 1908. Both are buried in Zion Cemetery.

John Thomas Greenwalt was educated in Crabapple College, in Cotton Hill Township and his boyhood was spent on his father's farm. He went to Texas in 1885 and remained there for six months, when he removed to Kansas and stayed there until 1889. He was engaged in farming and for one year carried on a butcher business, but sold out and returned to Sangamon County May 6, 1889, having been rather unsuccessful in his undertakings. He then rented the John Kincaid farm, and next the Willan farm, where he remained one year, then purchased a farm of eight and one-half acres, on which was situated a log cabin. Four years later he sold this and bought a twenty-acre farm. Two years later he purchased seven and one-half acres of the Funderburk property, and still later added from time to time to his property by purchasing land from Mr. Funderburk, Al Crowder and Ed Fox, paying $6,000 for forty acres from the latter, and he now owns an excellent property of 156 acres on Section 20. Mr. Greenwalt has always been a Democrat and is now serving as Township Trustee, this being his second term. He was one of the incorporators of the Zion Cemetery in 1906 and is still serving as Secretary of that organization. He also owns stock in the State and National Banks of Pawnee, Ill. Religiously he is connected with the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, of Cotton Hill Township. He fraternizes with the A. F. & A. M. No. 675 of Pawnee, and the Royal Circle, his wife also being a member of the latter, also a member of the Royal Neighbors, New City Camp No. 194.

Mr. Greenwalt was married in Moline, Kan., December 27, 1885, by Rev. Samuel Huntebury, to Margaret Elinor Hankinson, who was born March 25, 1867, in Montgomery County, Ill., daughter of Nicholas B. and Rhoda E. (Blair) Hankinson, the former born in Darke County, Ohio, January 28, 1833, and the latter April 6, 1840. Mr. Hankinson came to Illinois as a boy and died in Kansas in 1881, his wife passing away June 24, 1877. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Greenwalt were as follows: Helen E., born October 2, 1889, died December 12th of that year; Opal F., born September 2, 1887, in Moline, Kan., was married to Emery Brown, February 30, 1909, by Rev. M. V. Hill, and has one child; Gordon E., born December 20, 1899, of Sangamon County; Walter H., born March 31, 1891; Loy S., born May 30, 1894; Jessie J., born June 17, 1897; Margaret E., born July 1, 1900; Elsie M., born November 5, 1903; and Nellie E., born January 4, 1908. Mr. Greenwalt is one of Sangamon County's self-made men. He has a fine home, is very popular in his neighborhood and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

GRIDER, Marshall S.—To become a successful cattle raiser it is necessary that one should spend years of study and observation, years of experimenting with breeds and conditions, and years wrought with failures and disappointments, and combine with this a certain keen insight and a faculty to recognize the time when the proper conditions have been brought about. One of the most successful stockraisers of Sangamon County, who is known throughout Cartwright Township as an excellent judge of all kinds of stock, is Marshall S. Grider, who carries on operations on Section 34. Mr. Grider was born within a mile and one-half of his present home, on a farm in Menard County, Ill., January 23, 1865, a son of Thompson and Martha (Bradley) Grider, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter from Tennessee, who were married in Menard County, Ill., where their six children were born, as follows: Hattie, the wife of Henry Hodgins, a resident of Petersburg, Ill.; Emery, a farmer near Glenarm, this county; Samuel L., a farmer in Auburn Township; Marshall S.; Charles A., who is farming in Auburn Township; and Nora, the wife of Henry Erickson, a farmer near Pleasanton, Kan.

Marshall S. Grider's father died when he was but five years of age, and one year later his mother passed away, and the young lad then went to live with Andrew M. Houghton, with whom he made his home until twenty-six years of age, meanwhile securing an education in the district schools and being taught the business of stockraising by his employer, with whom he eventually went into partnership. While this connection was still in force, Mr. Grider came to Sangamon County and purchased seventy-eight acres of land on Section 34, Cartwright Township, and to the little log cabin which was on this farm he brought his wife, who was formerly Miss Lelia Wells, whom he had married March 11, 1891. She was born April 22, 1869, in Salisbury Township, the daughter of James H. and Margaret (Sackett) Wells, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Sangamon County, Ill. Mr. Wells died July 13, 1902, but his widow still survives and makes her home in Salisbury Township. Mr. and Mrs. Wells had five children, namely: Marion L., a farmer of Salisbury Township; Hattie E., the widow of A. B. Hohimer, residing in Chatham, Ill.; Mary B., who married George Curran, of Springfield; Richard R., living near Salisbury, Ill.; and Mrs. Grider. Mr. Wells was a prominent citizen of Salisburg Township, serving several times as Supervisor, to which office he was elected on the Democratic ticket. Although a member of no especial church, he was a consistent attendant of Sunday school, and in his charities was known as one of the most generous men in his community.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Grider located on the little farm and began to clear away the timber, and they continued to reside

in the little frame building on the south end of the farm until 1901, when Mr. Grider erected their present modern residence, which is fitted with the latest plumbing and lighting systems, is furnished with steam heat and is one of the handsome structures of that part of the township. From time to time Mr. Grider has added to his acreage, his farm now comprising 130 acres, which with his forty acres in Salisbury Township and the farm of 324 acres owned by his wife there, makes a total of 494 acres, all in the highest state of cultivation.

Mr. Grider has always been active in breeding fine stock, making a specialty of short horn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, of which latter he ships about 200 each year, his animals bringing top-notch prices in the Chicago market. Among the blooded animals to be found on his farm may be mentioned Border Buck, a fine registered stallion, 16½ hands high, coal black, sired by Confident, an imported stallion; and a Missouri jack, named Bob Bodine, black, with white points, bred at Chillicothe, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Grider have had three children: Loren H., born August 15, 1892; Ray R., June 23, 1894; and Percy J., born June 29, 1899. The boys have been given liberal educations and are now assisting in the duties of the home farm. The family are consistent members of the Richland Baptist Church. He is a stanch Republican in politics and has filled the office of Collector of Cartwright Township. Mr. Grider is fraternally connected with Pleasant Plains Lodge No. 770, I. O. O. F.

GRIESSER, Conrad, of Springfield, where he has lived the past ten years, was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, February 21, 1865, and is a son of Andrew and Julia F. Griesser. The father was a soldier in the German Army and fought against Napoleon in 1870-71. He died in Germany but the mother still resides there. They were parents of children as follows: Conrad; Josephine, living in Germany; John, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Griesser learned forestry in Germany and became a forester under the Government.

The education of Conrad Griesser was obtained in his native country, and at the age of fourteen years he left school. He learned the trade of brewer, which he has followed most of his life, and in 1886, came to the United States. He landed in New York, and soon afterwards, went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he obtained a position as assistant brew master, and held it fifteen years. In 1898, he took a course at Wahl and Henius Brewing academy, at Chicago, returned to his position in Cincinnati, and in 1900, came to Springfield as brew master for the Reisch Brewing Company, which position he still holds. He has expert knowledge, ability and experience in his line and is an honest, reliable citizen. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and politically votes for the men and measures he considers for the general good of the people.

Mr. Griesser was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 5, 1892, to Miss Pauline Cetjock, who was born in Germany and came to the United States at the age of fifteen years. Two children have blessed this union, namely, Hilda and Frank, who has learned the trade of brewing with his father. Mr. Griesser has a very pretty home on East Miller Street.

GRIFFIN, Mrs. Mary.—A number of the property owners of Springfield belong to the sex which does not have a vote, for many of them are women. However, although they have no voice in the management of public affairs, these women exert a powerful influence for good, and are a very important factor in the life of the city. Many of them give largely and generously to charities; others devote themselves to their homes and families, but all of them are good, earnest women, whose highest desire is to better humanity and make their wealth work for the best purposes. Among those who are accomplishing so much, is Mrs. Mary Griffin, a widow, daughter of John Mahoney, long one of the solid, reliable men of Springfield. Mrs. Griffin was born in that city, March 15, 1873, daughter of John and Mary (Pendergast) Mahoney. Mr. Mahoney is a contracting bricklayer, and is connected with much of the building of the city. Both he and his wife are natives of Ireland, who came to Springfield many years ago, and have become identified with its interests. They have lived there for at least forty years.

After school days spent in St. Joseph's School and high school of Springfield, Mrs. Griffin took up the dressmaking and millinery business, in which she was very successful. Her marriage occurred in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of Springfield, in November, 1899, when she was united with Mr. Griffin. Mr. Griffin was a Republican in political faith and belonged to the Catholic Church, as does Mrs. Griffin. Mr. Griffin was a member of the Modern Woodmen, and also belonged to the Foresters and Carpenters' Union. Mrs. Griffin is proud of the fact that her father served as a soldier in the Civil War. She is a good churchwoman, energetic in religious work, and is a valued member of any circle she sees fit to join. She is a member of the Catholic Church.

GRIFFITH, Benjamin M., M. D.—It is not the purpose of biography to give a man's modest estimate of himself, but rather to establish his character by the consensus of public opinion, for the public is a discriminating factor, readily determining between the true and the false, the real and the baser metal. Viewed through the medium of public opinion, then, the life and work of Dr. Benjamin M. Griffith stands out prominently upon the pages of Springfield's history. He was a man whom to know was to respect and honor and he left the impress of his individuality for good upon the great majority of those with whom he came into contact, be-

cause of an upright life devoted to the welfare of his fellow men, morally as well as physically.

On the Griffith farm, near Shelbyville, Ky., April 14, 1831, the Doctor was born, and he acquired his literary education in the public schools and Woods Academy at Louisiana, Mo., under Professors Woods and Ash. He then began the study of medicine uner Drs. Bartlett and Pinkney, of that place, and subsequently entered the St. Louis Medical College, in 1858, diligently applying himself to the mastery of those branches of learning forming the college curriculum. At a class meeting he was chosen to formally present to the faculty and managers of St. Louis Medical College, a portrait of Prof. M. M. Pallen, as a token of gratitude to their alma mater; and on the completion of the course in 1859 he was graduated with valedictorian honors of his class, numbering 170 members.

As an under graduate Dr, Griffith began practice at Rockport, Ill., in 1854, but after leaving college returned to Louisiana, Mo., where he opened an office and continued in practice for six years, when in 1865 he moved to Springfield, Ill., and was for a third of a century a distinguished member of the medical fraternity of that city. He was spoken of as an "ideal family physician," and well he might be so called, for he possessed not only marked skill in the line of his profession, but also a ready sympathy and kindly interest in his patients, and his cheery presence in the sick room was like a ray of sunshine, breathing of nope and promise. As a conscientious physician he was never found wanting when his services were needed in charity, and though his patronage came largely from the best families of Springfield, no home was too humble, no family too destitute, to receive the professional aid of Dr. Griffith when it was needed. A deep and earnest student throughout his professional career, he continued his reading an investigations, an kept abreast with the foremost thinkers of the medical fraternity. In 1892 he was appointed consulting physician of the St. John's Hospital and was, throughout the remainder of his life connected with the institution, being the head of the staff at the time of his death. An honored and valued member of the Illinois Central District Medical Society, he was always loyal to its interests, contributed many valuable papers to its meetings and served as its president. He firmly believed in the dissemination of knowledge concerning the laws of health and the uses of remedial agencies, and was always glad to assist a younger member of the profession by advise which was the outcome of years of experience and investigation on his part. At the time of his death he was the second oldest physician in the city, but through a long period he had maintained a position second to none in skill. Becoming a member of the State Medical Society, he gave to it the same unwavering allegiance which marked his connection with the District Society and carefully watched its interests and workings for science, truth and humanity, presiding for some years over the organization as its President. He had a deep and sincere interest in his work, arising not from a desire for its pecuniary rewards, but because of his unbounded sympathy and desire to be of benefit to his fellow men.

Dr. Griffith was intimately associated with Dr. John H. Rauch in organizing the Illinois State Board of Health, and although a Democrat, was appointed by a Republican, Governor Fifer, naming him for the position in 1890, while Governor Altgeld reappointed him in 1894. In 1893 he served as its Treasurer, in 1895 was its President, and in the following year he resigned his position. He was President of the City Board of Health in 1880, and during that time advised and presented plans for improving the sanitary condition of the city. He gave much attention to the study of sanitation and was regarded as an authority on such matters. He suggested a curriculum of study for colleges especially arranged for students contemplating the study of medicine, and advocated this until its adoption in 1891, and as Secretary of the National Confederation of Examining & Licensing Boards, he made a concise but far-reaching and conclusive report to the American Medical Association, of which he was a member, when it met in Atlanta, Ga., in 1896. This was his last public work. Of the Illinois Auxiliary Sanitary Association he was a helpful member, his advice and counsel being of much value.

On the 1st of June, 1859, following his graduation, Dr. Griffith was married in Springfield, Ill., at the home of her cousin, Col. James A. Barrett, to Miss Alice A. McElroy, and for almost forty years they travelled life's journey happily together. The Doctor is survived by his wife and two children. The daughter, Eloise, is the wife of Dr. T. J. Pitner, of Jacksonville, Ill., and the son, Dr. B. B. Griffith, a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, of the class of 1882, and of the College of Phsyicians & Surgeons of New York, of the class of 1885, is now a successful practitioner of Springfield, occupying the office which was his father's, and is also his father's successor at St. John's Hospital.

While Dr. Griffith made the practice of medicine his real life work, he yet found time to devote to the welfare of the city, meeting fully every obligation of citizenship and laboring effectively for the general good. He was actively interested in intellectual development in Springfield, and was a member of the first local Board of Education in the city, being appointed by Mayor Broadwell in 1869, served for seven years and during that period was largely instrumental in establishing a high school system which has proved a credit to the city. He was a charter member and for six years the honored President of the Authors' Club, which was organized in 1882, and for six or seven consecutive years his hospitable home was its meeting place. The success of the club from the beginning was largely due to his untiring efforts in its behalf.

His kindly courtesy won all hearts and made the meetings of the club important events in the social life of Springfield, while his papers were prepared with painstaking care after thorough research, displayed marked literary ability, and were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the club members. Dr. Griffith also belonged to the Masonic fraternity and was a Sir Knight, who exemplified in his life the beneficent and brotherly spirit of the order. One who knew him well said of him: "He was one of the best of men, at all times a gentleman, a man of education and principle; a well informed and entertaining conversationalist; of excellent habits and a hard worker; a good father and loving husband. He had a social nature as warm and genial as spring sunshine. A man of sterling worth, dignified bearing and inflexible integrity, he endeavored, in an unpretentious manner, to leave upon others the impress of his own character and to reveal, by a true life, the power of noble manhood." He died at his home in Springfield, September 24, 1898, but his life labors will benefit mankind for many years to come, and the memory of his career will long linger as an influence for good. *Vita pulchra nobilisque, Deo et humanitati.*

Dr. Griffith's father, Nicholas Howard Griffith, belonged to the Tenth Regiment Missouri Volunteers, 1861-65, his grandfather was Mordecai Griffith of Baltimore, Md. His mother, Sarah M. (Parish) Griffith, was the granddaughter of Colonel Harlow, a pioneer of Kentucky and an officer in the Revolution. His father's uncle, Prof. Dorsey, of Baltimore, and his cousin, Prof. Dorsey of Philadelphia, were both eminent physicians and authority on medical questions.

GRIFFITH, Mrs. Alice A. (McElroy), daughter of William Irvine and Jane (Muldrow), McElroy, was born near Palmyra, Mo., September 20, 1831. Her early life was spent on a big prairie farm near Perry, Mo., where inherited colored people did the planting, plowing, mowing, etc. Her father died before she was sixteen years old and she began the individual struggle for preparation to teach school, in which, with no libraries, indifferent country schools and few people of culture, her progress was unsatisfactory and slow. However, relief soon came from Illinois; her cousin, Col. James A. Barrett, who afterwards raised the Tenth Illinois Cavalry for the Civil War, made her a proposition to pay all expenses if she would become a student of the Illinois Woman's College, at Jacksonville. This she gladly accepted.

As a green country girl she came to Springfield, Ill., in 1850. Soon afterward an invitation was received by her cousin's family, in which she was included, to a large reception given by Major and Mrs. John T. Stuart. It was an embarrassing compliment, as she was conscious of her ignorance of all society customs and regulations, yet she accepted it and attended. As she stood in the large parlors, surrounded by beautiful women in silks and satins, laces and jewels, trembling in her boots for fear she would say something out of place or hear a response that she did not understand, Mr. Lincoln came to them and very cordially spoke to her cousin, as they had been young men together. Mr. Barret said, "Lincoln, this is a little protege I found over in Missouri, and I'm going to put her in our new college in Jacksonville." Her name was not mentioned in the introduction, but as she looked up into the face of that tall man with deep searching and questioning gray eyes, she was mesmerized, as it were, feeling that he read her character and thoughts. He did not speak for five or ten minutes, and then began to talk of schools, teachers and school work, which brought her a restful independence with pleasure and benefit by a half hour talk.

As a student in the Illinois Women's College under the tutelage of the cultured and efficient President, Rev. J. F. Jaquess, she did good work, graduating July, 1852, as salutatorian of the first class to graduate from the college. After leaving college she taught in Woods Academy, Louisiana, Mo., for four years, and studied Latin and German one year in Fayette, Mo., under President Lucky. Again she taught two years in Collinsville, Ill., with Dr. Samuel Willard and Dr. Merrill. June 1, 1859, she was married to Dr. B. M. Griffith, a practicing physician in Louisiana, Mo. In 1865, just two weeks before Mr. Lincoln was assassinated, they moved to Springfield, Ill., where the Griffith home is today.

Having received a religious education in childhood, she has, through life, been interested in Home and Foreign Missions in connection with the Presbyteriain Church. She has been Recording Secretary for the Local Society, in the Presbyterial Society and in the Synodical Society, in all recording about eighty years' service. Mrs. Griffith has always led an active life. She is a charter member of the Authors' Club of 1882; is a member of the Bible Class, the Via Christi Study Class, the State Historical Society, the Y. W. C. A., the Alumnae Association of the Woman's College and the Woman's Club.

She enjoys recreation in the parks with her kodak and friends. In late years she takes great pleasure in making scrap-books of clippings collected from newspapers, classified as Home, Literature, Science, Religion, Politics, etc.; she pastes them on leaves in book-form and has them bound. She typewrites an index and short preface with each volume. The Home volumes especially always awaken an interest to family and friends, as they review the events of individual interest of the long ago.

The loving Lord gives grace and strength,
For all the duties of Life;
If we ask in faith with true intent,
He abrogates all strife.

GRIFFITH, Ben Barrett, M. D.—Among those who devote their time and energies to the practice of medicine and have gained a leading place in the ranks of the profession is Dr. B. B. Griffith. Since 1885 he has been in active practice in Springfield, and his skill and ability are attested by the liberal patronage he enjoys. Dr. Griffith was born in Louisiana, Mo., on the 17th of September, 1861, a son of the late Dr. B. M. Griffith, who is represented elsewhere in this work. The subject of this sketch was principally reared and educated in Springfield, being there graduated at the High School, June 14, 1878. During the following two years he took a post-graduate course preparatory to entering the medical college, and for one year was a student at Ann Arbor, Mich. He then entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, where he was graduated in 1882, and after two years spent in his father's office, matriculated at the New York College of Physicians & Surgeons, graduating from that institution with the class of 1885. He then returned to his home in Springfield and was associated in practice with his father until the death of the latter; since which time he has been in practice alone. Success has attended his efforts and he enjoys a large and lucrative patronage in his profession.

As a progressive physician, Dr. Griffith keeps well informed on the latest discoveries and theories known to the science, and is a member of the State Medical Society, the Sangamon County Medical Society, the Central Illinois District Medical Society and the American Medical Association. For fourteen years he was a member of the City Board of Health, and for eighteen years has been on the staff of the St. John's Hospital. He stands high in the esteem of his professional brethren. Socially the Doctor is a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery of the Masonic Order, and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. As a member of the Illinois National Guard, he twice saw active service, once in East St. Louis and once in Chicago during the riots, first with the Fifth Regiment and later with the Second Brigade.

On June 28, 1905, Dr. Griffith was married to Miss Sadie A. Giddings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Giddings, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and they reside in their pleasant home, at No. 1115 South Second Street, a quiet and restful place. They have two children, Alice Hester, born at Springfield, Ill., April 14, 1906, and Ben Barret, Jr., born at Colorado Springs, March 4, 1911.

GROSS, William L. (Vol. I, pp. 212-213.)

GROSSELL, Michael.—The history of the development of the commercial interests of Springfield is dealt with elsewhere in this work. The present prosperity is largely due to the efforts of the men who built the foundations upon which the present generation is rearing so stately a structure. Among the earlier merchants of this city, and one who through his entire business career labored to help his community, as well as to better his own conditions, is Michael Grossell, now retired. He was born in France, September 12, 1835, a son of Jacob and Margaret (Mapes) Grossell, both natives of France. The father was a butcher by trade, but was a natural musician, of more than ordinary talent. Both he and his wife died in France when their son was very young. The latter had three brothers and five sisters.

Brought up in France, Micheal Grossell studied both French and German, and speaks both languages fluently, as well as English. He assisted his father in the butchering business in boyhood, and later worked on a farm. When he was eighteen years of age he came to America, landing in New York City, whence he came to Freeport, Ill. but after a short time there went to Fountain City, Wis., where he found employment chopping wood. After a year there, he went to Stillwater, Minn., where he rafted logs, then returned to Freeport where he lived until he traveled south to New Orleans. There he worked with a steamboat firm, until he went to St. Louis, and from there to Cairo, Ill. Within a short time he was back in Freeport, finally coming to Springfield, in 1861. After his arrival he interested himself in several lines, eventually embarking in a mercantile business, which he operated successfully until his retirement. A few years ago, Mayor Kramer appointed him watchman in the North End Fire Station, and Mayor Woodruff re-appointed him. At present he is custodian of Washington Park, and is one of the most reliable men in the service of the city. He is a Democrat, and a consistent member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Grossell was married, in Springfield, in November, 1865 (on Thanksgiving Day), to Sophia Richard, born in France, in 1847. Her parents came to Springfield, where they both died. Mr. and Mrs. Grossell had the following children: Charles, a traveling salesman, resides with his father; Rose, wife of Frank Seibert, an employe of the Roberts Laundry Company, and live who are deceased. Two grandchildren, a boy and a girl, have been born into this family. Mr. Grossell owns his residence at No. 1102 North Rutledge Street, and has made it one of the most comfortable homes in his neighborhood. For the past forty-five years he has lived in this location, although he has been in Springfield for forty-nine years, and one of the most important events of the earlier years of his residence there is, in his mind, the funeral of Abraham Lincoln, which he attended as one of the sorrowing crowd, gathered to do tender homage to the greatest man the country ever knew.

GROTH, Wilhelm, Sr., who is successfully engaged in gardening near Springfield, is a public-spirited and representative German-American citizen of Sangamon County. He was born May 7, 1852, a son of Segert and Wilhelmina Groth, both natives of Germany, where they

always lived. The father died at the age of sixty years, and the mother, if still living, is now eighty-two years old. Mr. Groth was married in Germany, November 11, 1877, to Olga Radtke, daughter of Ludwig and Augusta (Braasch) Radtke, her father born September 24, 1810, and the mother born September 16, 1820. There were seven children in the Radtke family, namely: Anna, wife of Charles Stuempe; Mrs. Groth, who was born November 3, 1856; one son, Frank, of Missouri, born January 13, 1859; and four died in infancy. Mr. Radtke was a Corporal for a time in the German Army, in which he served two years, and one brother served in the navy, and a half-brother of Mrs. Groth served in the army. When Mrs. Groth accompanied her husband to America in 1886 her mother came with her and located in Altamont, Ill., where she died.

Mr. Groth brought his wife and their two children to America in 1886, one of whom is still living, and they first located in Effingham County, Ill., where they remained but two months. They then removed to Sangamon County, where he worked for nine years on the Tansy farm, but in 1894, purchased a small tract of land in Woodside Township, where he has since lived. He has but five acres of land, but it is sufficient for the purpose to which it is devoted, and as he is skilled in gardening has been very successful in this line. He has a beautiful home and is in good circumstances. A member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics a Republican, he is highly respected as an upright and substantial citizen, and stands well in his community.

Fourteen children have been born to Mr. Groth and wife, namely: William, a farmer, married Lena Weiborg; Charles is a boilermaker in the employ of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad Company, married Ida Stuckemeyer; John, a gardener, lives at home; Elizabeth, also at home, is a dressmaker; Anna, at home, a bookkeeper in the employ of the Roberts Laundry Company; Olga, at home, is clerk for the Smith Grocery Company; Frank is attending college in Chicago; Louis is attending a German school, and six died in infancy. There are two grandchildren in the family: Louis and Frederick George. Mr. Groth is the owner of a valuable seven-acre tract of land on South Sixth Street, near the city.

GROVE, G. R.—All over Sangamon County are to be found men who are holding to their farm land with tenacious purpose, for they realize its value and propose to keep it, no matter what price may be offered them. One of the men who has demonstrated his ability as an agriculturalist is G. R. Grove, residing on Section 34, Divernon Township, where he owns a farm of sixty acres. He was born in Maryland, February 6, 1866, being a son of James S. and Mary D. (Cauliflower) Grove, farmers of Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. James S. Grove resided in their native State until coming to the town of Divernon in 1905. Mrs. Grove's mother was one of three sisters who married three brothers.

G. R. Grove attended school in Maryland, and grew up as any healthy, happy farmer's son, and after coming to Illinois began farming for himself. His valuable farm is located two and three-quarter miles southeast of Divernon, and he and his wife dispense a royal hospitality.

On August 16, 1899, Mr. Grove was married in Springfield to Miss Nancy E. Dill, born in Montgomery County, November 20, 1866, a daughter of A. B. and Nancy (Hinman) Dill. She was brought to Sangamon County by her parents when she was six years old, and this has since continued her home. Both her parents are now deceased. The grandfather of Mrs. Grove, J. B. Hinman, came to Sangamon County in 1818, and spent the remainder of his life there. Two of her brothers, A. W. and W. F. Dill, survive, the former residing in Hope, Ark., and the latter in Butler, Ill. Four other members of her family are deceased. The Grandfather Dill came from Ohio, settled near Auburn and bought 400 acres of land. He went back to Ohio, where he died while on visit. His wife died on the farm near Auburn. An aunt, Mrs. Dicy Dill, is now living, being eighty-two years old. She had two brothers in the Civil War, and her Grandfather Smith was born in New York and was a sea captain for years. When she was about seven years old the family moved to Sangamon County, and she remembers back seventy-five years very distinctly to a winter when the snow was so deep that it came up to the roof of the log cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Grove have two sons: James Clarence, born June 13, 1900, and Howard Leroy, born August 3, 1902. For the past twenty-one years Mr. Grove has been a Modern Woodman of America. Since casting his first vote he has been a Democrat, and served as School Director for three terms. He is an enterprising farmer and stockman, interested in his home and devoted to his family. The Groves stand high in their neighborhood, and have many friends throughout the township. They are members of the Baptist Church and Mrs. Grove is a member of the Royal Neighbors.

GUNDY, Nathaniel.—One of the best known of Pawnee's citizens is found in Nathaniel Gundy, the oldest wagon-maker there, a veteran of the great Civil War, and a man who is universally respected and esteemed on account of his many sterling traits of character. Mr. Gundy was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, March 20, 1835, a son of Noah and Nancy (Lyons) Gundy. His paternal grandfather was a native of Germany, who came to Pennsylvania and later removed to Ohio, where he died in 1856, and his maternal grand-

father, a native of Holland, died in Ohio in 1845. Noah Gundy was born in Ohio, January 6, 1800, and was married in 1829 to Nancy Lyons, who was born in Germany July 6, 1800, and who came to Pennsylvania when three years old and to Ohio when nine years old. Mr. Gundy died in 1896, having followed farming all of his life, and his wife passed away in 1884. There were ten children in their family, of whom five are now living: Silas, George W., Nathaniel, Betty and Hannah, and four of the sons of this couple served in the Civil War. Noah Gundy served during the War of 1812 and Nathaniel, his son, has many mementos of that struggle, some of which were made by his father.

Mr. Gundy's education was secured in the schools of Ohio and he remained at home until he was twenty years of age, at which time he started to learn the trade of wagon maker, and remained in his home county for three years longer. He then located in Shelby County, Ill., but in 1859 came to Pawnee, where he has followed his trade to the present time. On August 10, 1862, he enlisted in Company K One Hundred Twenty-fourth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for service during the Civil War, under Captain Sanders, which was mustered in September 10, 1862, and accompanied this hard-fighting regiment throughout its many hard marches, numerous skirmishes and vicious battles, always comporting himself as a brave and valorous soldier and making for himself a record of which any man might well be proud. Some of the battles may be here mentioned: Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill, Black River, Siege of Vicksburg, second battle of Champion Hill, Jackson, Benton, a trip across Louisiana to Shreveport, New Orleans, Mobile Bay, Spanish Fort and Fort Blakeley, and then a march to Montgomery, Ala., whence, July 12, 1865, he was ordered home, going via Vicksburg up the river to Cairo, Ill., and thence to Chicago, where the regiment was mustered out August 16, 1865, after a faithful service of eleven days less than three years. Mr. Gundy was always willing and eager to do his duty and this generally brought him into the thickest of the fighting, and at the Siege of Vicksburg he received a wound, his entire time under fire being a matter of eighty-seven days. He is now a popular comrade of A. J. Weber Post, No. 421, Grand Army of the Republic, and for the past twenty-three years has served as Chaplain. In 1878 he was elected to the office of Overseer of Public Highways, and he has also served as Assistant Postmaster of Pawnee and as School Director. For many years he has been a Republican, but he casts his vote rather for the man than the party, and lets no party lines bind him. Baptized in the faith of the Christian Church January 7, 1860, Mr. Gundy has always been a faithful, conscientious church member, and in all his seventy-six years has never touched either chewing or smoking tobacco, nor taken a drink of whiskey or other spirituous liquor.

Mr. Gundy was married in Pawnee Township, March 21, 1867, to Mary J. Williamson, who was born June 22, 1840, in Indiana, daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Snyder) Williamson, natives of Pennsylvania, who were married in Ohio and removed to Indiana, where both died. They had nine children, namely: Elmira, Hiram, Nancy, Levi, Susan, Mary J., Cassira, Laura and Henry. Of these only two are now living: Mrs. Gundy, and Henry, who lives in Grand Rapids, Mich. Mrs. Gundy's grandparents were Germans and early settlers of Pennsylvania.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gundy: Evert, born June 26, 1868, single and living at home; Minnie, born April 1, 1877, married Charles Hollow and now lives in Tulsa, Okla., having two children, Gladys and James H.; Henry D., born January 27, 1874, died October 4, 1894, and an infant daughter born September 4, 1872, died on the same day.

GUY, David Franklin, a substantial citizen of Springfield, Ill., residing at No. 1710 East Carpenter Street, has for seventeen years been engineer of the Sangamon Coal Company's mine, and is one of that large corporation's most trusted employes. Mr. Guy was born on a farm in Watauga County, N. C., in 1853, a son of James C. and Caroline (Cable) Guy, and a grandson of Levi and Lydia May Guy.

There were no free schools in the vicinity of Mr. Guy's birthplace and his grandmother paid for three months tuition for the lad, but owing to a quarrel he had with another boy he left school two weeks after entering. He is well read, however, having learned much from observation. Mr. Guy's grandfather, Levi Guy, who had served during the Mexican War, was such an ardent Union supporter and so outspoken in his beliefs, that he incurred the emnity of those who had Southern sentiments and was eventually taken out and hung. At this time James C. Guy, David F. Guy's father, was serving in the Union army, as were also three of his brothers, but he obtained leave and hurried home to hunt down, if possible, his father's murderers, only to suffer a like fate himself, also being hung by Southern sympathizers. His three brothers lost their lives while doing army service.

In 1873 David F. Guy located in Olney, Ill., finding employment on farms for several years and then working in a coal mine in Fountain County, Ind. He then went to Grape Creek, Ill., where he worked under mine superintendent John Vosi as fire boss and coal digger, and in 1889 came with Mr. Vosi to the Sangamon Coal Company's mine, where he dug coal until 1893, and in that year was made engineer, a position which he has since held. In the spring of 1904 he built the fine residence which he now occupies.

Mr. Guy was married in Salem, Marion

County, Ill., November 7, 1880, to Miss Elizabeth Peart, daughter of Benjamin Peart, a well-known citizen of Logan County, Ky., where Mrs. Guy was born and reared. There have been born to this union the following children: LeRoy, a resident of Potlatch, Idaho, who married a Miss Hollingshead; Carrie Myrtle, who married J. P. Gannon, of Springfield; James Benjamin, of Springfield, who married Flo Cuff; and Annie L., who married William Cherry, of Springfield. Mr. Guy was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. He is a stanch Republican in politics and his fraternal connections are with the Modern Woodmen and the Odd Fellows.

GUYMAN, Ralph A.—In these days of progression, when all business connected with the printing trades is receiving such an impetus forward, those who are engaged in any line of reproduction are bound to succeed. The 1910 printer differs materially from his prototype of fifty years ago. Not only have methods changed, but there are so many more opportunities now for securing fine work, that the up-to-date printer has to be well informed and skillful, and must know how to meet the popular demand rapidly and satisfactorily. One of the most progressive of this class of men is Ralph A. Guyman, born in Randolph County, Ill., November 20, 1876. He is a son of William J. and Amelia (Hanna) Randolph, both born in Randolph County, he in 1849, and she in 1854. He was a miner, who spent his life in his native county.

Ralph A. Guyman was brought up in one of the small towns of Randolph County, and followed his father's calling until he went to Indiana. From there he came to Springfield, in 1892. Coming there, he commenced learning the printer's trade, and has followed that line of work ever since. He is one of the leading men in his line, and has been so successful that he is regarded as one of the responsible men of his locality.

Mr. Guyman was married in Springfield, October 7, 1899, to Elizabeth Andrews, born in Springfield, October 2, 1881, daughter of John and Bridget Andrews, both of England. Mr. and Mrs. Guyman became the parents of two children: William A., born March 30, 1901, and Helen L., born July 13, 1903. For a number of years Mr. Guyman has been a consistent member of the Methodist Church. He is a Democrat, and is proud of his party and what it represents. Fraternally Mr. Guyman is a member of the Order of Owls, the Royal Arcanum, the Fraternal Order of Rangers, and the Pressmen's Union, being active in all of them. Genial and courteous, Mr. Guyman makes and retains friends, and is popular wherever he is known.

HACKETT, Daniel J.—Recent mine accidents in Illinois and elsewhere have demonstrated the fact that there is a fascination in the work of the miner that attracts men, clearly outside of any mercenary reason. Men who have escaped death or injury by the slightest of margins will gladly return to their positions the moment then can, and the average miner does not retire from the work until he has accumulated a comfortable competency or until old age has incapacitated him for further duty. Daniel J. Hackett, who retired but a few years ago, was a miner during all of his active career, and followed his calling in a number of States in the Union. He was born on a farm near Clonmell, County Tipperary, Ireland, March 17, 1848, the youngest of the seven children of John and Margaret (Carey) Hackett, both of whom died on the Emerald Isle.

Mr. Hackett attended the schools of his native place, and on reaching the age of sixteen years embarked for the United States. On his arrival he joined his sisters in Schuylkill County, Pa., where he first became engaged in mining, one year later being a full-fledged miner and drawing a man's salary of $250 per month, the average wages paid in those days. He was married in 1875 in Mahanoy City, Schuylkill County, Pa., and during the following year left for the West, locating first in Iowa and working in the mines at Fort Dodge and in Boone County. His wife joined him in Iowa, and in Oct., 1879, they went to Equality, Ill., where one year was spent, then removed to Springfield, where they have since made their home. Mr. Hackett retired from mining in 1902 and since then has been living a quiet life at his comfortable residence at No. 1629 North Eighth street.

On September 13, 1875, Mr. Hackett was united in marriage with Catherine Fall, who was also a native of Clonmell, County Tipperary, Ireland, where she was born March 17, 1856, a daughter of Richard and Mary (Travers) Fall, the former of whom died in Ireland and the latter in New York City. Mrs. Hackett came to the United States with her mother and a sister, and after landing at New York City, the little party went direct to Mahanoy City, Pa., where numerous of their relatives had already arrived. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hackett, namely: Margaret, Mrs. John McNamara of Springfield; John J., also of this city; Thomas Richard, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Nicholas and James, residing at home with their parents; Mary Ellen, who married Charles C. Carter, of Springfield; and Elizabeth May, Catherine and Daniel Joseph, all at home.

The family are consistent members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Hackett is a stanch Democrat in his political beliefs and has always been ready to defend the principles of his party. He has spent a long and useful life and is now enjoying the fruits of his years of labor. He has been a member of the Western Catholic Union twenty-five years and is a charter member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He also belongs to

the United American Society and has been a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for forty years.

HAEGELE, Patrick (deceased).—The late Patrick Haegele, who passed away at his home in Springfield, Ill., January 11, 1905, was highly esteemed as a man of true worth and a public-spirited citizen. He was a successful business man and left a large number of sincere friends to mourn his loss. Mr. Haegele was a native of Rittenberg, Germany, born February 5, 1849, being a son of Patrick and Theresa (Swartz) Haegele, both natives of the same place. The father was a farmer by occupation, and both parents died in Germany at an advanced age. They had eight children Patrick being the oldest, and the others were: Tillie lives in Germany; Mary, wife of John Bush, of Chicago; Theresa, of Germany; Lena, wife of Lenard Schaefer, of Springfield; John, a Road Commissioner, and Bernard, a machinist, both of Springfield; Tardy, a successful farmer of North Dakota.

Mr. Haegele received his educational training in the schools of his native land and came to America in 1867. He engaged in the butcher business at Springfield, and later established a retail meat market on the corner of Sixth Street and North Grand Avenue. In 1889, he purchased a forty-acre tract of pasture land near Oak Ridge Cemetery, and sixty acres five miles west of Springfield. During that year, he engaged in dairy business, which he successfully conducted until his death. Soon after coming to Springfield, he erected a beautiful home on four city lots on what is now North Grand Avenue. A successful business manager, he was able to provide well for his family. He was a devout Catholic and was affiliated with SS. Peter and Paul Church, belonged to St. Paul's Society, and was a member of the Royal Neighbors and the Modern Woodmen of America, and in politics, a Democrat.

Mr. Haegele's marriage was celebrated in SS. Peter and Paul Church, Springfield, May 25, 1871, Father Yarley officiating when he was united with Elizabeth Zimmerman, a native of Germany, born July 16, 1850, daughter of Bernard and Barbara Zimmerman, also natives of that country. The Zimmerman family came to Springfield in 1866 and located there permanently. Mr. Zimmerman died in 1894 and his wife in 1891. Twelve children were born to Mr. Haegele and wife; four are deceased: Frank, born February 16, 1879, a successful farmer living eight miles west of Springfield; Carl B., born October 19, 1887, lives at home and is employed as bookkeeper for the Scott Coal Company; Adolph, born December 4, 1896, at home; Minnie, born June 6, 1881, wife of Clyde A. Ralph, of Springfield; Anna born February 13, 1882, wife of Frank Gallenbeck, a farmer of Westport, Minn.; Frances, born February 19, 1884, wife of Henry E. Dressendorfer of Springfield; Elizabeth Barbara, born April 27, 1889, at home; Mary Rosie, born April 25, 1892, at home. Mrs. Haegele died March 1, 1911. Some years after the death of her husband, Mrs. Haegele disposed of the one hundred acre farm. She was a faithful member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and has reared her children in the same faith. She was a good mother to her children and was warmly regarded by many friends. Mrs. Haegele belonged to the Royal Neighbors and the Catholic Foresters.

HAGAMAN, Thomas, a retired farmer of Buffalo, Ill., was born in Bath County, Ky., January 15, 1837, son of John and Elizabeth (Shropshire) Hagaman, the former a native of Philadelphia, Pa., and the latter of Kentucky. The father was a carpenter and he and his wife spent their latter years in Kentucky. He came to Illinois on a visit to his son Thomas and was taken sick and died there. He served through the War of 1812, taking part in the Battle of New Orleans. His father was a native of Holland and his wife's family were from Kentucky. John Hagaman and his wife had fourteen children, of whom nine were daughters, and besides Thomas two sons and two daughters still survive.

The education of Thomas Hagaman was received in Kentucky, and though he attended school only about three months, he educated himself later and made the most of all his opportunities for improvement. As a young man he conducted a saw-mill in Bath County, Ky., for five years, and for two years worked in iron mills there. He came to Sangamon County in 1860 and spent two years driving an ox team, then took up farming. He worked ten years in a tile yard, then resumed farming and became quite successful. For the past twenty-five years he has acted as street commissioner and has also served as Constable. He and his son have been quite successful in conducting a small apiary. He is a devout Christian and carries his teachings and principles into his every-day life. For the past thirty-five years he has been a Deacon in the Christian Church, of which he is an active member. In politics he is a Democrat. He has worked hard most of his life and well enjoys the rest he has earned.

January 15, 1862, Mr. Hagaman married, in Springfield, Sarah McClain, who was born in Bath County, Ky., July 28, 1838, and died October 4, 1901. Her father was a farmer and he and his wife spent all their lives in Kentucky. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hagaman: Albert, of Buffalo, Ill.; Isabelle, Mrs. Masters, living on a farm near Mechanicsburg; Lafayette, a carpenter, living with his father; Thomas, died July 20, 1871; David A., also a carpenter, lives with his father. Mr. Hagaman has fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He married (second) Mrs. Ellen Cornell, a native of Kentucky, and no children were born of this union. Mollie H., a step-daughter lives in the family. Mr. Hagaman has a comfortable home in Buffalo.

HAINES, John C. Fremont.—It is not so many years ago that Sangamon County was naught but a broad, rolling prairie, with the feel of the plow unknown and where vegetation ran wild, and it is hard to believe, as one views the prosperous, flourishing farms of today, that in some cases the men who reclaimed the land from the wilderness are still cultivating it, while in other and more frequent instances the present owners are sons of the original pioneers. John C. Fremont Haines, a prosperous and well known agriculturist of Sangamon County, was born on the property on which he now carries on operations, on Section 16, Cotton Hill Township, September 30, 1858, a son of John Wesley and Sarah C. (Hart) Haines.

The grandfather of John C. F. Haines was a native of Kentucky who came to Sangamon County in the early days and there spent the remainder of his life. On the maternal side the grandfather was born and died in Morgan County, Ill. John Wesley Haines was born April 28, 1826, in Allen County, Ky., and in 1842 accompanied his parents to Sangamon County. In 1858 he purchased property in Cotton Hill Township and there spent the remainder of his life, engaged in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring August 8, 1896. Mr. Haines married Sarah C. Hart, who was born in Hillsboro, Ill., August 6, 1829, and her death occurred September 20, 1905, both being buried in Sangamon County.

John C. Fremont Haines secured his education in the country schools of Sangamon County, being reared to agricultural pursuits and taught to love his home, and was exceedingly fond of music as a boy. He has followed agricultural pursuits all of his life on this farm, and now owns 163 acres of some of the finest farming land in that section of the county. Mr. Haines was a Republican in his political belief until 1896, at which time William J. Bryan was a candidate for the Presidency, and since that time he has cast his vote rather for the man than the party. He served as Collector of his township in 1889, and has also been a member of the School Board. Fraternally he is connected with Modern Woodmen Camp No. 619, and with his family is identified with the Methodist Church.

On September 30, 1884, Mr. Haines was married at his present home by Rev. B. D. Wiley, to Mary E. Eldridge, who was born in Sangamon County, Ill., September 19, 1863, a daughter of John and Hannah A. (Merrill) Eldridge. John Eldridge was born in New York, July 23, 1836, and came to Illinois in 1861, where for twenty years he was a teacher in the Sangamon County schools, his death occurring August 31, 1888. He married Hannah A. Merrill, who was born in New York, August 1, 1832, and died May 7, 1888.

To Mr. and Mrs. Haines there have been born the following children: Nellie, born June 26, 1885; Katie, born February 26, 1887, married Charles Nation and has one child, Emma; Elma, born August 16, 1889, married George Coomes, lives in North Carolina and has two children, Grace and Nellie; Eldridge, born April 6, 1891, living at home; Harry W., born February 13, 1893; Herbert, May 19, 1895; Lola, born August 27, 1897; Ira, born September 15, 1899; Charles, born September 26, 1901; Laura, born January 11, 1904; Mary, born July 16, 1906; and Neva, born February 26, 1909. All of these children were born in Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County.

Mr. Haines is one of the representative farmers of his district and is of a public-spirited nature, always being found in the front rank of those movements which his judgment leads him to believe will be of benefit to his community. He has an excellent farm and is looked upon as one of the substantial men of Cotton Hill Township.

HALE, (Rev.) Albert. (Vol. I, p. 215.)

HALL, David S.—Springfield has been largely developed by the capital of those who make the city their home. But litle outside money has been required to establish and carry on the various institutions which afford employment to many of the city's residents. Those who have lived there for years, realize the excellent opportunities afforded for profitable investment and secure them for their own benefit, as well as to that of others interested. One of the heavy landowners and capitalists now living retired from former activities is Davis S. Hall, of Mechanicsburg. He was born in Shelby County, Ky., January 9, 1830, son of David and Juliet (Owen) Hall, both natives of Shelby County. The father owned a considerable amount of land, but left Kentucky, in 1834, on account of his opinions regarding the institution of slavery, and found more congenial surroundings in Sangamon County. There, he died in April, 1864, living to see the blot of slavery wiped from the map of his beloved country. His wife passed away some years later, and both are affectionately remembered. They were foremost in the promotion of all enterprises having for their object the betterment of their community, and both bore an important part in the establishment of schools and churches in the county.

David S. Hall went to school in Mechanicsburg, and was reared to general farm work, remaining at home until his marriage. Owing to his southern birth, Mr. Hall felt he could not enter the army, but gave his hearty support to all war measures and knew and admired Abraham Lincoln, voting for him in 1860, and 1864, and being prostrated by his tragic leath. Being a strong Republican, he has served his party efficiently and faithfully in different township offices. Both he and his father were deeply interested in the formation of the Republican party, being at the time strong Whigs, and both did their part in securing its success during

the stormy days of the early sixties. Early in life, Mr. Hall connected himself with the Methodist Church, giving it a warm, loyal and generous support.

On March 15, 1855, Mr. Hall was married to Elizabeth J. Fullenwider, daughter of Jacob N. and Agnes Fullenwider, who came from Shelby County, Ky., to Sangamon County, in 1834. Mrs. Hall passed away, deeply lamented, February 11, 1902, having borne her husband four children: Georgie E. wife of William T. Grout, of Denver, Colo.; Charles B., Edwin P. and Jacob F., all married and having families, and residing in Mechanicsburg. Mr. Hall owns over 800 acres of the best farming land to be found in his part of the State. His property is all highly improved, well stocked and exceedingly productive and he is one of the representative men of the county. His sons are living up to their father's high standard of character and are fast becoming men of importance in their community.

HALL, Edward Augustus.—The mercantile houses of Springfield compare favorably with any in the State, their connections enabling them to carry a stock of goods surpassed by few, while their resources and the volume of their trade are productive of prices that meet the most exacting demands of their customers. This desirable state of affairs has been brought about through the energy and foresight of the men who are at their head, and to them is due the credit for the commercial importance of Springfield as a distributing center. One of the best known houses of this class is that operating under the name of Hall & Herrick Co., clothiers, of which Edward Augustus Hall is President and Treasurer.

Mr. Hall was born at Pekin, Tazewell County, Ill., August 21, 1845, being a son of Jonathan Parker and Esther Lavina (Fowler) Hall, the former born near Nashville, Tenn., October 28, 1815, and the latter in Rochester, N. Y., February 9, 1826. The maternal grandfather, Robert Fowler, was a soldier in the War of 1812, while the maternal grandmother, Ann M. (Platt) Fowler, was a descendant of the Platts, founders of the city of Plattsburg, N. Y. Jonathan P. Hall was brought to Springfield by his parents, in 1828, but moved to Pekin in 1838, which remained his home until his death in 1887. His wife came to Pekin with her parents in 1833, and she still survives, enjoying good health at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. Hall was an architect and builder, and some of the best work done in this line at Pekin in the earlier days, is his.

Edward Augustus Hall attended the public schools of Pekin, and in 1862 began his business career as a clerk in the dry goods store of Cummings Brothers. In 1871 he founded a dry goods business in Pekin, known as E. A. Hall & Company, combining it, in 1874, with that of Cummings Brothers, under the caption of Cummings, Hall & Company. In 1876 Mr. Hall came to Springfield, and in conjunction with J. E. Herrick established the clothing firm of Hall & Herrick, which still continues, although it was incorporated in 1906, as Hall & Herrick Company, with Mr. Hall as President and Treasurer. In addition, Mr. Hall is Vice President of the Sangamon Loan & Trust Company, and Director in the State National Bank.

Although he has been so active in business life, Mr. Hall has not neglected his duties as a citizen, beginning with his service to his country as Sergeant of Company C, One Hundrey Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil War. As a loyal Republican, he served as Alderman of Springfield during 1883 and 1884; as Supervisor of Sangamon County during the term between 1894 and 1898; as Trustee of the Park Board, during the term of 1900 to 1905, being elected on the Citizens' ticket to this last named office. An article written by Mr. Hall entitled "Springfield Parks" appears on another page in these volumes. He was appointed by Gov. Deneen a member of the State Fire Commission, on April 24, 1909. He has also been Treasurer of the Sangamon County Fair, serving in 1880 and 1881; was Director of the Springfield Exposition and Fair from the organization of the association to the locating of the State Fair in 1895, and was treasurer of the Illinois State Board of Agriculture from 1901 to 1906. In each one of these offices Mr. Hall displayed the same conscientious attention to detail, and the same skillful executive ability which have insured his business success, and the people he has thus served cannot be too grateful to him. Mr. Hall has also been active in fraternal matters, being a Mason in high standing, having joined that organization in 1877. He is a member of the G. A. R. and served as Commander of his post during 1902; is a charter member of the Sangamon Club, and was its President during 1899 and 1900, and is also a charter member of the Country Club. During 1908 he was President of the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is an active member.

On March 12, 1873, Mr. Hall was married in Pekin, Ill., to Frances Augusta Browne, born in Peoria County, Ill., November 1, 1845. Her family were among the pioneers of Peoria County, coming there from Massachusetts in 1833. There is no issue of this marriage. Mr. Hall is prominently identified with the Congregational Church, which he affiliates with, and is one of the honored supporters of the Republican party.

It would be difficult to point to any measure of importance which looked towards the betterment of the city or county that has not been supported by Mr. Hall, for he has the welfare of his community at heart. His energies have always been directed towards securing good government, improved conditions and hon-

orable methods of administration, and that he has succeeded in accomplishing much the record of his life demonstrates beyond any doubt.

HALL, Thomas, a retired business man of Springfield, has spent most of his life in that city. He was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in November, 1836, a son of Thomas and Mary (Ryan) Hall, both natives of that country. The mother died in Ireland and the father, who was a gardener by occupation, came to America in 1854. He landed at New Orleans and soon afterwards came to Springfield, where for many years he was employed at the Cottage Gardens, and he followed this line of work until his death. He and his wife had three sons and three daughters and the only member of the family now surviving is Thomas.

Mr. Hall came to America the year after his father, and after coming to Springfield worked a year in a brick yard. He moved to Chicago and there learned the trade of blacksmith, at which he worked in that city three years, then returned to Springfield and followed the same line of work until his retirement a few years ago. He worked for some time in a shop that stood on the ground now occupied by the St. Nicholas Hotel, and later engaged in business with James Kennedy, under the firm name of Hall & Kennedy, this partnership being dissolved some years later, when Mr. Hall embarked in business alone. He was always well patronized and had a good reputation in his line.

Mr. Hall was married in Springfield, in 1861 to Johanna McCarthy, a native of Ireland, where both her parents died. Twelve children were born of this union, of whom the following five now survive: Edward, a blacksmith living in Springfield; Dennis, a horse-shoer by trade, residing in St. Louis; Margaret, widow of John Dunham, of Springfield; Catherine, wife of William Anger, a stock-buyer who lives at Springfield; Mrs. Mary Hickey, also of Springfield. Mrs. Hall died in 1908, deeply mourned by her family and friends. Mr. Hall is a member of the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception and in politics is a Democrat. He owns a handsome residence at 1401 East Capitol Avenue and is well known in the city. Mr. Hall attended school a short time after coming to Springfield and endeavored to take advantage of his opportunities to improve himself in various ways.

HALL, Thomas R., a prosperous young farmer living just north of the city of Springfield, Ill., is a native of that city, born May 17, 1884, son of Joseph B. S. and Katherine (McCann) Hall, the former born in Kentucky, October 8, 1855, and the latter in Donybrook, near Dublin, Ireland. Joseph B. S. Hill came to Sangamon County about 1870 and became employed at meat carver at St. Nicholas Hotel, Springfield, where Katherine McCann was also employed, having come to Illinois about the same time as Mr. Hall. He afterward worked about twenty years in the rolling mills in Springfield, and was living on a farm in Bailey County, Tex., but recently moved back to Springfield. He and his wife had three sons, namely: Frank J., in Camp No. 156, Coast Artillery, was born December 15, 1887; John, born April 14, 1890, a farmer living near Springfield; Thomas R. All attended public school in Springfield.

After leaving school Thomas R. Hall began working in a brick yard and remained there twelve years, learning to make brick. He was employed two years at the Zoo Park, later for the Springfield Water Works, and for the past two years has been carrying on farming, in which enterprise he has been markedly successful. He owns twenty acres of excellent land, which is easily worth two hundred dollars per acre. He is well known in Springfield, where his entire life has been spent, and has many warm friends. About one year ago he joined Camp No. 455, Modern Woodmen of America, and he is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of the Third Presbyterian Church and is interested in many benevolent causes.

Mr. Hall was married, in Springfield, March 15, 1909, to Miss Mary S. Thorpe, born July 20, 1875, daughter of Thomas and Emily Thorp, the father born March 24, 1834, and the mother March 3, 1838. Mr. Thorpe and his wife came to Illinois from Ohio in 1858, lived one year at Taylorville, and then came to Springfield, where the father died December 1, 1906, and the mother February 15, 1894. Mr. Thorpe and his wife had two sons and two daughters, namely: Franklin, died in infancy; Edward C., born May 26, 1860, a carpenter by trade; Mary; Eleanor E., died June 23, 1903. Mr. Thorpe came to the place where his daughter and her husband now live some nine years ago, having formerly lived at Lawrence and New Streets, Springfield. Edward Thorpe lives with his sister. He also is a member of Camp No. 455, Modern Woodmen of America.

Mrs. Hall's father, Thomas Thorpe, enlisted in 1861 in the Seventh Illinois Regiment of Infantry, serving one year, then reenlisted in Company B One Hundred Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, in which he served until 1865. He was taken prisoner at Camp Fort Tyler, Tex., held captive thirteen months, then returned home and received his discharge at Camp Butler, near Springfield, Ill., in 1865. He was discharged with rank of Sergeant and took part in many battles.

HALLAHAN, Daniel O'D.—One of the best known Irish-Americans of Springfield, Ill., is Daniel O'D. Hallahan, who was born in the historic town of Skibbereen, County Cork, Ireland, on May 5, 1839. Skibbereen is particularly remarkable for having been the birthplace of the first Total Abstinence Society organized in the world, the father of Mr. Hal-

lahan having been one of its organizers; also remarkable for the patriotism of its inhabitants, it being the birthplace of the Phoenix Society, which subsequently culminated in the Fenian Brotherhood, in the organization of which the late Daniel O'Crowley of Springfield, O'Donovan Rossa and Mr. Hallahan were prominent. The London Times about that date, 1858, referred to Skibbereen as being a "hot-bed of sedition."

Mr. Hallahan is one of the two surviving children of Daniel Hallahan and Mary (O'Donovan) Hallahan, the other survivor being Mrs. Eliza O'Donovan, residing in Skibbereen. Daniel Hallahan was the nephew of the celebrated Rev. Daniel Burke, D. D. who was an eminent scholar and an ardent supporter of Robert Emmett in the rebellion of 1798 and who was compelled to leave Ireland, a reward having been offered for his capture, alive or dead. He escaped to France in a fishing craft and became either a professor or President of the Irish College in Paris, returning to Ireland in the early part of the nineteenth century and dying shortly after his arrival. A tablet to his memory was placed in the Art Hall of the college. Daniel Hallahan for many years had been Custom House Agent at Castletownsend and Skibbereen. He died in Skibbereen, October 30, 1849, aged about seventy-six years. Mary O'Donovan Hallahan was a niece of the famous Timothy O'Donovan (Tigue An Asna), a local leader in the rebellion of 1798. He was wounded in the battle of Bealaweholig near Clonakilty and taken prisoner, tied to a horse and dragged about two miles to the town, then disemboweled while still alive, afterward beheaded, such being one of the sources of amusement indulged in in those days by the soldiers of Christian England. A very handsome monument has been erected to his memory near the place of his death, by public subscription. Mary (O'Donovan) Hallahan, mother of Mr. Hallahan, died in Skibbereen, November 30, 1886, aged seventy-six years.

On attaining his majority Mr. Hallahan was appointed Custom House Agent and discharged the duties of his office until May 19, 1863, when he, in company with O'Donovan Rossa and a host of other young men, left for this country with the avowed purpose of enlisting in the Union Army, and if they survived the war to return to Ireland and use their knowledge and experience in an endeavor to free her. O'Donovan Rossa and Mr. Hallahan are the only survivors. Mr. Hallahan, immediately on his arrival in New York, enlisted in Company C, Thirteenth New York Heavy Artillery for three years, or during the war. He served in Virginia and North Carolina and at the close of the war his regiment was consolidated with the Sixth New York Heavy Artillery, taking the name of the latter Regiment, the company letter having been changed to K. The Regiment was mustered out of service in August, 1865, at Washington, D. C., and discharged at Harts Island, New York, a month later.

Mr. Hallahan was married in New York City on February 3, 1866, in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, to Miss Anne Sheehy, daughter of Morgan Sheehy and Anne (O'Donovan) Sheehy. She was born in North Reene, County Cork, Ireland, on February 9, 1847. She left Ireland for America in March, 1863, in company with her father, brother John and sister Elizabeth, her mother having died in the year 1848. Her father returned to Ireland in March, 1865, and died in the year 1868. The brother and sister also are dead.

The following named children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hallahan: John S., married Miss Catherine Murphy, to whom three children have been born—Marie, John S. Jr. and Catherine; Mary T., married to M. J. Hanrahan of Chicago; Elizabeth A., married Harry Ramstetter, and she died April 7, 1898, leaving one child, Catherine; Daniel L. died February 21, 1903, aged twenty-eight years; Florence, died November 16, 1902, aged twenty-one years; Joseph G., died January 30, 1904, aged twenty-four years; the survivors are Agnes, Francis Morgan and Genevieve, living at home 401 West Adams Street.

In June, 1874, Mr. Hallahan located in Springfield, which has since been his home. He was for thirteen years an employe of the firm of Latham & Souther, Abstractors. In the year 1887 Mr. Hallahan became a partner of the late John J. Hardin, who owned a set of abstract books, under the firm name of Hardin & Hallahan, which partnership continued successfully until 1896, when Mr. Hallahan purchased the remaining interest of Mr. Hardin and continued doing business alone under the former name until September, 1905, when he sold his abstract books to Mr. Walter Eden and retired from active life. Mr. Hallahan is a most patriotic citizen of his adopted country and is actively interested in the progress and welfare of his community. He is also much interested in the cause of his native country. He is a stanch Democrat in politics and his first vote in the United States was for General George B. McClellan. He is a devout Roman Catholic, being a member of St. Agnes Church, is Trustee and Treasurer of Calvary Cemetery Association, belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order Foresters and Western Catholic Union, is an active member of Stephenson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. In June, 1906, Mr. Hallahan revisited the home of his childhood.

HAMILTON, Frank H.—The work accomplished by the engineering department of Springfield, is of such a nature as to call forth universal praise. The capital city of the State is a model in respect to the perfection of its engineering work, and the credit for this supremacy must be given to the efficient City

Engineer, Frank H. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton was born in Springfield, August 8, 1873, a son of the late Henry J. Hamilton and his wife, Rose M. (Bradley) Hamilton. The former was born in New York City and the latter in Lowell, Mass., and they were married at Joliet, Ill.

Henry J. Hamilton was a railroad engineer and came to Springfield, about 1858, as an engineer on the Wabash Railroad. Later he was with the Hannibal & St. Joe Railroad and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, with Hannibal as his place of residence for four years. Following this he moved back to Springfield, and engaged with the last-named road, continuing in its employ until his retirement in 1895. His death occurred five years later, October 3, 1900. His widow survives and makes her home in Springfield. In politics he was a stanch Republican, but could not be induced to accept office. In 1878 he spent a few months in the office assisting W. D. Clark, in his work as City Engineer. Fraternally he was a member of the B. of L. E. and the A. O. U. W. Five children were born to Henry J. Hamilton and wife, but the other son, Charles E., died in 1880. Frank H. Hamilton and his three sisters survive.

Frank H. Hamilton attended the Stuart school and the high school, graduating from the latter in the Class of 1891. He then entered the University of Illinois, and graduated from it in the Class of 1895. Upon his return to Springfield he was appointed Assistant City Engineer, and filled that office until two years later when he was made City Engineer, and he has continued to hold this post ever since. A full description of his work is given elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Hamilton has a war record of which he may well be proud. In 1890 he joined the Fifth Regiment, Fourth Army Corps, and later Company C, Fifth Infantry, I. N. G. In this he was elected to fill the successive offices until he was made First Lieutenant. In 1897 he was transferred to the Engineers Corps, of which he was made Captain, and thus continued until 1904. Meanwhile, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he enlisted, passed the examinations, and was appointed First Lieutenant of the Second Regiment, United States Engineers, by President McKinley. Mr. Hamilton continued with his regiment until September of that same year, when he resigned his commission and returned home to resume his interrupted duties as City Engineer. In addition to his arduous duties in this connection, Mr. Hamilton also discharges those connected with the office of Commissioner of Buildings, and is just as efficient as Commissioner as in the office of City Engineer. His political affiliations have always been with the Republican party.

Fraternally Mr. Hamilton is a member of the B. P. O. E., the K. of P. and the Red Men. He is a live, progressive young man, who has the best interests of Springfield at heart, and who understands the requirements of his two exacting positions. Understanding his work thoroughly, he has gone ahead to accomplish what he deemed was necessary, and the results justify him and demonstrate his good judgment and practical common sense.

HAMILTON, John M. (Vol. I, p. 217.)

HAMILTON, Hon. Lloyd F.—A man versed in the laws of the country, as distinguished from the business man or the politician, has been a recognized power. He has been depended upon to conserve the best and most permanent interests of the whole people, and without him and his practical judgment the efforts of the statesman and the industry of the business man and the mechanic would prove futile. The reason is not far to seek; the professional lawyer is never the creature of circumstance; the profession is open to talent, and no definite prestige or success can be attained save by indomitable energy, perseverance, patience and strong mentality. The Hon. Lloyd F. Hamilton has ever been noted for these characteristics. Born in April, 1844, at Brandenburg, Meade County, Ky., he is a son of Felix J. and Jane (Wathen) Hamilton. Felix J. Hamilton, who was a native of Kentucky, died in October, 1844, in early manhood, and his widow came to Tazewell County, Ill., where her parents had settled in 1835. Her death occurred in Springfield, Ill., March 6, 1886.

Lloyd F. Hamilton began his education in the district schools, attended the Eureka College from 1860 until 1864, and then went to the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor. He read law under Judge Schofield, of Marshall, Ill., who became widely known as the man who refused the Supreme Court Judgeship tendered him by President Cleveland because "he was a plain man and he and his wife did not care for the social activities of Washington." Mr. Hamilton entered the Union College of Law at Chicago, from which he graduated in 1866, and during that year formed a partnership with Paren England. Later he was associated with Thomas G. Prickett and from February, 1882, until May, 1902, his partner was James W. Patten. From that time until recently he practiced with B. L. Catron. At the present time he has no partner. Mr. Hamilton has taken an active part in shaping public sentiment where the welfare of the city has been at stake and he is a representative of its best type of citizen. He has a rare gift of oratory, but has ever been modest and unassuming, and has hesitated about pushing himself forward for positions of public preferment. His political views are those of the Democratic party.

HAMILTON, William S. (Vol. I, p. 217.)

HAMMAN, Samuel.—There are plenty of opportunities for any live business man not only to earn a fair living, but to amass a comfort-

able fortune in Springfield, for the city, being the State capital, draws almost every class there, and the visiting trade is immense. One of the men who has reaped a good and honest profit from his endeavors is Samuel Hamman, now retired, who for many years conducted a teaming and transfer business. Mr. Hamman was born in Winchester, Ill., May 12, 1848, being a son of Andrew and Christina (Schultz) Hamman, both natives of Germany. The parents were married in Germany, but came to America at an early day, landing in New Orleans after a trip of fifty-two days. They came on to St. Louis, and after a short time in that city went to Winchester, Ill., where the father followed his trade of baker. In 1848 he started overland to California in a wagon train of twenty-seven wagons, and died on the way of cholera. So terrible were the ravages of this dread disease that only seven wagons of this train reached California.

In 1858 Samuel Hamman arrived in Springfield, growing up in the city, where he received his educational and business training. In 1868 he established himself in a teaming and transfer business, which he worked up to large proportions, and continued in it until 1908 when he retired. He is a Democrat, politically, while the German Lutheran Church holds his membership.

On November 20, 1873, Mr. Hamman was married in Springfield to Louisa Hanselman, born in Springfield, November 20, 1853, daughter of Michael and Barbara (Heil) Hanselman. Her parents were also natives of Germany, who located in Springfield, but later went to Mt. Pulaski, Ill. where Mr. Hanselman operated a farm for several years. He then moved back to Springfield and worked at his trade of a carpenter until his death. Both parents died there and are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamman: George, a cigar manufacturer of Springfield; Louis, engaged in the same business; Christina is a trained nurse of Denver, Col.; Anna is the wife of Richard C. Latal, a tinner of Springfield; Mary is the wife of Harry Durham, member of the Fire Department of Springfield; Susie lives at home, and two who are deceased. There are three grandchildren in the family. In addition to his beautiful home at No. 101 West Reynolds street, Mr. Hamman owns other city realty and is in very comfortable circumstances. He has never sought public office, but has been content to wield his influence as a private citizen in favor of good government and proper civic improvements.

HAMMON, Charles Henry.—One of the large industries of Springfield which has grown rapidly during the past several decades is the iron foundry business, which during the past few years has been influenced to a great degree by the growth of the automobile industry. Charles Henry Hammon, who is engaged in this business in Springfield, was born in the Capital City, December 16, 1865, a son of George and Catherine (Van Horn) Hammon, natives of Germany.

George Hammon, who was a mechanic by occupation, was born in Baden, Germany, from which country he came to the United States and located in Springfield, where he and Mrs. Hammon were married. Mr. Hammon worked for the Ætna Foundry in Springfield, of which John Lamb was the proprietor, for forty years, and in 1900 retired, since which time he and his wife have resided at No. 413 West Reynolds Avenue. Mr. Hammon was a member of the Old Volunteer Fire Department, and has always been connected with the German Lutheran Church. He is a Democrat in his political views, but has never cared for public office. Of the five children of George and Catherine Hammon, but two survive, Charles Henry and a daughter.

Charles Henry Hammon secured his early education in the German Lutheran school, and later attended night school in Springfield, and Professor Bogardus' Business College, which was located over Ryan's Drug Store. At the age of thirteen years he left the latter institution to become a delivery boy in Hardsell's grocery store, but six months later was employed by the rolling mills. After a short period spent in the St. Nicholas barber shop, he entered the Ætna Foundry, where he learned the trade of molder, remaining ten years, and then went to the Bloomington foundry, where he was employed for three years, also spending a like period at the Ide foundry. He subsequently returned to the Ætna foundry for three years, and at the end of this time embarked in business for himself, having continued therein in Springfield since 1894, and meeting with much success. He is also agent for the Zimmermann Automobile Company, of Auburn, Ind.

On October 5, 1886, Mr. Hammon was united in marriage with Magdalena Burgner, born in Springfield, Ill., the daughter of John Burgner, who with his wife is residing at No. 535 West Washington Street, Springfield. Three daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hammon, namely: Elizabeth, a graduate of Springfield high school, class of 1906, who is possessed of much artistic talent; Magdalena, who graduated from the high school with the class of 1908; and Irena, who graduated from the same institution with the class of 1910.

Mr. Hammon's fraternal connection is with the Knights of the Maccabees. He is liberal in political views and his business takes so much of his time that he has very little to give to public matters, although he has always supported movements which have promised to be of benefit to the city. The family attends the Lutheran Church.

HAMMON, George.—Some of the representative citizens of Springfield today are men who have retired from the stress of active life, and are now free to consider matters of civic interest. They have the time and give it un-

reservedly to their city, exerting their influence in many ways in favor of law and progress. One of these men of moment is George Hammon, a retired business man, who, like so many others of the successful residents of Springfield, is of German birth, having been born in Bavaria, June 14, 1833, a son of Adam Hammon, also a native of Germany, and a shoemaker by trade. The parents spent their entire lives in Germany, dying long ago. The three children born to them, two boys and one girl were: John, deceased; Catherine and George.

After attending school and working on his father's farm, George Hammon followed farming for five years, then came to America, arriving in 1853. At first he continued to farm, then began butchering, but eventually went into John Lamb's foundry. Following this he learned the coat-making trade, and continued in that line of business for thirty-eight years, retiring in 1894. When he was first married he lived on Carpenter Street, but later built a good house at No. 413 West Reynolds Street, which is still his residence. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran church and gives liberally to it in both time and money. His political convictions make him a Democrat, but he has never been willing to accept public office.

Mr. Hammon was married in Springfield, July 18, 1865, to Catherine Van Horn, daughter of Henry and Mary Van Horn, natives of Germany, who lived to an advanced age. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hammon: three sons and three daughters, of whom two survive: Johanna Fidengruber lost her husband twenty-three years ago; Charles H. is proprietor of a cigar store here. Fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren have been born to this family. Mr. Hammon owns his home, and is otherwise interested in the city. He came there without a cent, yet persevered, never shirking any work and trying to add to his knowledge as he went along. His customers came back to him, appreciating the fact that they could always depend upon him. Although he has now retired, he holds the friendship of those he served, and enjoys it and the esteem in which he is held by all who know him.

HANES, Urias.—There are certain staple articles which have been an absolute necessity to the forward march of progress and the advancement of civilization. Travel has always been the means of widening mankind's scope, the medium that has brought about our present civilization and, naturally, travel has always necessitated the use of a means of conveyance. The manufacture of carriages and wagons is one of the time-honored occupations and for years has had in its ranks men of the highest character. Urias Hanes, now living retired in Springfield, was for a long period one of the best-known vehicle manufacturers in the State. Mr. Hanes was born near Altsville, Canada, March 22, 1827, son of John C. and Charlotte (Monticue) Hanes. Mr. Hanes' paternal grandfather was a native of Germany, but John C. Hanes was born in Pennsylvania and his wife in France. Mr. Hanes was a shoemaker by occupation, following that calling all of his life in Altsville, and dying there.

The education of Urias Hanes was secured in Canada and he learned the carriage and wagon manufacturing business in his native town. In 1850 he went to Chicago, Ill. working there for a short time and then going to Pekin, Ill. In 1854 he left the latter place for Williamsville, where he engaged in business for forty years, then came to Springfield and retired. He is residing at No. 1516 East South Grand Avenue, in the same house in which he has lived ever since coming to Springfield. It is an interesting fact that Mr. Hanes in 1861 built a caravan wagon which was later used by President Abraham Lincoln. He is a Republican in politics and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Hanes was married in 1854 to Margaret Dowdell, of Pekin, who lived but one year thereafter, and in 1855 he was united with Louise Bartram, who was born in Vermont and whose parents came to Springfield at an early date and there spent the remainder of their lives. The four children born to this union are as follows: Carl J., an architect of Springfield, carrying on an extensive business; Joseph A. and John, carpenters and contractors with a fine business; and Ella, the widow of Clifford Council. Mr. Hanes is now living at No. 1516 East South Grand Avenue, which residence he owns, in addition to other valuable city property.

HANKS, John. (Vol. I, p. 219.)

HANLEY, John Henry.—The mining interests of Sangamon County have developed and brought to the front men of unusual business and executive ability; men who have made their own way in the world, forging ahead through aggressiveness, intelligence and determination to succeed. The school of mining is not an easy one; it takes men of more than ordinary ability to succeed, and as a result we find some of the county's foremost men engaged in this business. One of the self-made men of Springfield who has been identified with mines and mining nearly all of his life is John Henry Hanley, who was born near Lima, Allen County, Ohio, October 15, 1857, the son of Patrick and Bridget (Byron) Hanley.

Patrick Hanley was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, March 17, 1826, and when he was eighteen years of age came to the United States, landing in New York and going thence to Ohio, where he worked on a railroad for a few years. He then came to Springfield, Ill., and from there went to Will County, where for many years he was engaged in farming, although for the past ten years he

has lived retired in Wilmington, Ill. His wife died in 1907, in the faith of the Catholic Church, of which he is also a member. He has been a Democrat all of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Hanley had the following children: John Henry; James, of Joliet, Ill.; Michael, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; William, a resident of Wilmington, Ill., and Mary, who married Daniel Tobin, of Chicago.

John Henry Hanley was but an infant when his parents came to Illinois, and he was reared to the life of a farmer, being sent out to do his share of the farm work when he was but eight years of age, and as a consequence not having much chance for learning, although close observation and much reading have made him a well-educated man. At the age of twenty-six years he left home and became engaged in selling coal-mining machinery, and in this way came to Springfield. After some years spent in this manner he became manager of the Old North mine, later held the same position with the Chicago & Kansas City Coal Company, and then became manager of the Springfield Mining Co. During the year following he served as County Mine Inspector, and for five years was manager of the Chicago-Virden Coal Company, accepting his present responsible position in 1905. Probably no man in Sangamon County knows more about mines and mining than does Mr. Hanley, and his selection by this large company as manager goes a long way towards proving it. His experience has been long and varied and he has learned how to meet every situation and how to overcome every obstacle.

In Odell, Ill., in April, 1883, Mr. Hanley was married to Miss Elizabeth Kane, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Dalton) Kane, and to this union there were born six children: Mary, who married Patrick Foley, of Peoria; William F., who married Elizabeth Slocum; and John Edward, Nora, Bessie and Esther, all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanley are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, in which he is serving as a member of the Board of Trustees. He was Trustee for a long time of Ridgely, before it was incorporated with the city of Springfield, and has always been a stanch and active Democrat. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic order of Foresters and is District Vice President of fourteen counties for the latter order.

HANSON, Frederic A., an industrious and enterprising farmer living near the Fair Grounds just outside of Springfield, Ill., was born in Denmark, October 6, 1852, son of Peter and Karry Mary (Nelson) Hanson, both natives of Denmark, the father born in 1824 and the mother November 1, 1810. The former was a flax manufacturer and he and his wife spent their entire lives in their native country, where he died in 1857 and his widow in 1887. They were parents of four sons, of whom two came to the United States. Frederic A. Hanson has a brother now living in Springfield, who came to the United States in 1873.

Frederic A. Hanson received his education in the public schools of Denmark and until twenty years old followed the occupation of fisherman. He then took up farming and has followed that occupation ever since. He sailed from Copenhagen in 1873, spent two weeks on the water and landed in Boston. He came direct to Springfield, reaching that city on May 16. He immediately took up farming at Berry Station, where he remained one year, worked two years on William Bradford's farm, one year for Lute Bortman, then spent five years in the employ of J. P. Gardner, after which he worked for himself. He has lived six years on his present farm, and owns three acres. He carries on his work with intelligence and good judgment and makes it pay well.

Mr. Hanson was married at Springfield, October 16, 1879, to Mary A. Shoemacker, born in Germany, October 6, 1860, and died September 25, 1905. Her parents died when she was a girl and never came to America. She was seven years of age at the time she was brought to the United States. Five children were born to Mr. Hanson and his wife, four daughters and one son: Nellie May married Mr. Dickerson, a mail carrier at Curran; Laura Lee, deceased; Dr. John, in the employ of Schucks Lumber Company; Lucy Anne, Mrs. Stroub, of Springfield, and Mary E., deceased.

Mr. Hanson was married (second) in December, 1908, in Springfield, to Wilhelmina Meinecke, born in Germany, November 2, 1868. Her mother and father died when she was sixteen years old and both parents spent their entire lives in Germany. Mr. Hanson is a member of the Christian Church and in politics is a Democrat. He is a member of the Loyal Americans and has a large circle of friends. He is pleasant and genial in manner and has a reputation for honesty and integrity.

HAPPER, Andrew F. (deceased), was for many years one of the leading citizens of Gardner Township, and well known as a substantial farmer and grain operator, owning the elevator at Farmingdale. He was born on the old Happer homestead, on Section 19, of the township which continued his home, July 14, 1854, son of James E. Happer. The latter was born in Washington County, Pa., but located in Gardner Township, where he became a teacher in the country schools. He bought 160 acres of land and divided his time between farming and teaching, becoming one of the leading men of his neighborhood. n 1837 he returned to his native county, where he married Sarah Gardner. They returned to the home he had made in the still new State, and settled down to happy married life. Mr. Happer was a man of political convictions such as would

have made him a Republican. He was a devoted Christian and one of the pillars of the church at Farmingdale, being instrumental in securing the erection of the house of worship there, becoming a Deacon and Sunday school superintendent, loving the work, and accomplishing much good through his efforts. His wife joined him in all his good work, being a member of the same denomination. He died in 1875 and she in 1883. They had six children: John G., of Dakota; Carrie M. married J. S. Lyman, deceased; Sarah, wife of John I. Parsons, of Santa Rosa, Cal.; Lura, wife of William Sims, of San Antonio, Tex.; Margaret M. married Dr. E. A. Morgan, of Decatur. These children have all done well and are numbered among the leading people of the several communities in which they have resided.

After the death of his father Andrew F. Happer bought out the interests of the other heirs, becoming the owner of 400 acres of land. He immediately commenced extensive improvements and, as he was a careful farmer, reaped large returns from his investment.

On October 24, 1883, Mr. Happer married Ida V. Harrison, born in Cartwright Township, October 6, 1856, a daughter of Simeon Q. and Mary A. (Renshaw) Harrison, the former now deceased, and the latter living at the age of eighty-eight years, being a very lovable old lady, with a pleasant word for everyone and happy recollections of bygone days.

Mr. Happer made a specialty of Polled Angus cattle and Poland China hogs, making many exhibits of his product at fairs and stock shows. He remained on his farm until 1889, when he bought the interest of D. Humphrey at Farmingdale, including the home now occupied by Mrs. Happer, a large mercantile establishment and the elevator. In conjunction with operating all these, Mr. Happer also retained supervision over his farm, and the multiplicity of duties resulted in his death, February 2, 1903. He passed away firm in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, belonging to that denomination at Farmingdale, and his work in it and the Sunday school will long be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Happer became the parents of two children: James Harrison, born September 14, 1886; and Mary, born January 11, 1891. James H. Happer attended district school, and Springfield high school, being graduated therefrom in the Class of 1907. He also took a two-years course in the agricultural department of the State University, but on account of the failing health of his mother, in 1910, he returned home to assume charge of the business affairs, which she had shouldered upon the death of Mr. Happer, and in the brief time which has since elapsed, has proven himself a worthy son of his noble father. His methods have been such as to inspire confidence, and he has every prospect of a long and brilliant business career. His sister, who is a member of the Class of 1909, Springfield high school, is a charming young lady, with more than ordinary musical ability, which has been carefully trained. The family all belong to the Presbyterian Church and are popular in it as they are in the best social circles of the town.

HARBAUGH, Edward, a retired farmer of Mechanicsburg, Ill., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born at Baltimore, Md., September 5, 1846, a son of Jerome and Martha (Thompson) Harbaugh. Both parents were natives of Georgetown, Md., and the father spent most of his active life at his trade of coachmaker, in Baltimore, where his death occurred, at the age of eighty years, his widow living to the age of ninety-two. The paternal grandfather of Edward Harbaugh, subject of this review, was born in Little York, Pa., his parents being natives of Switzerland.

After completing his education in the schools of his native city, Edward Harbaugh became clerk in a store there and in 1863 came to Illinois and remained one year on a farm near Mattoon. January 4, 1864, he enlisted for service in Company E, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain Voris, of Mattoon. Mr. Harbaugh served to the end of the war, was mustered out at Victoria, Tex., and on March 21, 1866, was discharged at Camp Butler, near Springfield. He had rendered efficient service and never had the misfortune to be taken prisoner or receive a wound.

After his service in the army Mr. Harbaugh returned to Coles County, where for five years he engaged in farming, then removed to Madison County, Ind., manufactured tile there for a time and then engaged in the same occupation in Edinburg, Ill. Some years later he located in Springfield and spent about five years in that locality. For the past four years he has held the post of janitor of the public school at Mechanicsburg, which he ably and satisfactorily fills. He is a Republican in political views and while a resident of Edinburg served as a member of the Town Board. He is a member of the Methodist Church and belongs to Maroa Post Grand Army of the Republic. He is well known in Mechanicsburg and vicinity, where he has won a reputation for reliability and honesty.

Mr. Harbaugh was married near Sullivan, Moultrie County, January 14, 1872, to Mrs. Lucetta (Taylor) Hawkins, who was born near Winchester, Va., May 7, 1843, daughter of Peter Taylor and wife, also natives of Virginia. Peter Taylor was a farmer by occupation and in 1859 located near Oakland, Coles County, Ill., where he carried on farming until his death. Mrs. Taylor died in Indiana. Mrs. Harbaugh died December 18, 1908, having had four children, two of whom survive: Della, wife of William Ogden, residing in Mechanicsburg with Mr. Harbaugh; James E., a foreman in the shops of the Wabash Railroad Company at Moberly, Mo. There are eight grandchildren in the family. Mr. Harbaugh owns a comfortable residence in Mechanicsburg.

HARBERT, Samuel M., a retired farmer living at Illiopolis, Ill., was born near LaFayette, Ind., May 31, 1837, and is a son of Eli and Mary (Hulbert) Harbert, the former born near Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1809, and the latter born in Virginia in 1817. The father was a tanner, farmer and shoemaker, and he and his wife moved to Indiana from Ohio, settling on a farm near LaFayette. Mr. Harbert died in 1839 and his widow survived until 1863. The fathers of Mr. and Mrs. Harbert both fought in the War of 1812. Samuel M. Harbert is one of three children, the others being: Eli, a farmer of Sangamon County, and Nancy, married A. D. Gilbert, who died in 1904, and she now lives in Illiopolis, in the home she has occupied for forty-one years.

The education of Samuel M. Harbert was received at Wolf Creek in the district school, and his first teacher was William Ide. His grandfather, James Harbert, located on a farm on Wolf Creek, Sangamon County, in 1839, and lived there until his death, and on this farm Samuel M. lived until 1863, being partly reared by his grandparents. Mr. Harbert began farming on his own account in Illiopolis Township and lived there until 1909, then moved to the village of Illiopolis, where he owns a comfortable home, and he has since lived retired from business activities and cares. He still owns a farm of 120 acres in the township. He was well acquainted with Abraham Lincoln in his younger days and was always his warm personal friend.

Mr. Harbert was married Christmas Day, 1862, to Zerelda Miller, who was born in Mechanicsburg, Sangamon County, daughter of Nathan Miller, an early settler of Sangamon County, who spent the rest of his life on a farm near Mechanicsburg, and died in Dawson, Ill. His wife's maiden name was Anna Laudenbeck, who died in Dawson, Ill. Mr. Harbert and his wife had four children, of whom three survive: John Harbert, a farmer of Sangamon County; Anna, wife of William Clendenen, also a farmer of Sangamon County; Ada M., wife of William Gall, living on her father's farm. There are six grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Harbert is a Democrat in politics and served several years as School Trustee in Illiopolis Township. He belongs to the Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Illiopolis. He is a member of the Christion church and is always ready to do his share towards promoting any cause calculated to benefit the community. He is a public-spirited, representative citizen and is universally respected.

HARBOLD, Jacob, a self-made business man of Springfield, has built up a large enterprise from a small beginning, and is now a recognized authority along the line of his specialty. He was born in St. Louis, Mo., March 10, 1859, son of Jacob and Fanny Harbold, natives of Germany, who came to the United States in youth. The parents were married in the United States and in 1860 came to Springfield where for twenty years the father was engaged in an express business. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church and he and two other persons bought the old church near the Chicago & Alton depot. In politics he was a Democrat. He died in Springfield in 1880, and his widow now lives with her son Jacob, being seventy-two years of age. They had two children, Jacob, of this sketch, and George, of Indiana.

Mr. Harbold was educated in Springfield public schools, and after completing his education spent a short time teaching in a Lutheran school, then entered the old Ætna foundry to learn the trade of machinist, receiving at first but three dollars per week. Later he spent six years in the rolling mills, and at the end of that time engaged in business on his own accout. He has made a specialty of pumps and has spent twenty-five years in his present enterprise, being an expert in his line. He is proud of the fact that while at the outset he had but forty-five cents as capital, by his energy and ambition he soon began to prosper, and has been successful in so gratifying a degree that he now owns a very comfortable home and property. His line includes several kinds of pumps. Being an expert mechanic at the outset, and possessing business instinct and enterprise, Mr. Harbold could not fail in his venture, but has built up his enterprise step by step, each one being the result of well-planned effort.

Mr. Harbold has been twice married: (first) to Mrs. Elizabeth Hartford, a widow, their union taking place December 28, 1890, and (second) July 13, 1902, he married Fanny Hudson, who died in 1907. Mr. Harbold is a stanch Republican and takes an active interest in politics. He is a devout member of the Lutheran Church, to which he is a liberal contributor. He is well known in Springfield, where he has lived since infancy.

HARGITT, William P. (deceased).—There is no better gift that a man can leave to his city than a well-ordered family, fitted to take up their duties in the order of things and to assist their community in advancing in every way. Thus is new blood infused into the city's veins and its future prosperity insured. One of Springfield's respected families is that of Hargitt, descendants of William P. Hargitt, who for many years was a successful merchant. Mr. Hargitt was born near Lawrenceburg, Ind., November 25, 1825, a son of Robert and Jane (Pommen) Hargitt. In his youth Robert Hargitt was engaged in tanning near Lawrenceburg, Ind., but in later years moved to Hamilton, Ohio, where he became wealthy and prominent, serving as Mayor of that city.

William P. Hargitt secured his education in the schools of Lawrenceburg and the Bloomington (Ind.) High School. His youth was spent on his father's farm, and he became the latter's partner in mercantile business, so continuing

until his death, which occurred in November, 1880. Mr. Hargitt was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and his politics were those of the Republican party.

On February 23, 1848, Mr. Hargitt was united in marriage with Cynthia Baldridge, on her father's farm near Harrison, Ohio. To this union were born six children, five of whom are deceased, the only surviving member being James L. Hargitt, who has been married twenty-two years and has a daughter, Miss Grace. The family is prominent socially and resides at No. 1325 East Edwards Street, the residence taken by Mrs. Hargitt on first coming to Springfield. Mrs. Cynthia Hargitt died about two years ago.

HARLOW, George H. (Vol. I, p. 221.)

HARNSBERGER, John Jacob, a successful agriculturist and cattle raiser of Sangamon County, Ill., who is cultivating a fine property consisting of 360 acres, on Section 27, Cartwright Township, was born on the farm now owned by John H. Campbell on Section 26, in the same township, January 29, 1848, a son of Henry M. and Melinda (Harrison) Harnsberger.

Jacob Harnsberger, the grandfather of John Jacob, was a native of Rockingham County, Virginia, whence he went to Clark County, Ohio. He was born in 1781 and was married in his native county to Catherine Harnsberger, there being two children born to this union in Virginia and seven children in Ohio, where Mrs. Harnsberger and one child died. The eldest son went to Wisconsin, where he was married, had one child and died. Two sons and three daughters located in Indiana, but Mr. Harnsberger and three sons came to Cartwright Township, Sangamon County, August 25, 1839.

Henry M. Harnsberger was born in Clark County, Ohio, February 2, 1823, and was reared to manhood in Sangamon County, Ill., where he was married February 18, 1846, to Miss Melinda A. Harrison, who was born in Christian County, Kentucky, March 20, 1820, and came to Sangamon County with her parents, Reuben and Barbara Harnsberger Harrison. Her great-grandfather, Benjamin Harrison, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The family is of English lineage and the ancestry has been traced back through six generations to an Englishman who settled in the old Virginian Colony in the Shenandoah Valley. From the same ancestry came two Presidents, William Henry Harrison and Benjamin Harrison. The signer of the Declaration of Independence was the father of Benjamin, William, Henry, George and Reuben Harrison. Reuben Harrison, the father of Mrs. Harnsberger, was born on a farm in Rockingham County, Va., June 12, 1779, and was married in May 16, 1804, to Parthenia Harrison, by whom he had one child. The wife died in Virginia, and Mr. Harrison married a second time, Barbara Harnsberger, November 29, 1810. In 1818 the family removed to Christian County, Ky., and on November 4, 1822, came to Sangamon County. Mr. Harrison's son, Leonard C., born of the first union, entered the University of the Methodist Church at the age of eighteen, and died in Summerfield, Ala., in 1867, and it was while on a visit, at his son's home, that Reuben Harrison passed away, May 3, 1852. The second Mrs. Harrison died August 23, 1842.

There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Harnsberger, namely: John Jacob; George Leonard, born July 13, 1850, educated in the district schools, Lincoln University and the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he took a two years' course in civil engineering, was for one year Deputy County Surveyor, and now resides in Springfield, Ill.; Amanda C., the wife of Julius Hanback, a farmer near Centertown, Ark.; and Virginia, who married L. H. Washburn, of Springfield, has one child, Anna, who is the wife of Charles I. Himlich. The mother of the above children died May 8, 1905, and her husband followed her to the grave in September of the same year. Both were consistent and lifelong members of the Methodist Church, in which they labored faithfully, giving their time and means towards forwarding any church movements, whether formed by their own church or by one of another denomination. Kindly and generous almost to a fault, the extent of their charities will probably never be fully known, and it is but just to say that both did a world of good in the community in which they spent so many years.

John Jacob Harnsberger received his preliminary education in the district schools of Sangamon County, and for a time attended the North Sangamon Academy and the Jacksonville Business College. He then returned to the old home, where he took up his duties on the farm, and continued to live there until his marriage, February 10, 1870, to Miss Nancy C. Campbell, who was born in Cartwright Township, July 25, 1851, daughter of Robert and granddaughter of Maxwell Campbell. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harnsberger began life on a farm adjoining this township in Menard County, Ill., but in 1874 removed to Sumner County, Kan., where Mr. Harnsberger had the misfortune to be persecuted by the grasshoppers which came in such swarms even that on clear days they hid the light of the sun. In 1884 Mr. Harnsberger sold out his Kansas property and moved to Gentry County, Mo., and had been very successful there, when, on April 3, 1893, a cyclone struck that county, stripping the farm of everything and demolishing the new house which had been erected by Mr. Harnsberger and which was just ready to paint. He sold this property in 1897 and moved to Brazoria, Tex., where he purchased 200 acres of land and had gotten a nice start and had the farm well stocked, but ill luck had not yet deserted him, for he was again cleaned out by

the great storm which destroyed Galveston. Nothing daunted by this series of misfortunes, Mr. Harnsberger started all over again, selling his farm in Texas in 1903 and buying 160 acres of land in Wright County, Mo., but six months later, on account of the serious illness of his parents, he decided to return to his home in Cartwright Township, where he took charge of 280 acres of the old homestead, which had been divided, and also rented eighty acres, and since that time has cultivated 360 acres, having a fine producing farm, well stocked with valuable livestock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harnsberger have had four children: Carrie M., born May 28, 1871, wife of Howard Ellenwood, of Canby, Minn., whom she married March 4, 1904, and they have two children, Helen Clarinda, born in May, 1905, and Leonard H.; Katie Irene, born November 23, 1873, married George Harkrider, a farmer in Callaway County, Mo., and they have six children—Lawrence E., Clyde F., Cora E., Catherine, Charles L. and Julius; Leonard J., born March 10, 1878, in Sumner County, Kan., residing in Kansas City, Mo., married Mae Willhoit in 1902, and they have one child, Ernest Vivian, born January 15, 1904; and Helen G., born July 26, 1894, near Stanberry, Mo., living at home.

In religious belief the family adhere to the faith of the Methodist Church. Mr. Harnsberger has always been a Democrat and is now serving as Director of the Plunkett School. He has been active along agricultural lines, as well as in his conduct as a citizen, and is looked upon as one of the good, representative men of Sangamon County.

HARRIS, Mrs. Mary Bell.—One of the heaviest tax-payers of Springfield, and one who is deeply interested in the welfare and improvement of the city, is Mrs. Mary Bell Harris, whose many charities and kindly deeds of good will make her beloved in the Capital City. She was born in Kentucky, March 30, 1863, being a daughter of Jacob and Mary A. (Logan) Kerl. Mr. Kerl was for many years a pilot on the steamboats of the Mississippi River, retiring only after he had reached an advanced age. His death occurred at Lebanon, Ind., in 1895, his widow surviving him. Later she married John D. Malosh, an old soldier, who now is an inmate of a soldiers' home at Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Malosh lives in Springfield to be near her daughter, Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. Harris was brought up in Southwestern Kansas, and was educated at the schools of Hodgeman County, that State, coming to Springfield in 1873. There she was united in marriage with James O. Harris, whose untimely death occurred in 1892, in Springfield, and his remains are interred in beautiful Oak Ridge cemetery. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and had passed all the chairs in the last-named order. Mrs. Harris owns fully $50,000 worth of Springfield realty, one of her possessions being the Monroe Hotel, one of the most popular hostelries in the city. It is well managed and its guests are given satisfactory accommodations. The cuisine is excellent and the food tastefully served. The entire establishment reflects credit on Mrs. Harris and her corps of able assistants. Whenever a woman enters the business field in competition with men, she does her work so thoroughly that she is sure to command success, and Mrs. Harris is no exception to this rule. She stands high in the community where she has lived so long.

Mrs. Harris was married June 12, 1910, in Chicago, at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Myerfeld, by Rev. Robert Lincoln Kelly to Mr. John Scott Reavley, of Springfield, Ill., and they now reside at No. 828 East Monroe Street.

HARRISON, James (deceased), was born in Dover, N. J., June 22, 1856, son of George and Jane (Watts) Harrison, the former a native of England and the latter of Ireland. The parents came to the United States and located in New Jersey, where for some time the father was engaged in the nursery business. Later the family moved to Centralia, Ill., where the father's death occurred. The mother afterward moved to Springfield and her death occurred in that city, in 1907. She and her husband were parents of three sons and one daughter, of whom two sons survive: Noble, of Springfield, and John, who is a mine manager and lives near Centralia, Ill. The family lived a short time in Duquoin, Ill., and there James Harrison received his education. At the age of ten years he began working in a mine and continued in mining work until the time of his death. He worked several years in the vicinity of Centralia and Duquoin, Ill., and about 1890 moved to Springfield, where he worked in the north and west shafts of the Klondike Mine. A short time before his death the family moved to Middletown, Ill., and there he was killed in an accident, May 15, 1906. His widow returned to Springfield with the children, and there the family has lived since.

Mr. Harrison was well known in mining circles in Springfield and was an expert in his line, having spent most of his life in mining work. He was devoted to his home and family and had many warm friends, to whom his death was a shock. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, to which his wife also belongs, and was a charter member of the Court of Honor, of Springfield. He was a Republican in politics. Mrs. Harrison owns the home at 1604 South Tenth Street, where she has resided for most of the time the last fifteen years.

Mr. Harrison's marriage occurred in Springfield, December 19, 1881, when he was united with Miss Eliza Gibson, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, October 22, 1856. Mrs. Harrison was one of six children (three sons and three daughters), and has one brother living in Glasgow, Scotland, and another in Springfield, Ill., the other three children being deceased. Three

sons and three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, of whom the following survive: Robert J., of Middletown; Albert J., living with his mother; Amelia, living at home, employed in Edwards & Chapman's laundry. Mrs. Harrison has one grandchild.

HARRISON, John Q., a practical farmer and stockraiser of Section 11, Cartwright Township, was born September 7, 1869, being a son of Robert P. and Almeda J. (Bone) Harrison. Robert P. Harrison was born on Rock Creek, Cartwright Township, January 25, 1846, being a son of Simeon Q. and Mary (Renshaw) Harrison.

Simeon Q. Harrison was born September 27, 1816, in that part of Christian County, Ky., which is now included in Trigg County, coming to Sangamon County in 1822. He and his wife had five children: Robert P., Anna G., Jennie E., Mary R., Ida, Sue A. and Roxana. After their marriage Robert P. Harrison and wife located on a farm owned by his father, S. Q. Harrison, which they rented. Later they bought 302 acres of land, partly improved, and on it Mr. Harrison began breeding draft and road horses, making a specialty of the Clyde strain of the former and the MeGregor roadsters. He bred the Queen McGregor that at one time held the world's record. He was a firm believer in blooded stock, and also bred shorthorn cattle, keeping his farm up-to-date in every respect. Adding to his first purchase he eventually owned 1,000 acres, although he disposed of some of it prior to his death, which occurred April 7, 1899. While not a member of any church, he gave of his ample means to all church work, and was ever ready to assist those in need. Long will he be remembered for his many excellent traits of character. In politics he was a Republican, and always gave the party his hearty support. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison had three children: John Q.; Mary Elizabeth, born May 7, 1876, wife of Dr. L. A. Whitley, of Carlyle, Ill.; and Nellie A., born September 1, 1878, married B. F. Marbold, a banker and farmer of Greenview, Ill. After the death of Mr. Harrison his widow and children remained on the old farm. The former is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has many friends in it and the community.

J. C. Bone, father of Mrs. Robert P. Harrison, was born in Rutherford County, Tenn., September 7, 1817, a son of Elihu and Nancy (Brown Warwick) Bone. They were natives of Tennessee, farming people who had moved to Illinois in 1824, when John C. Bone was seven years old. Settling on Rock Creek in Menard County, Ill., they spent the remainder of their lives there, and there died. In religious faith they were Presbyterians, while politically Mr. Bone was a Republican. Mr. Bone was married in Sangamon County November 28, 1839, to Catherine Foster. She was born June 7, 1823, and died March 25, 1841, leaving one child, Catherine E., born February 14, 1841, died September 1, 1841. Six years later Mr. Bone married Elizabeth Jane Purvines, born June 24, 1824, in Sangamon County, a sister of Greenlee Purvines whose history is given elsewhere in this work. To this union one child was born, Almeda J. born April 1, 1846, married January 29, 1868, to Robert P. Harrison. The second wife died September 13, 1852, and in March, 1854, Mr. Bone married Lydia Ann Purvines, her cousin, and a sister of Mr. Newton Purvines, whose sketch is also written for publication in this volume. She died in August, 1862, and in 1864, Mr. Bone married Nancy F. Purvines, who was a sister of his third wife, born December 6, 1836, in Sangamon County. They had four children: John C. died in Chicago; Charles R. is in a stock commission business in Omaha, Neb.; Carrie, wife of Edward Thorn, of Chicago, and Orlando S., in a stock business in Kansas City, Mo. The fourth Mrs. Bone died January 26, 1909. Mr. Bone died November 17, 1901. In 1852 he came to Sangamon County, settling on a farm in Cartwright Township. He accumulated over 1,000 acres near Pleasant Plains, Ill., but in 1870 went to Chicago to engage in the live stock commission business. He bought from farmers in Sangamon County, shipping to Chicago, and was noted for liberality in all his dealings. He was very hospitable and all were welcome who came within his gates. Liberal in religious views, he granted perfect freedom to others; charitable, he gave generously without thought of any return, and while he was a Republican, could not be induced to accept office.

John Q. Harrison was educated in the neighborhood schools and Springfield Business College, and has spent his life on the farm, which has always been in his family. He was in partnership with his father until the latter's death, since which time he has conducted his business alone. He now has a fine stallion, Onward Medium, registered number 36,002. His blood lines are of the best, as will be seen by his tabulated pedigree, the most popular and profitable producing combination in trotting blood line, the kind that gets the money on the race course and in prize show rings. This animal stands sixteen hands high, was foaled in 1898 by Onward, sired by George Wilkes, of the Patchen-Wilkes, Lexington, Ky., stock farm.

While greatly interested in his stock business, Mr. Harrison finds time to attend to his duties as a citizen, being a strong Republican. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, Camp No. 139, while his wife belongs to the Royal Neighbors. Mr. Harrison supports the Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Harrison is a member, both attending service at Pleasant Plains.

On June 21, 1899, Mr. Harrison married Nellie Happer, born near Maroa, Macon County, Ill., January 19, 1875, daughter of John G. and

Anna (Brown) Happer, both natives of Sangamon County. The father is a large farmer and stockman of South Dakota, living near Bushnell, but his wife died in 1884. They had the following children: Howard died in 1895, aged twenty-two years; Lena, wife of D. A. Allen, of Iowa Falls, a traveling salesman, and Mrs. Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have two children: Helen Happer, born July 14, 1905, and Lucile J., born February 11, 1908. Mrs. Harrison is a delightful lady, who makes her home one of the most pleasant in the county. The farm now consists of 400 acres and is conveniently located four miles from Pleasant Plains. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have many friends whom they gladly entertain with lavish hospitality upon numerous occasions.

HART, George W., a retired farmer living in Springfield, where he owns a comfortable home, is a veteran of the Civil War and well known in his neighborhood as a useful, public-spirited citizen. Mr. Hart is a native of eastern Tennessee, born April 20, 1841, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hicks) Hart, both natives of the same State, the former born March 12, 1808, and the latter in the same year. The parents removed to Illinois in 1871 and spent ten years on a farm in Morgan County, then moved to a farm near Chatham, Sangamon County. Seven years later they located on a farm in Clear Lake Township, where they lived six years, after which they went to Christian County, and there the father died May 22, 1897, after which George W. Hart remained five years longer in that county, then came to Springfield and retired from active life.

Mr. Hart received his education in Tennessee and at the beginning of the Civil War enlisted from Knoxville in the Home Guard, where he served six months, having previously served three months in the Confederate Army. He proved himself a good soldier and participated in several skirmishes. At the close of his term of service he returned to his former home and accompanied his family to Illinois some years later. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church and active in the good work of that organization. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Hart was married in eastern Tennessee, November 20, 1861, to Salina A. Beard, who was born in Virginia, December 20, 1845, daughter of John Beard, a Virginian farmer. Both her parents died in that State. Fifteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hart, of whom thirteen survive, namely: Franklin, of Round Prairie, Sangamon County; Delia, wife of Charles Emory, of Havana, Ill., where he is employed as a machinist; Nannie, wife of Joseph Redford, a teamster of Springfield; Samuel, of Barclay, Ill.; Tuleta, wife of Samuel Miller, a farmer of Clear Lake Township; Etta, wife of Charles Carver, of Springfield; Leotta, wife of Roy Adams, of Decatur; Charles, Frederick and Rolla, of Springfield; Laura, wife of Louis Daniels, of Springfield; Marie and Irene, living at home. There are twenty-two grandchildren in the family.

HARTMAN, Rev. Thomas Francis, clergyman and pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Rochester, Sangamon County, was born at Springfield, Mass., December 4, 1863, the son of James and Mary (Crowl) Hartman, natives of Harper's Ferry, Va., the former born in 1816 and the latter in 1823. During the Civil War Mr. Hartman's father held a position in connection with the Government Arsenal at Harper's Ferry, and at the time of its capture by the Confederates was taken prisoner, but soon after was recaptured by the Union forces. With several others, he was then sent to the Government Arsenal, at Springfield, Mass., where he remained until his death, in 1870. When the town of Harper's Ferry was burned by the Confederates, Mr. Hartman's mother and the children then with her, saw their little home and all it contained disappear in flames. In some way they managed to reach Springfield, Mass., where the father was waiting for them, and there was a happy meeting of the then homeless family. It was there that Thomas Francis was born, the eleventh child of the family, a brother and a sister being born still later.

In March, 1873, the mother, with four of her children, came to Sangamon County, Ill., and after spending a few weeks with distant relatives, the three boys of the number who had accompanied her, found homes, the subject of this sketch falling into the hands of one Mordecai Crowl, whose so-called "guardianship" for the next nine years is remembered with anything but a feeling of pleasure. The first seven years of his life, while his father still survived, he remembers were as enjoyable as could fall to the lot of any one, but in the first half of the year 1870 his father, two brothers and three sisters died. The mother kept the broken family together for two years longer, but beyond this he remembers nothing that could be called happy childhood. While in his native town of Springfield, Mass., he obtained three years' training in the public schools, but in the first eight years spent in Sangamon County, spent only two years in the rural schools, his guardian taking no interest in the boy's education.

While thus handicapped, at the age of twenty-three years Mr. Hartman began a course of study which lasted more than six years, later taking the five years' course prescribed by the Illinois Conference School of Theology. Until twenty-three years of age he followed the occupation of farming, but then spent five years as an employe in the watch factory at Springfield, and later five years more in the grocery business. From these dates it will be seen that both his preparatory and professional courses were obtained while engaged in different lines

of business—an illustration of the success which awaits the man of real industry and determination.

Mr. Hartman was admitted to the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on trial, in September, 1896; two years later was ordained as Deacon and admitted to full membership, and in 1900 was ordained as Elder. During that period and since then he has filled pastorships as follows: Greenview, Ill., one year; Curran, four years; Chatham, six years; and Rochester, four years, the last three pastorates being within Sangamon County.

Mr. Hartman has been prominent as an advocate of Prohibition, and in 1904 was candidate for Representative in the General Assembly from Sangamon County, but failed of election. In 1910 he was nominated on the same ticket as a candidate for Congress from the Springfield District, but being unable to make the canvass, declined the nomination. At national elections he has always supported the Prohibition ticket, but in local affairs votes for the man, regardless of political relations.

On June 7, 1888, Mr. Hartman was married, at Springfield, Ill., to Miss Lydia L. Welden, who was born in Randolph County, Ill., and for a number of years before her marriage was a teacher in the city schools of Springfield. They are the parents of the following children: Harold Hartman, born September 10, 1891, and now a teacher in Sangamon County; Loyal O., born October 27, 1899; and Royal L., born May 10, 1903. Mr. Hartman's fraternal relations are with the Masonic Order, Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America.

(Mr. Hartman was granted a supernumerary relation from The Illinois Conference September, 1911, and moved with his family to Memphis, Tenn.)

HARTMANN BROTHERS.—The food supply in any community generally goes a long way towards determining the health of its citizens. Certain it is that a more healthful state is to be found in those localities where proper attention is paid to hygienic conditions, just as it is true that one improper source of supply could undermine the health of a large community. The citizens of Springfield, Ill., are fortunate in this respect, as they may receive their bakery goods from the largest dealers in this line in Sangamon County, the Hartmann Brothers, Conrad and Joe, whose large, model bakery has always been noted for its cleanliness. They are sons of Joseph and Rosena (Schwing) Hartmann, natives of Germany, where the father carried on farming and butchering and was also engaged in a mercantile business, and where he died, while the mother still survives and makes her home there.

Conrad Hartmann was born in Germany in 1870, and received his education in his native country, coming to America in 1888. He was married to Louisa Boehme. Like his brother, Joe Hartmann was born in Germany, but one year later, in 1871. He also was educated in Germany, came to the United States in 1888, and was married to Lena Behr, a native of Springfield, by whom he has had two children, a boy now ten years of age and a girl twelve years old.

The bakery business of Hartmann Brothers was started on a small scale, in Springfield, in 1896, but the excellence of their product soon attracted attention, and as a result orders began coming in so fast that they were compelled to enlarge their place of business. As the business steadily grew more additions were made, and the plant now covers nearly half a block. Starting with only themselves to operate the business, the brothers found in a short time that they would need help, and as additions have been made to the plant, so have men been added to the working force, until they now employ fifteen skilled bakers. So rapid has been the growth of the business that the Hartmann Brothers now find themselves in charge of the largest bakery in Sangamon County, doing business not only in the city and county but throughout the State, and this state of affairs has come through hard, persistent work and conscientious attention to the laws of health and hygiene. They are very popular in Springfield and are both men of keen business perception.

Fraternally, Joe Hartmann belongs to the Catholic Union, while Conrad is a member of the Modern Woodmen. They are members of the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception of Springfield, whose priest is the well-known and universally beloved Father T. Hickey.

HARWOOD, William T.—During the past few decades farming has been revolutionized. The rich Sangamon County farm lands have been brought into the highest state of cultivation, and agricultural operations are carried on according to scientific methods. One who has made a success of farming is William T. Harwood, of Section 30, Williams Township. He was born in Decatur County, Ind., July 20, 1848, son of Ebenezer and Caroline (Sumter) Harwood, natives of Kentucky and Indiana.

Ebenezer Harwood, who was a farmer, came from Kentucky to Indiana when only eleven years old, locating on a farm in Decatur County. There he grew up, and when the war broke out he gave the Union cause his loyal support, to the extent of enlisting in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, but after a year's service, he was taken sick and died at Knoxville, Tenn. His wife was a relative of General Sumter, and her death occurred in Decatur County, Ind., in 1898. She bore her husband five sons and two daughters, five children of whom survive: C. D., of St. Paul, Ind.; James F., a farmer of near Greensburg, Ind.; Mrs. Mary O. Wilson, of Milford,

Ind.; Mrs. Susan E. Page, of the same place, and William T.

The marriage of Mr. Harwood and Josie Kagle took place in Springfield, November 14, 1878. She was born in Sangamon County, where her father Joseph Kagle had located upon coming from Ohio, although he was a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. Kagle was one of the early settlers of this part of the State and developed a fine farm. He also worked at his trade of cooper, thus continuing until his death. His wife was born in Virginia, and she, too, has passed away. Mrs. Harwood is one of a family of nine children, only three of whom survive: Mrs. Knight, of Rantoul, Ill.; Mrs. A. C. Kalb, of Springfield, and Mrs. Harwood. Mr. and Mrs. Harwood had two sons: Forest C., living on a farm in Logan County, married Florence Bates, of Williamsville, issue—Gerald E., John C., Milton T. and J. Irene; John A., married Golda Van Meta and lives in Williams Township.

During his long residence in his locality Mr. Harwood has witnessed many changes, participating in a number of them. He has always been a friend of good roads, excellent schools and similar improvements, and has lent his influence towards securing them. While he has never sought public notice, he has proven himself a good citizen and a most trustworthy and reliable business man.

HASELRIG, William A., of Mechanicsburg, Ill., now living retired from active life, is a veteran of the Civil War and much respected as a useful and patriotic citizen. He was born at West Liberty, Morgan County, Ky., April 10, 1830, a son of James Henry and Nancy (Day) Haselrig, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Kentucky. James H. Haselrig was a brick mason and as a young man located in West Liberty, where he worked several years at his trade. Later he removed to Lexington, Ky., where he worked at his trade until his death. His brother, Col. John Haselrig, was prominent in Morgan County politics and served several terms as Circuit Clerk. James H. Haselrig and wife were parents of five sons and two daughters. The mother and father both died in Kentucky.

The boyhood of William A. Haselrig was spent in his native county and he early learned the brick-mason's trade of his father, with whom he worked many years, then began work in the same line on his own account. He enlisted in the regular United States Army early in 1853, being sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and serving six months in the cavalry under General Kearney and Col. Sumner. After his discharge he came to Springfield, Ill., arriving in that city October 14, 1853. He lived in the city and worked at his trade eight years, then (in 1861) enlisted in Company C, Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three months, re-enlisting February 2, 1864, in Company C, Tenth Illinois Cavalry. He served to the close of the war, being discharged at Little Rock, Ark., in 1865, having taken part in many engagements. At one time Mr. Haselrig was captured by his brother Albert, a soldier in the Confederate Army, who was out squirrel-hunting at the time, and who let the prisoner go free.

At the close of the war Mr. Haselrig moved to Mechanicsburg, where he took up his former occupation, which he followed successfully until he retired from active life, several years since. He helped in the erection of many of the residences and business houses in Mechanicsburg, besides similar buildings in Springfield, Decatur, Taylorville, Bloomington and other cities. He was a contractor on his own account during part of this work and established a reputation for ability and fair dealing that is well remembered by those with whom he had business dealings.

November 3, 1861, Mr. Haselrig was married, in Mechanicsburg, to Lucy J. Dunn, who was born in Mercer County, Ky., February 1, 1843, daughter of John T. and Rachel Ann (Moore) Dunn, both natives of Mercer County and the father a carpenter by trade. The Dunn family came to Illinois in 1853 and the father followed his trade in Mechanicsburg until his death, which occurred October 26, 1867, being a great shock to his family, as he died suddenly. His widow survived him but a short time, passing away in 1869. They were parents of two sons and four daughters, of whom two survive: Mrs. Haselrig, and R. T., of Mechanicsburg. Eleven children were born to Mr. Haselrig and wife, seven daughters and four sons, and nine of them are still living: Hattie, wife of Harry Halloway, a retired employe living in South Chicago; Laura, wife of John Muehlhausen, of Springfield; J. William, of Texas; Anna, deceased; Lee, wife of Harry Fox, a locomotive engineer living in Blue Island, Ill.; Mrs. Jessie Putnam, deceased; Herbert, of Bakersfield, Cal.; Frank, a locomotive engineer living at South Chicago; Mrs. Grace Schmidt, wife of William Schmidt, a commercial traveler whose home is in South Chicago; Merle, widow of Louis Rogers, who is a stenographer in the employ of the Rock Island Railroad Company and a resident of South Chicago; Grover, who served two enlistments in the Regular United States Army. There are thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren in the family. Herbert Haselrig, of Bakersfield, Cal., served in the Regular United States Army eight years, taking part in the Spanish-American War and being sent to the Philippines twice.

Mr. Haselrig is well-known in Mechanicsburg and vicinity, where he has lived so many years, and has a large number of friends. He owns a comfortable home there and takes an active interest in the welfare of his community. He is a member of the Christian Church, a Democrat in politics and is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic.

HATCH, Ozias M. (Vol. I, p. 224.)

HATCHER, Mrs. Mary (Currier), daughter of the late Silas Wright Currier, has inherited many of his sterling traits of character and is fully capable of representing this fine old family. Mrs. Hatcher is a native of Springfield, born June 19, 1880, daughter of Silas Wright and Mary (Priest) Currier, the former born in Potsdam, N. Y., January 8, 1846, and the latter in Springfield, November 2, 1848. Silas Wright Currier was one of Springfield's foremost business men and his biography appears on another page of this volume.

The grandfather of Mrs. Hatcher, John W. Priest, came from St. Lawrence County, N. Y., to Springfield, and became one of the city's most prominent men. He was a pioneer in the manufacture of brick and was also prominent as a farmer, being the owner of 1,200 acres of land at the time of his death, which occurred June 7, 1887. His worth as a citizen was soon recognized by the community, and time and again he was called upon to fill some position of trust and honor. For a number of years he was President of the School Board, for eight consecutive years acted as Alderman, and in 1856-58, and again in 1870, served as Mayor of Springfield, during which time the city prospered as it had never done before. During the administration of the affairs of the city by Mr. Priest, the first street paving was done and the water works established. He was a member of the water works board, was for some time President of the company, and went to New York to sell bonds for these improvements. Always a leader in movements which would benefit his city or State, in his death Springfield lost one whose place was far from easy to fill.

Mary (Currier) Hatcher was given the advantages of a full and comprehensive education. She attended Springfield High School, St. Agatha's Episcopal School, St. Mary's School at Knoxville, Ill., and "The Castle" (Miss Mason's school) at Tarrytown, N. Y., being graduated from the last-named institution in the class of 1900. On November 28, 1905, she was united in marriage with Oliver William Hatcher, one of Springfield's well-known business men of the younger generation, who was born at Chariton, Iowa, January 24, 1877. Mr. Hatcher is a member of the firm of Johnston & Hatcher, operating a large house-furnishing store. One daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher, Mary Jane, February 24, 1909. Mrs. Hatcher's religious connection is with the Central Baptist Church, while Mr. Hatcher's is with the Episcopal Church.

HATTON, Joseph, who has been a resident of Chatham, Ill., for over half a century, is an extensive land-owner and successful farmer, and is held in great respect by all who know him. Mr. Hatton is a native of Garrard County, Kentucky, born March 6, 1829, a son of Richard and Hannah Hatton, both natives of Virginia, whose parents were born in Kentucky and Virginia. Richard Hatton was a large land-owner and an extensive raiser of tobacco, being a man of local prominence. He died in Kentucky and his widow afterward moved to Illinois, dying in Chatham.

The childhood of Joseph Hatton was spent on a farm and he received his education in his native State. He was always very fond of horses and stock of all kinds and was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he has followed all his life. He moved from Kentucky to Illinois in 1854 and has since resided at Chatham, where he has been a successful farmer. He now owns 400 acres of land in Sangamon County and has put it all into good condition. He is a good business man and has managed his affairs in a manner to insure success. He stands well with his neighbors and has a large number of friends. While not a member of any church, he is actuated by the highest principles in social and business relations, as well as in his daily life at home, and has won a reputation for strict integrity and reliability. In politics he is a Republican and is always ready to further the interests of his party. He has witnessed many changes since locating in Sangamon County and has always been interested in the development of the community. He drove cattle through Springfield on the day ex-Governor Matteson's mansion was burned, one of the coldest in the history of Illinois.

Mr. Hatton was married at Chatham, Ill., November 2, 1873, to Liza Clements, a native of Sangamon County and daughter of Thomas and Dicy (Harris) Clements, the parents both natives of Kentucky. Mr. Clements was a prominent farmer and he and his wife had seven children. Mr. Hatton and wife have no children.

HAY, John, one of the early settlers of Springfield, and the son of Adam Hay, was born in Berkeley County, Va., April 13, 1775, and came of a sturdy race of men. His grandfather was the son of a Scottish soldier who left his own country near the close of the seventeenth century and entered service in the army of the Elector of the Palatinate of the German Empire.

About the middle of the eighteenth century the grandfather, who was also John Hay, with his four sons, emigrated from Germany to America. The family soon scattered and one son settled in Pennsylvania, where he acquired a considerable estate and filled several important offices. He served as a soldier of the Revolutionary War, attaining the rank of Colonel. His brother Adam went to Virginia. He, as well as his brothers, had received a military training in Europe, and he served with some distinction under General Washington in the War of Independence. He was an acquaintance and friend of the great General, and one of the early recollections of his son John, the subject of this sketch, was of meeting Washington on a country road. The boy was riding

behind his father on the same horse when a carriage approached. They turned aside to let it pass, when it halted, and Washington greeting Adam Hay, directed some friendly remarks to the young lad, who was requested by his father to salute General Washington, which order was promptly obeyed. The mother of John Hay was Mary Boyer, who was born in Germany and came to America when a young girl. She has been described as an excellent woman, of independent spirit and strong personality.

John Hay spent his boyhood days in Virginia, but was not satisfied to remain there, believing that he could do better in a newer country. At the age of eighteen, with a small company of his Quaker neighbors, he emigrated to Kentucky and took up land in Fayette County, near Lexington, in the heart of the far-famed blue-grass region of that State. A few years after settling there, while still young, he was married to Jemima Coulter, an estimable young woman well-fitted to be his companion, with whom he lived happily for a period of forty-six years and until her death at Springfield in 1843.

In all Mr. Hay lived in Fayette County, Ky., for thirty-nine years, and in that beautiful garden spot, were born his thirteen children, six sons and seven daughters. Although he continuously prospered, he was opposed to negro slavery and, for that reason, was not satisfied to have his family remain in a State where that institution seemed so firmly established. In the fall of 1832, at the age of fifty-seven years, with his wife and eleven of his children, he came to Sangamon County, settling at Springfield, then only an insignificant village, and there he lived and labored for a little more than a third of a century until his passing away in 1865.

On coming to Illinois Mr. Hay brought with him from Kentucky the machinery and other appliances for a cotton gin and the manufacture of cotton goods, but this venture did not prove a profitable one. It is said that the idea prevailed at that early day that cotton could be successfully grown in Illinois. After operating this factory for a year or two, the machinery was taken out and stored in an old shed in the back yard of his home at Second and Jefferson Streets, where it slowly rotted and rusted away. Many years after it was put there, his grandchildren used this dim and cobwebbed storehouse as a place to play, and as they romped among the curious looking things, they often wondered about the use of so many wheels and spindles. For a number of years he and several of his sons engaged in the manufacture of brick. The investments he made in land in Illinois proved in time to be remunerative.

John Hay had the rather unusual distinction, which in that time could only have come to one who had reached a very advanced age, of living through two of the most trying and critical periods of our country's history. He was born just six days before the battle of Lexington, the real and actual beginning of the American Revolution, and lived until the close of the Civil War.

Mr. Hay was a man of great physical power, but quiet and peaceful in manner, and of great strength of will and force of character. He was a true patriot, with firm and fixed principles of justice and duty. At the outbreak of the Civil War he took a strong stand for the Union, and during the years of that sanguinary conflict was deeply concerned and anxious in regard to the final result. He was a near neighbor and warm personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. When the news of the assassination of the President was received, he was deeply affected, and on the day of the funeral in Springfield, he sat at his window and sorrowfully watched the procession that bore the remains of the martyred President to its resting place. A few weeks later, May 20, 1865, in the ninety-first year of his age, he was called to his final rest.

Very soon after coming to Springfield Mr. Hay and his wife became members of the Baptist Church, of which he was a loyal and earnest supporter until the end of his life. Before that little organization had a place of its own in which to worship, his home was open for any of its services. He was one of the three trustees to whom the land was deeded for the site of the first Baptist Church of Springfield. To an unusual degree he enjoyed the respect and even the veneration of his fellow citizens. He was a public-spirited man, and was the first to sign the promissory note to the State Bank, which secured the erection of the first State House building on the public square of Springfield. One who knew him well said of him: "His name was a synonym of honor and probity. His long white hair, his compact and powerful form, were for many years a noticeable sight in the streets of the town."

Three of his sons, Charles, Joseph, and Theodore, became physicians; and one, Milton, occupied a leading place as a member of the Illinois Bar. His grandson, the late John Hay, is well-known at home and abroad as a diplomat, for nearly seven years and until his death on July 1, 1905, as Secretary of State under Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt. Two grandsons who bear the name of Hay reside in Springfield, Hon. Charles E. Hay, and Senator Logan Hay; and another, Nathaniel Hay, lives in Champaign, Ill.

HAY, John. (Vol. I, pp. 225-226.)

HAY, Logan, attorney-at-law and State Senator from the Springfield District, was born in the city of Springfield, February 17, 1871, the son of Milton and Mary (Logan) Hay, the latter a daughter of the late Stephen Trigg Logan, one of Illinois' most noted members of the bar. Mr. Hay received his primary education in the public schools of his native city, later entering Yale University from which he was graduated with the degree of A. B. in the class of 1893.

He then entered the Harvard Law School, graduating therefrom in 1897, the same year was admitted to the Sangamon County Bar as a member of the firm of Brown, Wheeler, Brown & Hay, of which he and his brother-in-law, Stuart Brown, are the surviving members, the late C. C. Brown and S. P. Wheeler, the senior members of the firm, having passed away.

Enjoying superior opportunities and inheriting rare abilities from his father and his maternal grandfather, Mr. Hay has established for himself a high reputation in his profession and won the confidence of his fellow-citizens, as shown by his promotion to positions of public trust without the asking. The first public position to which he was called was that of Alderman of his ward, for which he was chosen in 1903. In 1906 he was elected State Senator for the Springfield District, a position which he still holds by virtue of his re-election in 1910. Like his father, of quiet, unobtrusive manner, Mr. Hay depends upon what he actually accomplishes for his constituents, rather than upon self-advertising, for the confidence which he enjoys.

Mr. Hay was married to Miss Lucy L. Bowen, and he and his wife have two children: Mary Douglass and Alice Houghton. In his business relations he is serving as Director of the Illinois National Bank.

HAY, Milton. (Vol. I, p. 226.)

HAYES, Joseph W.—Belief in the ultimate future of Sangamon County land has resulted in the accumulation of wealth by many of the agriculturists of this favored locality. One of the men who had the pleasure of seeing his faith amply justified is Joseph W. Hayes, of Section 6, Cartwright Township. He was born on this farm September 27, 1852, in a small frame house, which is now included in his substantial residence. He is a son of Augustus and Mary Ann (Wright) Hayes, both natives of Lancaster, Pa., where they married, after growing up together. Augustus Hayes is a son of John Hayes, a native of the North of Ireland, coming of Scotch and Irish ancestry. They were all Protestants, belonging to the Presbyterian Church.

Augustus Hayes was a man of some prominence in Lancaster County, living as he did in Mt. Joy, where he carried on a general store and operated a canal-boat. In spite of his successful business transactions, however, he decided he wanted a broader field for his children, and in 1848 sold out and moved to Illinois. Seven of his children were born in Lancaster County. All of them are now deceased except Joseph W. and Mrs. Rebecca Fink, wife of George W. Fink. The others were: John, who died in Pennsylvania; Sarah, who became the wife of Dr. Albert Atherton; Mary J., who became the wife of R. J. Rudisell; Charlotte, who became the wife of Isaac P. Smith; Albert, who died in Sangamon County in 1824.

The family migration was accomplished by water to Beardstown, and from there overland to Springfield, where the winter of 1824 was spent. In the spring of 1825 they came to Cartwright Township, renting land on the old State Road. Many weary travelers partook of the lavish hospitality of the old pioneer, who never stopped to think of himself, but kept open house for all who needed rest and refreshment. In 1826 he bought 640 acres, on which he began to build a home. He had intended to embark in a mercantile business, but found that it would not be profitable to do so, as the merchant of those days was expected to carry his customers for a year and then take his pay in coon skins. Therefore, he devoted his energy to the development of his land. Here, as in Pennsylvania, he took a lively part in politics, supporting the Democratic party, and was a recognized leader in local affairs. While not a member of any church, he contributed liberally towards the erection and support of numerous churches. Mrs. Hayes was a devout Christian lady, who passed away firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, in 1880. Her husband died September 12, 1878, after having retired from active labor, on the farm he had made so valuable.

Joseph W. Hayes was brought up on the farm, attending the district school and those of Springfield. For some years he was in a mercantile business, but eventually sold out, having more faith in agriculture, and in 1876 he took charge of the homestead. He began farming on his own account after his marriage. This event took place March 12, 1877, when he was united with Miss Fannie M. Pierce, born March 8, 1855, in Duchess County, N. Y., a daughter of Lowe and Louisa (Ferry) Pierce, but the only one of the family now surviving, her father passing away in 1898, and her mother in July, 1900. All her brothers and sisters died in infancy. The family came to Pleasant Plains about 1870. Mr. Pierce was in early life a maker of scythes and sickles by hand, but later was a farmer. He was also a blacksmith, and was well known in this locality.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hayes began farming on the property which they still own, and here all their children have been born, they being: Harry D., a farmer of Wyoming; Mary Maud, at home; Karl Lowell, a physician and surgeon of Farmersville, Ill.; August W., a graduate of the agricultural department of the State University, now in charge of the experimental farms in various parts of State; Zella F., a teacher in the public schools of Tallula, Ill.; Rose May, and Oliver H., at home. For fifty-eight years Mr. Hayes has been identified with the best interests of Sangamon County, and since 1824 the Hayes family have been leaders there. He has always taken an interest in public matters, giving his support to the Democratic party. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic organization, being

affiliated with Lodge No. 700, of Pleasant Plains. The family all belong to the Presbyterian Church and give it a hearty and intelligent support. While Mr. Hayes has always refused to permit his name to be used on the ticket of his party, he has given his services for many years as a School Director, and it is largely due to his efforts that his home district has secured such good teachers and the children such intelligent supervision of their interests. His farm contains 185 acres, on which he raises a good grade of stock, including horses, cattle, hogs and sheep. The land is in a high state of development and his crops are astonishingly large. No man stands higher in the community than he as an intelligent and successful farmer and broad-minded, loyal citizen.

HAYES, Michael.—Those who have been fortunate enough to succeed in their life work are able to retire before old age overtakes them, and to enjoy, during the evening of life, the comforts to which their toil has entitled them. Springfield is the home of a number of these substantial men, and one of which it is justly proud is Michael Hayes, a veteran of the Civil War, born in Waterford, Ireland, May 12, 1838, a son of Patrick and Mary (Kennedy) Hayes, both natives of Ireland, farming people, who lived and died in their own land.

Michael Hayes was educated in Ireland and worked at different occupations in his native country, until he came to America, in June, 1859, landing in New York. From that city he came to St. Louis, after a stay of four months, and made the latter city his home for a year. By this time war had been declared, and the fiery young Irishman enlisted, in May, 1861, in Company A, Second United States Artillery, serving faithfully and well, until he received his honorable discharge in 1864. Returning to St. Louis, he spent about four months there, coming to Springfield, October 5, 1864, since which time this city has been his home. For a number of years he was employed in various positions by the City of Springfield, and was conscientious in the discharge of his duties, as he had been while a soldier. He has accumulated some realty, owning his own house and other city property.

The young hero, newly returned from the war, was married in St. Louis, August 1, 1864, to Ellen Foley, born in Waterford, Ireland, in 1844. Her parents also spent their lives in Ireland. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes: Ella M., wife of John Lauterbeck, a farmer living in the vicinity of Springfield, Sangamon County; Patrick R., a member of the Springfield Fire Department stationed at Engine House No. 1; and a child died in infancy.

Mr. Hayes belongs to Stephenson Post, G. A. R., of Springfield, in which he is Banner Bearer. He belongs to St. Joseph's Catholic Church of the city. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party. For a number of years he has taken an active part in all the affairs of his Post, and is a thoroughly representative member. Nothing pleases him better than to relate stories of the thrilling days when he and his comrades were engaged in defending the Nation, and if space permitted their insertion here, they would furnish interesting reading.

HAYNES, Roscoe A., a well-known citizen of Springfield, was born in Macoupin County, Ill., September 30, 1882, son of John A. and Elizabeth (Darrah) Haynes. John A. Haynes was born in Macoupin County, October 11, 1853. His parents were early settlers of that county, where his father died in 1886. The parents of Elizabeth Darrah came originally from Richmond, Va., and located in Ohio before the Civil War, coming to Illinois in 1867. Elizabeth Darrah was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in June, 1856. John A. Haynes and his wife live on a farm in Macoupin County, and there Roscoe A. Haynes spent his boyhood and attended the public school. After leaving school he worked some time on his father's farm.

As Mr. Haynes was not content with farm life he went to Chicago and became a dry-goods salesman in the employ of John V. Farwell Company, and worked there three years. He returned to his father's farm for a vacation and in 1905 came to Springfield. He was employed three months by Brice-Surless-Pana Company, then began working for the Prudential Insurance Company, and was so successful in this line he has followed it since. He was solicitor three and one-half years, then was promoted to the post of Assistant Superintendent, which he still holds. He has applied himself enthusiastically to his work and has done well for himself and for the company for which he works.

Mr. Haynes was married, at Chicago, Ill., September 27, 1905, to Miss Clara M. Russell, born October 3, 1884, daughter of William J. and Josephine Russell, the former born December 30, 1860, and the latter May 25, 1866. Mr. Russell's parents came from Glasgow, Scotland, and his wife's parents came from Hanover, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Russell moved from Canada to Chicago in 1880, and still live in that city, where the father is engaged in printing business. They had children as follows: Clara, Mrs. Haynes; Ellie, Lottie M.; Arthur, employed by W. P. Herrick, a commission merchant; and Evelyn, all residing in Chicago.

Mr. Haynes is a member of the Presbyterian Church and in politics is a Republican. He has formed many friends in Springfield and stands well with his associates. He is very fond of baseball and greatly enjoys watching a good game whenever he has the opportunity. His Grandfather Darrah served three years in the Civil War and three uncles of Mr. Haynes also served in the war.

HAYNIE, Isham N. (Vol. I, p. 227.)

HAYS, Harry.—A fact now being recognized is that a man's personality plays an important part in his business. Through a pleasant, genial manner, a man can attract trade, and can secure it with good articles. Harry Hays, wholesale and retail cigar dealer of Springfield, one of the most popular men of the city, can justly feel that his courtesy has been of valuable assistance to him. He was born in Madison County, Ky., January 28, 1867, a son of Frank and Louise (Terrell) Hays, natives of Kentucky, the former born in 1835. The father was a shoemaker by trade, who moved to Bloomington, Ill., with his family, in 1881. There he worked at his trade, building up a large business and continuing in it until his death, in that city, in 1893. Mrs. Hays and the rest of the family moved to Springfield after the demise of Mr. Hays, and this continued to be the family home, Mrs. Hays dying two years ago.

Harry Hays grew up in Bloomington and Springfield, and is a graduate of the high school. Leaving school, he entered the employ of the Railroad News Company, and for several years was one of its valued employes. He went from this work into a restaurant business in Springfield, and after developing it very materially, sold it to start his present enterprise. He now carries a large stock of tobacco, cigars, and smokers' supplies, and controls a good retail and wholesale trade, that is rapidly increasing.

Mr. Hays was married in Springfield, July 9, 1900, to Anna Packard, born in Peoria, Ill. Her parents spent their lives in Peoria, where they died, leaving considerable property. They were prominent in that city, and their loss was deeply felt by a number, in addition to their home circle. Mr. Hays is a Republican, and a member of the Catholic Church. Both he and his wife are very popular socially and have gathered about them a delightful circle of friends, to whom they dispense a charming hospitality.

HAYS, JAMES (deceased), an honored veteran of the Civil War and a farmer of Clear Lake Township, Sangamon, was prominent in church and Masonic circles and also belonged to Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., of Springfield. He was an industrious and conscientious man and a good citizen, and had many warm friends to mourn his loss. He was born in Indiana, in 1842, son of Samuel and Mary Hays, the former a farmer and carpenter. Samuel Hays brought his family from Indiana to Illinois and settled at Hamilton, where his death occurred, and both he and his wife died about 1890. Two sons and one daughter survive and one son besides James, is deceased.

James Hays received his education in the public schools of Indiana and after leaving school worked some time on his father's farm. He was employed six years in the rolling mills at Springfield, and in 1888 bought a small tract of land in Clear Lake Township, where he carried on farming two years. In 1864 Mr. Hays enlisted for service in the Union Army and served one year. He came to Illinois as a young man and spent many years at Hamilton. There was a log house on his farm in Clear Lake Township, where his widow now resides. He was an active member of the Methodist church, and in politics was a Republican.

Mr. Hays was married, in Springfield, in January, 1876, to Susan, daughter of Jeremiah and Paulina Brock, who was born February 27, 1841. Her father was born near Bloomington, Ill., and her mother in Louisville, Ky., and came to Illinois when about fifteen years of age. Mr. Brock died when nearly seventy years old and his widow survived to be eighty-four. They were parents of seven children, of whom three were daughters, and three children now survive: Jeremiah, of Keokuk, Iowa; Frank, of Butler, Ill., and Mrs. Hays. Mr. Hays and his wife had one son Fred Morgan, a farmer living near Holliday, Mo., who is married and has had six children, of whom four survive. Mrs. Hays owns five acres of land and has lived on this place the past twenty-two years. She is well known in the community and has many friends.

HEBERLING, Thomas H., one of Sangamon County's oldest citizens and an honored veteran of the Civil War, was born in Darrstown, Pa., February 13, 1823, and is a son of George and Catherine (Youngman) Heberling, the former a native of Lancaster County and the latter of Union County, Pa., and the father born in 1791. Catherine Youngman's father fought in the Revolutionary War under General Mifflin, and George Heberling fought in the War of 1812. The latter was a millwright by trade.

Thomas H. Heberling was educated at Lewistown, Pa., and passed his childhood on the farm with his parents. He assisted his father in the erection of many mills in Pennsylvania, and filled the first mortise wheel in the city of Springfield, in 1865. He has been a resident of Sangamon County since August, 1865, having come there after the war.

February 28, 1864, Mr. Heberling enlisted at Warsaw, Ill., in Company E, One Hundred Eighteenth Illinois Infantry, and served to the close of the war, being mustered out at Baton Rouge, La., July 10, 1865. He served some time in the Quartermaster's Department at Baton Rouge, and worked for a time at New Orleans for the Government, as pattern-maker. He is a member of the G. A. R. and has an honorable record as a soldier.

Mr. Heberling was married at Palmyra, Mo., in July, 1854, to Rebecca Fryberger, who was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1819, daughter of John Fryberger, also a native of that county. Her mother was also a native of Pennsylvania. Two children were born of this marriage, namely: Kate, married W. B. Adams, of Taylorville, was born in Hannibal, Mo., in 1856, and has two children, and Ella, who was born in Warsaw, Ill., in 1862, married William Schlitt, a farmer living seven

miles northwest of Springfield, and they have reared eight children, all of whom are living.

Mr. Heberling has considerable mechanical ability and has made severel useful inventions, among them many years ago a twine binder, which he lost through misplaced confidence in others. He is now nearing the age of ninety years, but is active around his farm and enjoys excellent health and strength. He has patented a number of his inventions. Besides his property in Sangamon County he has a farm in Virginia, which he has owned since 1858. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. Although a Republican in political principles he has sometimes voted for Democratic candidates when he has considered it would be for the general welfare that he should do so. He is public-spirited and patriotic and takes an active interest in current events and issues. He is very well known in the community where he lives and has the respect and friendship of all who have had dealings with him. He owns a farm of ten acres in the city of St. Andrews, Fla. He resides on a farm with his son-in-law, Wm. H. Schlitt, seven miles northwest of Springfield.

HEIDLER, Samuel H., Principal of the Converse School, at Springfield, Ill., is one of the scholarly and well equipped educators of the country, who, in devoting himself to the arduous life of a teacher, chose a path of many difficulties, but one that has also had its compensations, for he has seen hundreds of his pupils go out into the world from under his instruction and successfully meet the requirements of modern civilization. Mr. Heidler was born in Lancaster County, Pa., September 6, 1861, and is a son of Levi and Martha (Hogendoubler) Heidler. The maternal great grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier and his paternal ancestors were among the earliest settlers in Pennsylvania.

Levi Heidler, the father, was born in Lancaster County, August 23, 1815, carried on farming as an occupation, and died in his native neighborhood, in 1902. The family is long-lived, one of his aunts having lived to be one hundred and six years of age. She died in 1876 and could remember the Revolutionary War. Levi Heidler married Martha Hogendoubler, who was born in Lancaster County, April 1, 1820, and died in 1907. Ten children were born to this union, namely: Anna, who married Christian Shenk, lives in Lancaster County; William; Henry; Harriet, who is the wife of Dr. Henry Brenneman, in Lancaster County; Barbara; Cyrus; Sarah, who is the wife of Dr. Charles McCauley, of Petersburg, Pa.; Martha, who is the wife of C. K. Shenk; Samuel H., and Horace.

Samuel H. Heidler was reared on the old homestead, which land had been secured by his ancestors from the Penns. He attended the country schools and graduated from the county high school in 1879. From the first educational work appealed to him and he chose teaching rather than any other profession. After one year in the school-room in Lancaster County, he entered the Millersville State Normal School, in September, 1880, and graduated there in July, 1883. Two years of teaching and study in Lancaster County followed and in 1885 he received his Master degree and a State Teacher's Certificate in Pennsylvania. Mr. Heidler then came to Sangamon County and taught two years at Cantrall and two more at Pleasant Plains. He was elected principal of the Stuart School at Springfield and served as such from September, 1889, until July, 1893. Mr. Heidler then went to California and spent two years in the State University at Berkeley, returning to Illinois in 1895. In June of that year he was elected Superintendent of the Schools of Ottawa, Ill., where he remained until June, 1899, when he again became a student, spending the following year in the University of Chicago. In 1900 he was elected to his present position. He is recognized as a man of learning, experience, and a large measure of executive ability. His standards have always been of the highest and his influence upon his pupils has been inspiring. His uprightness of character and his frank personality have been prominent factors in his life.

Professor Heidler was married by an English Lutheran minister, a former friend, at Kansas City, Mo., July 29, 1893, to Miss Cordelia Bunn, who was born at Springfield, Ill., one of five children born to her parents, who were natives of New Jersey. She was the third in order of birth, the others being: Mrs. Charles Seaman, Mrs. Charles Bovard, Joseph F. and Norcross. Two children have been born to Professor and Mrs. Heidler: Martha, born May 14, 1894, and Joseph B., born May 22, 1896. They are members of the Christian Church. Prof. Heidler has been a liberal contributor to other religious and charitable organizations. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias and a Mason. He is active in all the Masonic bodies, being Past Commander of Elwood Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar, at Springfield.

HENDRICKS, Joseph, a retired miner living at Riverton, Ill., was born in Nicholas County, Ky., October 14, 1845, son of James and M. (McClelland) Hendricks, the former a native of Nicholas County, Ky., born April 18, 1819, and the latter born in Bath County, Ky., in 1816. The parents were farmers and came from Kentucky to Illinois in 1852, settling near Barclay, Sangamon County, where for several years they conducted a farm. Later they moved to Riverton, where the father engaged in mining in which occupation he continued until his death, June 27, 1888. His widow survived until 1891. They were parents of seven sons and two daughters, and three sons and two daughters are now living: Frank, Charles and Joseph, all of Riverton; Mary, wife of Albert Jones, of Riverton; Mattie, wife of Henry Shaw, of Peoria, Ill.

The education of Joseph Hendricks was acquired in Wolf Creek School, which was held in

a log building, and as soon as old enough he began working on his father's farm. At the time of the war he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred Forty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served 100 days, being mustered out at Camp Butler. He had been on guard duty in Missouri and Arkansas and had acquitted himself creditably. At the close of the war he resumed farming, but two years later began work at mining, which he continued until a few years ago, when he retired. He is an active member of Camp Butler Post G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He owns the home where he resides and has been fairly successful in a financial sense. He has spent most of his life in Sangamon County and is well known and much respected. He is popular among his friends and has a reputation for integrity and reliability.

Mr. Hendricks was married in Springfield, January 7, 1869, to Elizabeth Cantrell, born in Sangamon County, September 6, 1851, whose parents were natives of Ohio and came to Illinois at an early day, settling on a farm near Athens, where both died. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell (four sons and four daughters), five now survive. Eight children were born to Mr. Hendricks and his wife, five sons and three daughters, of whom two sons and two daughters survive: Irene, wife of Samuel Fox, of Springfield; Leonard, Wesley and Lillian, living at home. There are two grandchildren in the family.

HENKEL, Henry Bailey, President of Springfield Business College, has arranged a course of study in this institution calculated to meet the demands of modern business methods. The course is a most practical one, and the work provided for by the manager of the school is a valuable training for the young man or woman entering upon a business career. Prof. Henkel was born in Freeport, Harrison County, O., but soon came with his parents to Ipava, Ill., and after receiving good preliminary training, took special courses of study in Jacksonville, Ill., Cleveland, O., and Philadelphia. After teaching eight years in the Jacksonville (Ill.) Business College, he came to Springfield and purchased a half-interest in the Springfield Business College, which then had an attendance of about one hundred and fifty students. In 1893, Prof. Henkel became sole proprietor of the college, and one year later it was incorporated under the laws of Illinois, with Prof. Henkel as president and manager. The annual enrollment is now about four hundred.

Under the management of Prof. Henkel, the Springfield Business College has maintained a steady and healthy growth, and is recognized as an institution of merit and high educational value. Several new branches have been added to the curriculum, and the students are assisted to good positions when they are prepared for the work. In its bookkeeping department the most modern methods are taught and the department of penmanship is also very important. An excellent system of shorthand and typewriting is taught, and modern machines are furnished for practice work. The Stenotype, a machine for writing shorthand, has lately been introduced and is proving to be a great success The college is located on the third floor of the Illinois State Register building, opposite the post office, on East Monroe street, where it occupies the entire floor space of over 8,000 square feet. The rooms are light, heated by steam, and well ventilated.

Mr. Henkel was married in 1881, to Elizabeth Corinne Freeman, of Jacksonville, and two sons have blessed this union: Myron F., a graduate of the law department of the George Washington University of Washington, D. C., now an attorney-at-law of Springfield; and Herbert B., a graduate of the medical department of the Northwestern University of Evanston, now a practicing physician of Springfield. Prof. Henkel is Past Commander of Elwood Commandry, No. 6, Knights Templar, and is also a Thirty-second degree Mason, Scottish Rite. He is recognized as an able, intelligent instructor, a good business man, and a useful, public-spirited citizen. A man of genial manner and dignified bearing, he is popular in the many circles where he is known and esteemed. In training young men and women for business pursuits, he is playing an important part in the future welfare and progress of the city.

HENKLE, Jake S., of Ball Township, is one of the best-known farmers of his part of Sangamon County, and is well liked by all. He has a nice farm of seventy acres on Section 35, where he carries on general farming with profitable results. He is energetic and enterprising and has won success through hard work and good judgment. Mr. Henkle has spent his entire life in Sangamon County, having been born in Cotton Hill Township April 7, 1850. He is a son of Marshall L. and Louisa (Rape) Henkle, the former a native of North Carolina, who came to Sangamon County in boyhood, his father being a native of North Carolina, where he died. The mother of Jake S. Henkle was born in Tennessee, and now lives with her son, having reached the age of eighty-five years. Her father, a native of Tennessee, served in the War of 1812 and died in Sangamon County.

Mr. Henkle received his education in the country schools of Sangamon County, but had few advantages in this direction. He early engaged in the work on his father's farm, remaining at home until he was twenty years of age. He has spent all his active life in farm work and has been a resident of his present farm nine years. He was married, in Sangamon County, December 29, 1875, by Rev. Clark, to Fannie Safford, born in New York State March 24, 1855, daughter of Daniel and Helen (Stone) Safford, both natives of New York. Mr. Safford was a farmer and an early settler of Sangamon

County. His parents spent their entire life in New York, but his wife's father, also a native of New York, came to Sangamon County, where he died. Six children were born to Mr. Henkle and his wife: Ernest, born in Sangamon County, February 19, 1879, died January 2, 1898, and is buried in Zion Cemetery; Daisy, born in Christian County, May 8, 1876, lives at home; Helen, born in Sangamon County, August 13, 1882, married John R. Lard, April 9, 1902, and they have three children—George, Ernest and Agnes; Hattie, born in Sangamon County, May 4, 1887, is unmarried and lives at home; Nellie, born in Sangamon County, May 28, 1890, lives at home; Edna, born December 15, 1895.

In religious views Mr. Henkle is a Methodist and he and his family are members of the church. He is a Democrat in political principles, but in local matters votes for the interest of the community and the man he believes will best serve the interest of the people, rather than for party. He has served during the past year as School Director. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Loyal Americans, and his wife is also a member of the latter order and of the American Home Circle.

HENKLE, Thomas Condell (deceased).—The late Thomas Condell Henkle, a prominent citizen and successful merchant of Springfield, was born in Decatur, Ill., January 13, 1850, and died at his home in Springfield, May 27, 1900. He was a son of Enos M. and Martha (Condell) Henkle, he born in Pennsylvania and she near Dublin, Ireland, and they had four children. Thomas C. Henkle received his education in the public schools of Illinois and moved to Springfield about 1868.

For many years prior to his death Mr. Henkle was a member of the John W. Bunn Company, wholesale grocers of Springfield, an old established firm and very successful in their operations. The men connected with this company were able business men and the affairs of the firm were handled in a manner to insure the confidence of its patrons, one of the greatest elements of success in any enterprise. Mr. Henkle was a representative and upright business man and was greatly respected and admired for his many admirable qualities and characteristics. He was handsome in form and feature and of attractive personality, showing high character in his every act. He was a true friend, a kind neighbor and a most loving husband and father, possessing those qualities which contribute most to the happiness of domestic life.

Mr. Henkle was married, April 20, 1874, to Ellen Huntington, a singer of rare talent and well known throughout Illinois, and a daughter of George Lathrop and Hannah Flagg (Forbes) Huntington. Mr. Huntington was a talented musician and was prominent in business circles and public affairs in Springfield. A sketch of his life appears in this work. Four children blessed the union of Mr. Henkle and his wife, namely: Ellen Josephine, wife of William L. Patton, an attorney of Springfield and they have three children—James Huntington, Leonora L., and William Henkle; Leonora, wife of Paul Lester Starne, a coal merchant of Springfield; John Bunn, single, with A. J. Edwards & Son, loan brokers of St. Louis, Mo., and Thomas Huntington, with the Electric Service Supply Company, of Chicago, Ill. The family attend St. Paul's Pro Cathedral Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Henkle was a Republican. He never cared for public office. He was very fond of his home and cared little for public life, though he was always interested in the general welfare of the community and the success of public movements that were calculated to be of lasting benefit to the people. The family residence is 811 West Edwards Street.

HENRY, George Washington (deceased).—Not all of the men who were once numbered among the veterans of the Civil War, are still with us, and Springfield can claim a large quota of them on the other shore. Although they have departed, the memories of their good deeds, both in war and peace, remain, and their families cherish these and seek to enshrine their heroes in the list of the country's great. Among those who proved their worth when their country had most need of them, was the late George Washington Henry. He was born in Washington, Ind., November 5, 1831, a son of Richard and Lucy (Pickett) Henry, natives of Kentucky, the father being both farmer and blacksmith. They were most excellent people and did their full duty in the state of life in which they were placed.

George Washington Henry was educated at Jacksonville, Ill., to which the family removed in his childhood, and remained with his parents, working on the family farm, until he secured one of his own. He had learned blacksmithing from his father, and carried on his trade while cultivating his farm. Mr. Henry enlisted in the Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served gallantly until he was honorably discharged. He did not connect himself with any secret societies, but was a very consistent member of the Christian Church. From the time the Republican party was founded he was one of its earnest supporters, and continued as such all the remainder of his life. In later life Mr. Henry retired from the farm, coming to Springfield, where he bought a pleasant home. His death occurred March 19, 1896, and he is buried in Arkansas, having gone to that State in search of health.

Mr. Henry was married in Jacksonville, Ill., August 3, 1852, to Elizabeth Reynolds, born in Springfield, March 6, 1835, daughter of James and Amelia Reynolds. Mr. and Mrs. Henry had these children: Mrs. Emma McMechan of Independence, Mo.; Ida, born October 19, 1866, married George Norton; Mrs. George Grubb, born in 1868, lives in Chicago.

HENRY, James D. (Vol. I, p. 230.)

HENSLEY, William Sherman, a well known business man of Sangamon County, is a member of the firm of Hensley Brothers, furniture dealers and undertakers at Tallula and Pleasant Plains. He was born in Island Grove Township, July 4, 1865, a son of John and Lee Ann (Lynch) Hensley. Mr. Hensley's youth was spent on a farm in Cartwright Township, whence the family had moved when he was but one year old, and he began his education in the Franklin District school. Until twenty-two years of age, he remained on the home farm, and on November 9, 1887, he was united in marriage with Rebecca J. Griffin, who was born in Pike County, Ill., January 14, 1864, a daughter of William Blair and Malinda (Farris) Griffin, the former a native of Georgetown, Ohio, and the latter of Highland County, that State. Mr. Griffin was what was known as a singing master in his young manhood, and after coming to Illinois in 1874, he became widely known throughout the State. He located in Pleasant Plains and here his wife died March 13, 1895, while he still survives and makes his home with Mrs. Hensley. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was one of the first to offer his services to his country, enlisting in Company C, Twenty-eighth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and serving throughout the war. He received an honorable discharge and has a war record of which any man might well be proud. There were eight children in the Griffin family: Frances, who was the wife of A. Q. Irwin; Amanda, the wife of A. L. Irwin of Springfield; Litta, the wife of S. A. Hensley, of Hensley Brothers; Henry, of Oklahoma City, Okla., a contractor and builder; Charles, a farmer near Dawson, Sangamon County, Ill.; two died in infancy.

After his marriage, Mr. Hensley settled on a farm in Cartwright Township and for twelve years carried on agricultural pursuits there, and on that farm his two sons were born: Charles Reed, born January 22, 1890, who was educated in the schools of Pleasant Plains and The James Millikin University of Decatur, has a fine musical education and is a graduate of the Barnes College of Embalming of Chicago, and will assist his father as funeral director; and John Russell, born September 28, 1894, is in the Sophomore class at the Springfield High School. On account of the failing health of his father, Mr. Hensley went to live on the latter's farm and continued there until 1899. In 1904 Mr. Hensley purchased his present home in the eastern part of Pleasant Plains and here he and his wife have resided to the present time.

Mr. Hensley went to Chicago in June, 1898, and there took a full course in undertaking and embalming at the Chicago College of Embalming, secured a diploma, returned to this place and engaged in business, also operating a branch at New Berlin, the latter of which was sold in 1907 to Mr. Wilcox. In 1904, Mr. Hensley and his brother, S. A., formed a partnership, engaging in undertaking and in dealing in furniture and farm implements. Later the implement department was closed out on account of the growth of the undertaking department, and a branch was established at Tallula, of which S. A. Hensley has charge. The Hensley Brothers have one of the finest equipped undertaking establishments in the State, and every possible convenience has been installed for the benefit of patrons. They have their own private ambulances as well as an elegant funeral car, and both brothers have made their work a study, keeping constantly in touch with all inventions and innovations in their line.

Fraternally Mr. Hensley is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Masons, the Court of Honor and the Eastern Star, of which latter his wife is also a member. In political matters he is a Republican, with Prohibition tendencies. He and Mrs. Hensley are connected with the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which both are prominent.

HERMAN, George W.—The pioneer history of Sangamon County has been dwelt upon so exhaustively elsewhere in this work, that but little remains to be said relative to those who developed this part of the State, yet when the Herman family is mentioned it is only fitting that some reference be made to those sturdy frontiersmen who braved the dangers and endured the privations of Sangamon County as it was before it contained the State capital, and people had not yet begun to flock there. To the farsightedness and keen appreciation of location and climatic conditions, which these pioneers showed in selecting Sangamon County as a permanent home, is due its present importance. A well-known member of the Herman family is George W. Herman, a prosperous farmer of Ball Township, born in Woodside Township, Sangamon County, May 17, 1840, a son of David H. and Sallie (Mitts) Herman, the former born in North Carolina in 1805, and the latter in Kentucky, in 1811.

David H. Herman was taken to Kentucky from North Carolina by his father, when a boy, and lived there for a number of years, marrying in that State. In 1829 he migrated to Sangamon County, arriving the winter of the great snow, but, not discouraged, he entered forty acres of government land in Woodside Township, on which George W. Herman was later born. He and his good wife had six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom are deceased except George W. The maternal grandfather of the latter also came to Sangamon County, entering eighty acres of government land, forty of which are now owned by the grandson.

In a little log schoolhouse, containing slab seats and a puncheon floor, George W. Herman eagerly learned all the teacher sought to impart. His entire life has been spent in farming, and with the exception of eight years spent in Montgomery County, he has always lived in Sangamon County. For the past twenty-five

years he has lived on his present fine farm of forty acres, now worth two hundred dollars per acre. He takes great pride in it and has brought the whole place up to a high standard.

On February 26, 1863, Mr. Herman was married, in East St. Louis, Ill., to Sarah Childers, born in Covington, Ky., August 22, 1842. Her father, a stone mason, lived for a time in St. Louis, where he built the first jail. Later he moved to Schuyler County, Ill., where he lived for a time, but spent his declining years at Alton, Ill., both he and his wife passing away in that city. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman, seven of whom survive: Nora E. lives in Springfield where she is a dressmaker; Emma D., wife of William Jeffries, of Springfield; Augusta M., wife of William Parker, a fireman on the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad; Laura D. Page, another daughter, lives in Springfield; Edward C., lives in Springfield, as does Sarah L., the latter being in the employ of the Roberts Laundry; and Georgia is a school teacher at Auburn, Ill. There are four grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Herman is a Democrat in political faith, but has been too much occupied with farming operations to find time to go before the public for consideration as an official. He believes in a man's doing all he can as a private citizen, to secure good government and such improvements as will work out for the best interests of the community at large. Hard-working and thrifty, he has earnestly applied himself to his business, and has developed into a practical farmer, whom it would be difficult to excel in his special line.

HERNDON, Archer G. (Vol. I, p. 230.)

HERNDON, Isaac William, belongs to one of Sangamon County's old and highly respected families. He was born on a farm four miles southeast of Cantrall, in Fancy Creek Township, November 29, 1874, a son of James Nathaniel and Mary Ann (Dunlap) Herndon, the former born in Springfield April 26, 1841, and the latter born near Springfield, Sangamon County, March 5, 1850. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, served in the Civil War in Company G Tenth Cavalry, and his father was William H Herndon, well known for his association in legal practice with Abraham Lincoln. William H. was a son of Archer G. Herndon, who was born in Culpeper County, Va., February 13, 1795, and when about ten years of age was taken to Green County, Ky., where he was married in 1816 to Mrs. Rebecca (Day) Johnson. Mrs. Johnson's father served in the Revolution. Archer G. Herndon had one child born in Kentucky, and moved to Madison County, Ill., where another was born. Subsequently they came to Sangamon County, where they arrived in the spring of 1821. They settled five miles northeast of Springfield on what became known as German Prairie, and there two other children were born to them.

William H, eldest son of Archer G Herndon, was born in Green County, Ky., December 25, 1818, and was married in Sangamon County, March 26, 1840, to Mary J Maxcy, who was born July 27, 1822. They had six children: James N., Annie M., Beverly P., Elizabeth R., Leigh W., Mary N. The mother of these children died August 18, 1860, and William H. Herndon was married (second) July 31, 1861, to Anna Miles. Two children were born of this union, Nina Belle and William M. The family removed to a farm six miles north of Springfield in Fancy Creek Township. For many years William H. Herndon was a practicing attorney in Springfield, being the law partner of Abraham Lincoln from 1848 to Mr. Lincoln's death.

Isaac William Herndon received his education in the public schools of Fancy Creek Township and lived on a farm until about 1902, then spent a year in Springfield, but returned to Fancy Creek Township for permanent residence. He then learned the trade of blacksmith, which he has since followed. He has spent most of this time in work at a mine near Cantrall, and makes that village his home. He is recognized as a skilled workman and stands well with his associates and fellow citizens. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and fraternally he was for nineteen years a member of the Woodmen and for a short time belonged to the Court of Honor. He has served as Township Assessor and takes an active interest in public affairs.

Mr. Herndon was married in Springfield August 13, 1895, to Irene Emma McCoy, who was born near the Council estate, two miles east of Cantrall, July 19, 1881, daughter of Martin and Anna (Brown) McCoy. Mr. McCoy was born in Ohio, February 8, 1848, and Anna Brown was born two miles east of Cantrall. The latter was a daughter of Benjamin F. and Susannah (Dunlap) Brown, her father born in Kentucky March 28, 1815. Benjamin F. was a son of James L. Brown, who was born in South Carolina October 20, 1786, and in his native State was married in 1806 to Jane M. Berry, soon afterward going to Union County, Ky., where eight children were born to them. James L. Brown brought his family to Sangamon County, arriving there in 1824, and locating in what became Fancy Creek Township, where three children were born.

The progenitor of this family in Sangamon County, Archer G. Herndon Sr., was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Springfield from 1825 to 1836, during which time he erected the first regular tavern in the town. He was one of the "Long Nine" who were largely instrumental in securing the removal of the capital from Vandalia to Springfield, having been elected Senator in 1836. He served as Receiver of Public Moneys in the Land Office in Springfield from 1842 to 1849. He died January 3, 1867, and his widow survived until August 19, 1875, both in Springfield.

William H. Herndon's wife, Mary J. Maxcy, was a member of one of Sangamon County's old families. She was born in Kentucky, daughter of James and Maria C. (Cook) Maxcy, the former a native of Prince Edward County, Va., born in 1791, and a soldier in the War of 1812, from Kentucky, to which State his parents moved when he was about seven years of age. He brought his family to Sangamon County in 1834. James Maxcy served as the first City Marshal of Springfield and for twenty-six years in succession held some city office. He was a son of Joel and Susan (Davis-Hill) Maxcy, the latter of whom died in Kentucky in 1812. Joel Maxcy was born in Rockingham County, Va., about 1759, and served as a soldier in a Virginia regiment at the time of the Revolution, taking part in the battle of Guilford Court House. After his second marriage, which occurred in Butler County, Ky., he removed to Logan County, Ky., and later to Sangamon County, Ill., arriving in Springfield in November, 1827, and soon afterward removing to Island Grove Township, where he died December 27, 1827.

HERNDON, William H. (Vol. I, p. 230.)

HERRING, Henry (deceased).—The late Henry Herring, former Chief of Police of Springfield, is missed in many circles in this city. He had been a resident of Springfield since 1873, and in that time had won many warm personal friends. A man of great energy and industry, by his own efforts, he won a position of trust in the community to which he came as a poor boy with his own way to make in the world. Mr. Herring was born at Johnstown, Pa., May 12, 1849, son of John and Mary (Ackerman) Herring, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born at Johnstown. The father was a carpenter and contractor and brought his family to Illinois in an early day, settling at Niantic, where he carried on a farm and also worked at his trade. He enlisted for service in the Civil War, from Niantic, and while in the South was taken sick, died and was buried there. The mother some years later went to Missouri and lived with a daughter, dying there.

As a boy Henry Herring went to school in Niantic, Ill., and worked on the farm for his mother until he came to Springfield in 1873. He took a position with the Springfield Rolling Mills, he working for this company twenty-seven years, becoming foreman of the piling department, and was one of the most trusted men in their employ. In 1898, Mr. Herring secured a position as Sergeant of Police, under Mayor Wheeler, serving one year in this capacity, then went back to his position with the rolling mills. Eight months later he took a position as patrolman, under Mayor Wheeler, and after working a few months in that position was appointed Chief of Police by Mayor Phillips, serving two years and three months in that responsible office. Mr. Herring then served three years as a custodian at the State Arsenal, and was later employed at various occupations. He then engaged on the police force and at the time of his death, April 8, 1909, was serving as special officer at police headquarters.

Mr. Herring was married at Springfield, January 19, 1873, to Miss Lydia Lane, who was born near Middletown, Ohio, November 18, 1851. Her father, whose people were all Quakers, was a farmer, and made a specialty of raising fine horses and cattle. Mrs. Herring is related through her mother to Gen. Scott, of revolutionary fame; a cousin of Abraham Lincoln married her father's only sister; her maternal grandfather, Gen. Fall, served in the Mexican War, and all her father's brothers served in the Civil War. Mr. Lane and his wife came to Illinois in an early day and settled on a farm near Kenney, later moving to Maroa, where they kept a hotel. They spent their last days on a farm near Macon. Two sons and two daughters were born to Mr. Herring and wife, namely: Harold S., who was a trumpeter in Company C, Fifth Illinois Infantry, was killed while on duty as a soldier during the big mine strike at Pana, Ill., December 29, 1898; Herbert died at the age of two years and eight months; Maude L., at home, is employed by the Illinois Watch Company; Orinta D., wife of William C. Kikendall, of the firm of Kikendall & Troxell, dealers in insurance and real estate. Mr. Kikendall and wife have two children, Leona and Della. Mr. Herring was a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Court of Honor. He was a member of the Christian Church and his widow belongs to the Baptist Church. In politics he was a stanch Republican. The family reside at 1420 Monument Avenue, Springfield.

HERTEL, George, for the past twenty-six years a miner in the vicinity of Springfield, was born in that city, June 25, 1850, a son of Matthies and Mary E. (Lee) Hertel, the father born in Prussia, February 27, 1809, and the mother in Kentucky, in 1826. Matthies Hertel was a shoemaker by trade and emigrated to the United States in 1847, locating first in St. Louis, Mo. In 1858 he moved to Springfield, and later moved to Buffalo, Ill., where he died. His wife's parents were natives of Kentucky and came to Springfield, where both died.

George Hertel received his education in Springfield and spent his childhood in that city. After leaving school he learned the trade of shoe-maker with his father, and followed same about fifteen years. In 1884 he moved to Missouri and worked about a year on a railroad, then returned to Springfield, where he has lived since. Two of his brothers enlisted from Sangamon County, in 1862, in Company E, One Hundred Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, under Colonel Shoup, and served three years, being mustered out in 1865. Both were farmers and are now deceased, one passing away in Springfield, the other in Arkansas.

In political views Mr. Hertel has always been a strong Republican and has been active in local affairs. He served from 1874 until 1877 as Constable of Buffalo, Ill. He does not feel bound by party lines in local affairs, but votes for the men and measures he believes will best serve the public good. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and is affiliated with the M. W. A. and the U. M. W. of A. Several years ago he turned his attention toward mining and has been successful in this line, winning the confidence and respect of all who have had dealings with him. He has a large grown-up family and is well known in Springfield.

Mr. Hertel was married, in Springfield, July 17, 1881, to Elizabeth Teal, who was born in Dawson, Ill., May 17, 1864, daughter of Samuel and Hanna (Matheney) Teal, natives of Kentucky, the father born in 1814 and the latter in 1808. They were early settlers of Dawson, where they lived on a farm, and died there. Four sons and three daughters were born to Mr. Hertel and his wife, all of whom survive, namely: George, born at Buffalo, August 2, 1882, lives at home with his parents; Archie, born at Buffalo, October 25, 1883, lives at home, married Alice Collins and they have one child; Charles, born at Riverton, April 19, 1885, lives at home; Etta, born in Springfield, March 12, 1887, married Felix Ameche, of Kenosha, Wis., now serving as Deputy Sheriff, and they have two children; Sarah, born in Barclay, November 19, 1889, lives with her parents; William, born at Barclay, April 9, 1892, at home; Gladys, born in Springfield, May 16, 1895, at home.

HERTZ, Henry L. (Vol. I, p. 231.)

HESSER, John L., an enterprising and successful farmer of Clear Lake Township, owns eighty acres of land worth, at least, $200 per acre, and has spent most of his life in Sangamon County. He is a veteran of the Civil War and is well known in G. A. R. circles, and thirty-six national encampments of the organization. He is a prominent member of Stephenson Post, No. 30, of Springfield. He was born in Virginia, March 17, 1835, a son of Samuel L. and Ann (Slagle) Hesser, the former born at Winchester, Va., July 2, 1797. The former was a farmer and contractor, who moved to Sangamon County in 1836. He spent twelve years in the city of Springfield, helping to build the old State House, which is now the Court House, and the old American Hotel, that stood on the site now occupied by Bressmer's store. He was one of the organizers of the Masonic Order in Sangamon County, and a charter member of its first lodge. At the expiration of the twelve years he moved to Mechanicsburg, where he continued working at his trade, living in that village from 1848 to 1850. For the following two years he lived on a farm near Buffalo, when he retired to Buffalo, there dying in October, 1871. His widow spent the remaining eight years of her life with her son John L., when she, too, passed away, aged eighty-nine years.

The first wife of Samuel L. Hesser died January 25, 1825, so that the mother of John L. was Mr. Hesser's second wife, whom he married September 12, 1826. She was born in Hagerstown, Md., October 4, 1803, and reared in Winchester, Va. One child was born to the first marriage and ten to the second, six children now surviving, four sons and two daughters.

John L. Hesser received his early education in the city of Springfield, where he attended Prof. Springer's subscription school, and spent two terms in Eureka College in 1857, and his first independent venture was buying and selling horses and mules. These his uncle, George O'Conner, brought to the amount of 250 head, from Texas. Mr. Hesser and his partner, Dr. Fowler, sold and traded them all over the State. Mr. Hesser moved to Jacksonville in 1855, and worked at the trade of carriage trimming, remaining there two years. He then returned to Springfield, and until the war engaged in working on his father's farm. On August 7, 1862, he enlisted, at Camp Butler, for three years, in Company A, Seventy-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry being mustered in as Corporal. On October 25, 1862, he was promoted to the rank of Fifth Sergeant; January 8, 1863, to that of Orderly Sergeant, and September 17, 1863, to that of Second Lieutenant. He spent 550 days in Confederate prisons and during this period suffered many hardships and privations. He was confined in Libby Prison, Andersonville, Danville and Charleston. Finally he was paroled, at Wilmington, N. C., February 25, 1865, at the close of a long and faithful service. In 1889 he made a visit to various battlefields where he had fought during the war but found all greatly changed. He was popular with his comrades and had reason to be proud of his record, as has his family. He is a strong Republican and had the honor of being well acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, of whom he has many pleasant recollections. Well informed on many subjects, Mr. Hesser keeps abreast of the issues of the day, taking great interest in public affairs.

Mr. Hesser was married in Clear Lake Township, November 1, 1860, to Mary J. Cromley, born in Ohio. Her father came to Sangamon County in 1858, engaging in farming there, and lived in that locality the remainder of his life. One daughter was born to Mr. Hesser and wife, Sarah M., living at home. The family have a very pleasant and comfortable home near Riverton, and have many friends in the community.

HICKEY, Patrick (deceased), for several years a prominent citizen of Riverton, Ill., will be remembered by many of the older residents there as a pleasant, upright man, of high character. He was a devout Catholic and honest in his dealings with his fellow-men, winning the respect of all who knew him. He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1822, and his parents, also natives of Ireland, lived on a farm, which the father operated, and they spent their

entire lives there. Mr. Hickey was educated in Ireland and worked for his father in boyhood and youth. He emigrated to America in 1850 and soon afterward came to Springfield and engaged in business with Michael Doyle. For several years he and Mr. Doyle conducted the Cottage Gardens, and when they dissolved partnership Mr. Hickey moved to Riverton.

Upon coming to Riverton Mr. Hickey purchased land near the village and engaged in farming, remaining there until his death. He conducted a tavern for sometime and during the war boarded the soldiers who passed through Riverton. General Grant ate at his table as well as many other officers. He was an industrious worker and successful in his various occupations. He was interested in everything concerning the general welfare and supported the Democratic party.

Mr. Hickey was married in Springfield to Mary Funchin, also a native of Tipperary, and to their union three children were born: John, who survives, and two who are deceased. The mother of these children died in 1858. Mr. Hickey married as his second wife, Julia Shelly, a native of Ireland, born in 1823, their union taking place January 20, 1859. Her father, Cornelius Shelly, was a farmer by occupation, and both her parents died in Ireland. Nine children were born of this union, of whom two now survive: Margaret, wife of Patrick Fleming, of Springfield, and Mary, wife of Michael Egan, also of that city. Mr. Hickey died at his home in Riverton in 1867, deeply mourned by his many friends. His widow became the wife of John Smith and owns a home in Riverton, where she is well known and highly respected. Mr. Smith died in 1880 at Riverton.

HICKEY, Very Reverend Timothy.—There is probably no man in Springfield who has in as full measure the respect, the admiration and love of the people of the city, as the Very Reverend Father Timothy Hickey, Vicar General of the Diocese of Alton and pastor of the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, the mother church of that denomination in Springfield. Certainly no man more richly deserves this respect, admiration and love. During the many years, he has labored here among his people, he has shown them by his life and example of what charity, generosity and willing self-sacrifice may accomplish in benefitting mankind, the only reward he hoped for being the "well done, good and faithful servant," of the Master.

Father Hickey was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1841. He began his early education in the National Schools, and completed his studies and was ordained at All Hallows College, in the city of Dublin. He sailed for the United States in 1868, landing in New York, and came immediately to Springfield to accept the post of assistant priest in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, then under the direction of the Rev. Father Sullivan. After three years, he took charge of the Catholic Church at Virden, in Macoupin County, and at the same time had supervision over the spiritual needs of Catholics at Sugar Creek and Auburn, in Sangamon County. From there he went to Pittsfield, Ill., then to Decatur, where he remained five years as priest of St. Patrick's Church of that place. Later, for several years, he was located at Jacksonville. Returning to Springfield, in 1889, Father Hickey became rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and here he has since remained. During his pastorate, a fine parish residence has been erected, a beautiful structure, costing $11,000, well and tastefully furnished, and a residence for the sisters who conduct the parish school. In 1909, the interior of the church was re-decorated at a cost of $2,000, the ceiling containing seven life-sized paintings of the Saints, after whom the other Catholic Churches in Springfield have been named, these other churches being the progeny, so to speak, of the Immaculate Conception parish. The membership of the church consists of 500 families, and there are 500 pupils in St. Mary's parochial school.

There is probably no man of any denomination or any walk of life in Springfield, who is held in higher esteem than Father Hickey. From rich and poor, he claims a first place in their hearts, and the claim is cheerfully allowed. His charities will never be fully known. In his quiet and unostentatious way, he visits the homes of the sick and poor, in the performance of his pastoral duties, helping the afflicted and those in distress, always solicitous for the spiritual and temporal welfare of his people, and, indeed of everybody. The present biography, meagre and insufficient as it is, which would not have been published with Father Hickey's consent, is but a slight testimonial of his worth to gratify the hundreds of men and women who have learned their prayers from his kind and sympathetic lips, and whose children are now learning theirs, in the same way.

HICKS, Lafayette Washington (deceased). late of Buffalo, Sangamon County, Ill., was a man of ability who won a worthy success and whose memory is held dear by all who knew him. He was born in Bath County, Ky., March 24, 1837, a son of Henry and Sarah (Renn) Hicks, natives of Virginia and members of old American families, who settled in Kentucky, prospered as farmers there, and in the immutable order of events, died there. They have had two sons and four daughters, all of whom have passed away.

Mr. Hicks was educated in the country schools in his native county, and learned farming by actual participation in the operation of the homestead. In 1858, he came to Illinois and settled on a farm in Mechanicsburg Township, Sangamon County, owned then by George and James Hamilton, but now the property of Lord Scully, of England. He was empolyed there nine years, much of the time breaking ground with oxen. He then bought land and farmed success-

fully for many years. In 1888, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff, in which office he served with much ability and credit until his death, which occurred in Buffalo, October 9, 1891. He also filled the offices of Constable and Justice of the Peace in Buffalo Township for several terms. For nineteen years after he left the farm, he varied his official duties by acting as auctioneer, holding public sales at Buffalo, and in all the country round about. He was a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Hicks married, June 17, 1859, Miss Louisa Williams, born on Christmas Day, 1838, a daughter of Aaron and Georgia Linnie Williams, the former a native of Pennsylvania and his wife of Kentucky. In early life Mr. Williams settled on a farm in Kentucky where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a Mason. He and his wife were parents of four sons and two daughters, and all their children except Mrs. Hicks and her brother Joseph Williams, of Greencastle, Ind., are deceased. Mr. Williams served his country as a soldier in the Mexican War, and his brother fought for the "stars and stripes" in the Civil War. Three of Mrs. Hicks' brothers were members of the Masonic order. Mrs. Hicks owns her home and two other pieces of property in Buffalo, besides 120 acres of land in Mechanicsburg Township, and has lived in her present home in Buffalo twenty-three years. She is a member of the Methodist Church, and also of the Eastern Star Lodge No. 203, of Dawson, Ill.

Aaron Williams, father of Mrs. Hicks, was a descendant of the illustrious Roger Williams, of New England, and was born in Pennsylvania, about 1802. He was a son of Joseph and Mary (Bartel) Williams, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Irish and the latter of German descent, farming people in that State. Aaron Williams spent his boyhood on a farm and attended school in his native State and later in Kentucky, his parents having removed to Bath County, that State, where he and they spent the remainder of their lives. He was a farmer and also an iron molder and miller. His parents were early settlers of Bath County, and the school which he attended (barefooted) was supported by subscriptions from its patrons and held in a log building, having slab seats and floor, with greased paper for window glass. He was married in Aberdeen, Ohio, to Miss Georgia A. Linney (or Linnie), and both he and his wife died in Bath County, Ky. They were parents of six children: George J., deceased, formerly lived at Carlisle, Ky.; Joseph lives at the State Soldiers' Home in Lafayette, Ind.; Mary married Thomas Rogers, of Bath County; William, deceased, formerly a resident of Bath County, John was killed at the age of nineteen years, when a team ran away; Louisa, Mrs. Hicks. Mr. Williams became a man of prominence and influence in his community and was a useful citizen. He was liberal in religious views and was a member of the Christian Church; a Democrat in political affairs; he was affiliated with the Masonic Order fraternally. He and his wife, who was born and reared in Kentucky, reared a fine family and were much esteemed. Mrs. Hicks is a woman of high character and kind heart, interested in the welfare of those about her, and she is held in tender regard by her many friends, who delight to enjoy her favor and society.

HIGGINS, Owen (deceased), who was for over thirty years a resident of Springfield, Ill., was well known in that city and highly respected as a useful and enterprising citizen. He was born in Ireland, March 22, 1848, son of John and Catherine (Flynn) Higgins, both natives of Ireland, where they carried on farming. Mr. Higgins had small educational advantages but made the most of his opportunities and received a fair education in the country schools of his native land. He worked on the farm with his father until 1874, then emigrated to the United States, and after spending a short time in Pittsburg, Pa., and Rock Island, Ill., located in Springfield, where he lived the remainder of his life. He followed the trade of iron worker after coming to Springfield and was an expert in this line. He was industrious and energetic and accumulated considerable real estate. He never took an active part in politics, but was a Democrat all his life.

Mr. Higgins was married, in Springfield, January 25, 1878, to Miss Annie Hofferty, a native of Ireland, born January 1, 1856, daughter of Peter and Cecilia (Dwyer) Hofferty, both born in Ireland, where their entire lives were spent. They were farmers. Several children were born to Mr. Higgins and his wife, of whom the following survive: John B., stationary engineer for the Springfield Water Works, is married and lives at 1513 East Jefferson Street, Springfield; Peter F., unmarried, living at home with his mother; George W. and Charles V., yard masters for the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad Company, at Springfield; Thomas J., a railroad machinist; Katie J. and Cecilia E., attending school and living at home with their mother. Mrs. Higgins owns the home at 1129 East Reservoir Street.

Mr. Higgins died March 13, 1907, and his remains are buried in Calvary Cemetery, Springfield. He was devoted to his family and friends and his loss was widely mourned. He was a devout member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, and was affiliated with Lodge No. 25, Court of Honor, and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

HIGGINS, William (deceased), who spent many years on his farm on Section 33, Mechanicsburg Township, Sangamon County, Ill., was well regarded in his community and has many warm friends. Mr. Higgins was born in Ireland, December 25, 1823, a son of Thomas and Elizabeth Higgins, who spent their entire lives in Ireland. The father was a farmer by occupation and William Higgins was reared to

farm work. He attended school in his native country as a boy and at the age of seventeen years came to America, completing his education in this country. He landed in New York City, went thence to Ohio and lived there several years, then came to Sangamon County and engaged in farming there, which occupation he continued until his death.

Mr. Higgins first purchased forty acres of land, to which he later added forty acres more, and at the time of his decease had brought it to a high state of cultivation. He was married at Springfield, Ill., October 24, 1882, to Mrs. Miranda J. (Sudduth) Pratt, born in Nicholas County, Ky., June 11, 1839. Her father, Mr. Sudduth, located near Wililamsville, Sangamon County, in 1865, and bought land near there, later removing to Broadwell, Ill., where he died March 27, 1900, his wife having passed away October 15, 1892, in Kansas. Mr. Sudduth and his wife had ten children, of whom six survive. Mrs. Higgins was first married to Allen C. Pratt, in Kentucky, and they had five children, of whom all are deceased except one son, Charles. Mr. Pratt brought his family to Sangamon County and there carried on farming until his death. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Higgins.

Mr. Higgins was a member of the Methodist Church and his widow belongs to the same denomination. He was a man of industry and energy and successful in his operations. He died in his seventy-sixth year, March 16, 1900. His widow resides on the home farm, now consisting of forty acres, which she owns.

HIMMELSBACH, Frank.—The German-American as he is found in Sangamon County, is one of the most desirable of citizens, co-operating with his fellows for the betterment of his community. He generally owns property and is a man of substance, whose word has weight among his associates. Such a man is Frank Himmelsbach, now residing on his 120-acre farm in Curran Township. He was born in Baden, Germany, July 26, 1856, a son of Joseph and Francisco (Dodd) Himmelsbach, natives of Baden, Germany. The parents, who were farming people, never came to the United States, dying in Germany. They had six children, two sons and four daughters, four of whom survive. Those in the United States are Frank and Joseph, living on Calhoun Avenue, Springfield, in the employ of the Reisch Brewing Company. Joseph, as well as the father, served in the German Army.

Frank Himmelsbach was educated in the excellent German schools, working for his father on a farm until he was eighteen years old. At that time, he started for the United States, sailing from Bremen, and after a seventeen-day voyage, landed in New York, September 21, 1872. From there he came direct to Springfield, arriving with only fifty cents in his pocket, but he secured employment in a hardware store, working for five months for twelve dollars per month. Following this he began working on a farm in Gardner Township, and for ten years continued thus, or until he had saved up sufficient money to buy land in Curran Township. This property is very valuable and Mr. Himmelsbach is constantly improving it, naturally being proud of what he has accomplished.

Mr. Himmelsbach was married in SS. Peter and Paul's Church, in Springfield, May 6, 1884, to Josephine Itterlein, born in Springfield, August, 1859. Her parents were Germans, who came to America, dying here, when Mrs. Himmelsbach was very young. Her father served in the German Army and also during the Civil War, enlisting in 1861. She has two sisters living in Jefferson, Mo.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Himmelsbach are consistent and conscientious members of SS. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church, of Springfield. In politics he is a Democrat. Fraternally he is a member of the Western Catholic Union. Hard-working and thrifty, Mr. Himmelsbach, assisted by his excellent wife, has become the owner of a fine farm, and is in comfortable circumstances. Considering the fact that he came here a young boy, practically penniless, with no knowledge of the country or its language, his progress is remarkable, and he is deserving of unstinted praise for his success.

HINRICHSEN, William H. (Vol. I, p. 234.)

HOFFMAN, George.—Although Lincoln, Sherman and many of the other heroes who figured so prominently during the Civil War, are now dead, there remain in our midst those who knew them well and served their country in a humbler, yet not less brave, capacity. One of these is George Hoffman, gate-keeper of Oak Ridge Cemetery, at Springfield. He was born in Baltimore, Md., February 23, 1840, being a son of Charles G. and Christina (Schultz) Hoffman, the former born in Hesse Darmstadt, and the latter in Baltimore. The father was a shoemaker, who came to American after learning his trade. He settled in Baltimore, Md., as early as 1837, there marrying and following his trade. During the two years spent in Baltimore after their marriage, the only child born to these parents was George, but after they located in St. Louis, Mo., four more were born. This city continued to be the family home until 1853, when the father went to California, with an ox-team, taking George with him. They were 125 days traveling across the plains from Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Upon their arrival in the gold fields the father began prospecting; they returned via Panama to New Orleans. They visited Havana, Cuba, eventually arriving at St. Louis. A short time later the family moved to Springfield, where the father continued to reside until his death, which occurred May 4, 1910, when he was ninety-five years old. His wife died in Springfield in 1880. The grandfather, Charles G. Hoffman lived to

be one hundred and three years old and a brother of his also lived to the same age, both being natives of Germany.

George Hoffman learned the process of manufacturing sugar in St. Louis, and worked at it in that city. For several years he was on a Mississippi River boat, running from St. Louis to Memphis, and so was in touch with both sides of the question when the war broke out. In 1861 he was one of the first to offer his services, enlisting in Company G, Tenth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, and serving until January 6, 1866. He participated in many battles, including the Siege of Vicksburg, Helena, Licking Bend, Cotton Plant, and Holly Springs, being wounded at Cotton Plant and also at Little Rock, but never had the misfortune to be taken prisoner. His first commander was Col. Barrett, but later he was under Col. Wickersham and Col. J. B. Stewart, being a part of the Seventeenth Army Corps under Gen. Steele. Mr. Hoffman was Commissary Sergeant, being mustered out with that rank. Mr. Hoffman was taken sick at Milliken's Bend, and was removed to Birds Point, at the time of the fall of Vicksburg, there becoming much worse, so that his weight fell from 178 to 96 pounds. At the time of Mr. Lincoln's assassination Mr. Hoffman was at Greenville Parish, La. The regiment was sent to San Antonio, Tex., and Mr. Hoffman was sent to Sedwich Hospital, New Orleans, from Shrevesport, thence to Jefferson Barracks, and then on to Camp Butler, where he was mustered out, as above stated.

At the close of the war he came to Springfield, and began working in a lumber yard, remaining with this firm for many years. He has also assisted in contract work for the city in its street department, but has been with the Oak Ridge Cemetery for thirteen years. He is a member of Stephenson Post, G. A. R. In political faith, he is a Democrat. His membership is with the First German Lutheran Church.

In 1879 Mr. Hoffman was married in Springfield, to Mrs. Mary Hosler, nee Gall, born in Germany, who came to America with her parents in 1844. They settled in Springfield, her father being in the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company until his death. His wife is also deceased. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, two of whom survive: Christopher, proprietor of a milliner establishment of Springfield; and Fred, a painter by trade, in the employ of R. F. Kinsella, of Springfield. Mr. Hoffman has a step-daughter, Mrs. Christina Paul. Mrs. Hoffman has eight grandchildren, seven of them having been born of her former marriage.

Mr. Hoffman was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and other great men of the times. He now lives on his son's property.

HOFFMAN, George, engine inspector for the Wabash Railroad, is another of the efficient men whom the above mentioned corporation has gathered among its employes. For some years he has been stationed at the round house in Springfield, where he has proven his worth and demonstrated his thorough understanding of mechanics. He was born in Erie, Pa., January 4, 1850, and belongs to the well known family of Hoffman, of whom so many representatives appear in this volume. Mr. Hoffman was educated in the public schools of Erie, but in 1865, left to become fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad. On December 1, 1866, his ability was recognized by promotion to be engineer, but in 1877, being in the strike of that year, he came west, and the following year entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton as engineer, running out of Bloomington. November 9th of that year removing to Springfield he entered into the employ of the Wabash Railroad, first as engine "tramer," then as night foreman, later becoming stationary engineer, and in 1908 was given his present responsible position, for which he is so well fitted.

On February 12, 1882, Mr. Hoffman was married in Erie, Pa., to Bridget Kerfy, of that city. They are members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Their children are as follows: Ella, at home; Lucy, a teacher in the Enos public school; Lillian, George and Helen, all at home. Mrs. Hoffman died in 1896, leaving behind her a sorrowing family, for she was a devoted wife and mother and a kind and sympathetic neighbor.

Mr. Hoffman is a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, being a devout Roman Catholic, in political faith a Democrat, and belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, which he joined in 1867, the order of Maccabees and Yeomen of America. John Hoffman, the father of George Hoffman, was a German by birth, who came to the United States in 1844, locating first at Lyons, N. Y., where he worked on the Erie Canal, but later went to Erie, where he died. His wife who bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Collins, was also born in Germany, but came to the United States in girlhood. Her death also occurred at Erie. There were thirteen children in this family, of whom George Hoffman is the only one surviving.

HOFFMAN, Philip.—Fidelity, attention to details and strict probity mark some of the men employed by the State in caring for the beautiful capitol building. One deserving of special mention is Philip Hoffman, who was born in St. Louis, Mo., January 19, 1847, a son of Charles and Sabina (Graser) Hoffman, natives of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. The father was a shoemaker by trade, who early came to America, first living in Baltimore, Md. Later he came west to St. Louis, which continued his home until 1849, when he went to California. After four years of prospecting for gold, he returned to St. Louis. He crossed the plains with an ox team, but came back via Panama, Havana and New Orleans, to St. Louis. After a short stay in that city, he came to Springfield, in

1857. He continued to work at his trade until he was seventy-five years old, when he retired, living thus until his death, May 30, 1910, and his wife died November 14, 1875, aged fifty-one years. There were eleven children in the family, six of whom survive: George, gate-keeper at Oak Ridge Cemetery; Alexander, of the Springfield Plow Works; Mrs. Louise Hoffman, of Springfield; Mrs. Ida Fetzer, also of Springfield, and Philip.

Mr. Hoffman enlisted from Springfield in Company H, One Hundred and Forty-Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Colonel Lackey, for 100 days. Returning home, he entered the city fire department as a volunteer, serving from 1864 to 1894. In 1867 the city organized the paid fire department, and Mr. Hoffman was made pipeman. Since 1894, he has been engaged in carpenter and contract work, and for the past eight years has worked at the State House. For nine years he was lived at his present residence, No. 1006 North Eighth street.

On December 10, 1867, Mr. Hoffman was married, in Springfield, to Frances Easton, born in Charleston, Coles County, Ill., September 10, 1849. Her father was born in Lexington, Ky., and her mother in Wales, and they came to Illinois at an early day, settling near Athens, where the father was a farmer, but now both are deceased. There were fourteen children in the Easton family, and three sons took part in the Civil War. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman: Della, wife of Frank Donnelly, of Springfield; Maude, wife of Postmaster Wheeler, of Springfield; and Augustus, a cigar maker by trade, residing in Springfield. Mr. Hoffman belongs to Stephenson Post G. A. R. and to Carpenter's Union. The family are members of the Baptist Church and Mr. Hoffman is a Republican.

HOLLIS, John W.— Veterans of the Civil War are now regarded with the veneration to which their great bravery entitles them, for no man can better prove his patriotism than by risking his life in defense of his principles. One of the veterans of Sangamon County is John W. Hollis, one of Springfield's substantial men. He was born in Roane County, near Knoxville, Tenn., September 15, 1837, a son of Zachariah and Sarah (Dann) Hollis, natives of North Carolina and Knoxville, Tenn. The father was a wagonmaker, as well as farmer, who went first to Knoxville in the early 'thirties, and there married. He and his wife had seven children: Patrick C., of Knoxville; John; Nathaniel; Eliza Jane, wife of Anton Cooper; Margaret; Polly and Zachariah. The Dann family is of Scotch origin.

John W. Hollis received a common school education in Roane County, and was taught to farm by his father. When he was twenty years old he left his home and came to Springfield, arriving there in 1857, and immediately secured work on a farm on Lake Creek, Sangamon County. When the war broke out Mr. Hollis was one of the first from his neighborhood to offer his services, enlisting at Camp Butler, early in 1861, in Company B, Tenth Illinois Cavalry, and served three years and three months, under Captain Hitt, and was mustered out at Little Rock, Ark., in 1865. He participated in the battle of Little Rock and many others. Severely wounded a number of times, in shoulder and ankle, he has never fully recovered, but has lived out nearly half a century, which has followed, maimed because of his devotion to his country. His record is singularly clear, for he was never placed under arrest, nor did he ever do anything unbecoming a soldier and a gentleman.

Returning from his service, Mr. Hollis began farming for himself near Curran, in Curran Township. In 1886 he married Martha C. Young, born in the township, daughter of James and Martha Young. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis had five children: Fatima, Margaret, Arthur, Nora and Martha. In 1898 Mr. Hollis was married for the second time, the maiden name of his wife being Alice Boyd. She was born in Tennessee, where the marriage took place, a daughter of John Boyd, and was one of a large family, all of whom are now deceased except her. Two children have been born of this union: Julietta, March 16, 1901, and Romeo, born April 18, 1903. Mr. Hollis is a Republican but has never aspired to public office. He has retired from farming and is comfortably situated.

HOOD, Thomas (deceased).—The late Thomas Hood, who passed away at his home in Springfield, Ill., January 17, 1908, has been a resident of the city since 1868, and had for many years been established in the business of florist. He was well known in many circles and his death was sincerely mourned by a large number of friends. He was born in County Kent, England, September 23, 1830, and was a son of Thomas and Lydia Hood, both natives of England, who died there, he is in his eightieth year and she in very old age. The father was a florist and the son Thomas worked for him as a young man. The latter received his education in subscription schools in his native country and upon leaving school learned the trade of gardener and florist, which he followed up to the time of his death. He landed in New York in September, 1855, lived two years on Long Island, being employed there as a gardener, worked in a similar occupation eight years on Staten Island, and in 1868 located in Springfield, Ill. He engaged in business as florist soon after coming to Springfield and became quite successful. He thoroughly understood all the details of his trade and was an excellent business man. He was a public-spirited citizen and became actively interested in public affairs. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1860, while living in New York, but afterward became a Democrat. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and fraternally was affiliated with the

United Workmen Lodge No. 39. He is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Mr. Hood was married in England, March 21, 1853, to Miss Margaret Shepard, who was born in that country, September 8, 1837, daughter of Thomas and Anna Shepard. Her father was a farmer. Mr. Shepard and his wife had nine children and Mrs. Hood is the only one now living. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hood, as follows: Edwin H., in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company; Mrs. Lydia Smith, a widow; Minnie married Louis Patrick, an engineer in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, whose run is in Canada; Anna, married Philip Land, who for the past twenty years has been in the employ of Somner & Pierik, a jewelry firm of Springfield; Emma, wife of Frank Frinfrock, a carpenter by trade; Ella, wife of W. C. Blodgett, a machinist in the Elgin Watch Company's factory, in Elgin, Ill.; Samuel, employed for the past nineteen years in the Illinois Watch Company's factory; and two who died in infancy and are buried on Staten Island, N. Y. Mrs. Hood has lived for the past seventeen years in her present home, 1246 Monument Avenue, and owns this property. She has twenty-three grandchildren living and four great-grandchildren. She has a remarkable memory and is of a most sociable and pleasant disposition.

HOOPER, William W., one of the substantial and highly respected citizens of Pawnee, Ill., who carries on an extensive contracting business, is a veteran of the great Civil War, in which he fought as a soldier in the Confederate Army. He was born at Spring Place, Murray County, Ga., May 24, 1847, a son of Gallant A. and Astamira (Payne) Hooper, and a great-grandson of a brother of the Hooper who signed the Declaration of Independence. Great-grandfather Hooper attained the age of 106 years, and his son, who was a native of South Carolina and a farmer, was 102 years old when he died. Gallant A. Hooper was born in Franklin County, Ga., May 22, 1814, and died in 1858 in Murray County. He was married on November 30, 1830, to Astamira Payne, also a native of Franklin County, and they had six children, namely: Harriet M., May E., James A., John F., Irene J. and William W.

William W. Hooper was educated in Murray County, where one of his youthful playmates was Sam Jones, who was later to become the great Evangelist. When only fifteen years of age, Mr. Hooper enlisted, in May, 1862, at Spring Place, Ga., in Company H, Eleventh Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, for service during the Civil War, under Captain Ramsey, and his service covered a period of nearly three years, he being captured near Dalton, Ga., in 1865, and taken to Summersville, Ky., where a month later he took the Oath of Allegiance. He had many thrilling experiences during his military career, being always a faithful and active soldier. He was struck by a piece of shell at the battle of the Wilderness and injured on both shins, was also struck by a piece of shell at Spottsylvania Court House, and at Petersburg contracted the measles. His battles included Chickamauga, Knoxville, Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, and Petersburg, not to mention Gettysburg, where after a terrific struggle Mr. Hooper's regiment was successful in taking a stone fence, and during which several color-bearers were killed, Mr. Hooper finally carrying the flag to victory. From Sweetwater to Knoxville the regiment was in a running fight of something like 100 miles following Burnside, and finally made a charge on Fort Sanders, being defeated with heavy loss and retreating towards Rogersville, Tenn. The regiment went into winter quarters December 24, 1863, at Morrisonville, Tenn., and in the spring of 1864 returned to Virginia, where the terrific Battle of the Wilderness, lasting eighteen days and nights, was fought. After Spottsylvania Court House and Petersburg, where Grant's forces were engaged, Mr. Hooper took the measles and was granted a furlough, and in the fall of 1864 went to Athens, Ga., and thence across country inside of the Federal lines to his home. After remaining there for some time he essayed to rejoin his command, but was captured. One of Mr. Hooper's most interesting reminiscences of his war experience is his account of how, at the battle of the Wilderness, he went onto the field of battle to see if he could not get a pair of shoes, his own having long before worn out to such an extent that they were useless. Approaching a wounded soldier, Mr. Hooper noticed that he was possessed of a good pair, and just as he was about to take them, the wounded fellow opened his eyes, smiled and said: "Take them. I won't need them." Mr. Hooper then refused to take the shoes, but instead brought the wounded man some water and later found that he had been taken to the hospital. Years later, in 1877, while telling of this experience in Summersville, Ky., a stranger stepped up and asked him if he would recognize the wounded soldier if he should see him. It turned out that this was the injured man, whose life had probably been saved by Mr. Hooper's kindness, and the two later spent many pleasant hours together. On leaving Knoxville most of the army was barefooted and orders were given that mocassins were to be made of beef hides. This was done, but at Pigeon Creek the banks were so slippery that the soldiers could not climb with the mocassins and were compelled to take them off and throw them away, and Mr. Hooper tells of seeing wagon loads of these articles cast into the river.

After his army service was over Mr. Hooper went to Ohio, where he was engaged in farming for two years, but at the end of this time went back to Georgia, where he remained until 1869 and engaged in working at the carpenter trade, and later followed the same occupation at Bowling Green and Grayson Springs, Ky., and for one

year at Lincoln, Nebr. He then went to Litchfield, Ky., and later to Florence, Colo., but finally came to Illinois, and after a short period in Springfield eventually located in Pawnee, in 1893, and there he has continued to reside until the present time, now having a large contracting business. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Anti-Horse Thief Association, is a Democrat and a Local Optionist, and his religious connection is with the Methodist Church, although when at home he was connected with the Baptist Church of Pleasant Valley, Ga.

Mr. Hooper was married (first) in Litchfield, Ky., August 3, 1869, to Eliza Goldsberry, who was born March 17, 1846, in Grayson County, Ky., and who died in 1891, in Litchfield, Ky., having been the mother of the following children: Robert G., Nora C. and Mabel B., all deceased; Texanna, born in 1871 in Litchfield, Ky., married John R. Purtle and lives in Pawnee, having two children—James H. and Elsie; Charles W., born in 1875, in Litchfield, Ky., married Mary Heaton, resides in Chicago and has one child—William W.; Mary E., born in 1877, in Litchfield, Ky., married Charles L. Blakey and lives in Pawnee; and William J., born in 1885 in Litchfield, Ky., is single and a member of the Coast Artillery, San Francisco, Cal.

Mr. Hooper's second marriage occurred July 16, 1903, when he was united with Lulu J. Hensell, who was born in West Virginia in 1861, daughter of John W. and Sarah C. (Byers) Hensell. John W. Hensell came from West Virginia to Illinois and died in Pawnee in 1901, while his widow still survives him there. They were the parents of Lulu J., Emma, Sarah (deceased), and John W.

HOPKINS, Leon P., a prominent plumber and steam and gas-fitter of Springfield, Ill., whose business is located at 309 East Adams Street, has been in business there since 1887, and enjoys an extensive patronage. He is skilled in all branches of his trade, which he has followed since leaving school. Mr. Hopkins was born in Springfield, July 15, 1851, son of Caleb and Elizabeth (Dennis) Hopkins. The father, who was born near Cape Cod, Mass., was a carriage maker and came to Sangamon County in 1841. He followed roofing there until he died in 1880. His wife was born in the same place and they were married there. She died in Sangamon County in 1890. They were Universalists. They had thirteen children, six living: Leon P., Emma, Augusta, Eben, George and James. Those dead: John, Willie, Arthur, Thomas, Frank, Ellen and Maggie.

The childhood of Leon P. Hopkins was spent in Springfield and he received his education in the public schools. At the age of seventeen years he left school to become an apprentice to his trade, with Colonel A. J. Babcock. Upon completing his apprenticeship he worked as journeyman plumber until 1887, when he engaged in business on his own account, which he has since continued with gratifying success. He is now one of the city's most substantial business men and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

Mr. Hopkins was married in Springfield, December 27, 1875, to Miss Lizzie S. Hesser, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Hillman) Hesser, of Springfield. Children blessed this union as follows: Pearl, married Bert Bunnell, of Bloomington, Ill.; Kate, Mrs. Kimble Young, of Athens, Ill.; Lewis L., of Springfield; Grace and Helen, at home. Lewis L., is a successful dentist in Springfield.

Mr. Hopkins has always felt an active interest in the public welfare and the progress of the community, and has been identified with the Republican party since attaining his majority. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is not a member of any church, though he formerly belonged to the Universalist denomination. He is an energetic business man and has attained success through his own industry and ambition, coupled with the fact that the work he has turned out has always been of a superior grade. The family reside at 431 New Street, in the home which he erected in 1876.

HOPPER, Hugh, who has been retired from active life about five years, has been a resident of Springfield the past twenty-seven years, and is well known throughout Sangamon County, where he was for a long time established in business. Mr. Hopper was born in Devonshire, England, March 25, 1832, a son of Samuel and Jane (Hoke) Hopper, also natives of Devonshire. The father was a farmer and brought his family to Hamilton, Canada, where he lived the rest of his life. He and his wife were married in England and became parents of six sons and six daughters, and of them but three are living: Hugh, of Springfield, and a son and daughter living in Canada. Samuel Hopper served in the English Army and took part in the Battle of Waterloo.

Hugh Hopper received his education in Canada and after leaving school engaged in farming, which he continued fifteen years, then accepted a position in the employ of L. D. Sawyer Company, of Hamilton, Canada, manufacturers of farm implements. He remained with this firm eighteen years as traveling salesman and finally became a general agent for them. He came to Pana, Ill., where he lived but a short time, then came to Springfield, where for twenty years he was engaged in breeding fine horses and established a lucrative business. He is a highly respected citizen of Springfield and has won many warm friends. He is a member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Democrat.

Mr. Hopper was married in Lindsey, Canada, in 1855, to Miss Ann Pedeler, who was born in Lindsey, and one child was born of this union. Mrs. Hopper died in 1879. Mr. Hopper married (second) in Canada, Elizabeth J. Pinrose,

a native of Oakland, Canada, where her father was a farmer and both parents died there. Three children were born of this union, all of whom are living: William, John and George, all of Springfield, and engaged in the moving picture business having houses near the city. The family reside at 223 West Mason Street.

HORCH, Moritz, a well-known German-American citizen of Springfield, was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, September 22, 1842, a son of Jacob and Margaret (Eckharts) Horch, both natives of Germany, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a school teacher and he and his wife had three sons and two daughters: one son, living in Germany, in banking business and Assistant Postmaster in his native town, has served in the German Army; two daughters in Germany; Martin, of Springfield; Moritz.

Mr. Horch received his education in his native country and as a young man learned the trade of cigar maker, which he followed for some time. In 1860 he went to St. Petersburg, Russia, and learned the trade of baker, which he followed there five years after completing his training, then returned to Germany, and a short time later removed to London, England, and there worked two years at his trade. In 1868 he came to America, sailing from Liverpool and landing in New York City. He spent two years in Pittsburg, Pa., and in 1870 came to Springfield, his home ever since. For thirty-two years he was employed as pastry cook at the St. Nicholas Hotel, and for the past five years has been employed in the same capacity by Concordia College of Springfield. He is an adept at his art and has established the reputation of being one of the best men in his line in the city. He is an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

May 5, 1870, Mr. Horch married, at Springfield, Catherine E. Scholl, born in Germany November 2, 1839, of German parents, who spent their entire lives in their native country, the father being a weaver by trade. To Mr. Horch and wife six children were born, of whom four now survive: Nettie is the oldest one living and is the wife of Albert Boehmer, a dentist of Chicago, and they have four children—Margaret, Elsie, Jeanette and Grace; Martin, engaged in bakery business in Athens, married Miss Claudie Weiss and they have two children—Arthur and Lottie; George in business with his brother Martin at Athens, married Miss Emma Boehmer, of Canada; Susan, wife of Max Manteuffel, a Lutheran minister of Peoria, and they have four children—Ruth, Alfred, Esther and Walter. These children were born as follows: Nettie, January 10, 1871; Martin, May 15, 1872; George, April 16, 1874; Susan, August 3, 1880. The children deceased were: Emma, born November 8, 1883, died January 26, 1896, was the wife of John Mass, of this city, and left two children—Aneti L. and Emma; Bertha, who was born July 13, 1876, and died in 1879. Mr. Horch owns a very comfortable home at 1537 Matheny Avenue.

HORN, James W.—The farmer who coped with the unfavorable conditions of a quarter of a century ago, feels that the agriculturist of today has no need to complain of the hardships of his life. There are many retired farmers of Springfield who well remember when they had to till their acres without any of the modern machinery now deemed absolutely necessary. They appreciate what they endured when corn was so cheap that it was burned for fuel, and their crops of other kinds brought so low a price that it did not pay to market them. In the earlier days, the farmer was content to make a bare living, now he secures a good percentage on his investment, as well as big profits for his labor. Among the farmers of the earlier days in Sangamon County, was the late James W. Horn, formerly living at No. 1027 East Miller street, Springfield. He was born at Chillicothe, O., November 28, 1841, being a son of Moses B. and Sarah (Keely) Horn, both born at Chillicothe. The parents came to Springfield with their family in 1850, and engaged in farming south of the city, in Chatham Township. After eight years there, the father moved to Springfield, and for two years conducted a blacksmith shop, being then made Superintendent of the poor farm. For four years, he served in that capacity, then moved to Springfield, where for four years more he was keeper of the city prison. When his term expired, he retired, and died in 1890. He was a man of high moral character, who devoted himself to whatever work he had in hand, and his services were highly appreciated. There were seven children in his family, five sons and two daughters.

Mr. Horn was educated in his native place and in Springfield, and grew up on a farm. He farmed very successfully until he came to Springfield, where he found employment in the city water works, faithfully discharging the duties of that position until his retirement in 1900. He occupied the family home from 1905 to his death, but prior to that lived at Seventeeth and Moffet streets until he sold to buy the present residence. All his life, he was a Democrat.

On May 2, 1862, occurred the marriage of Mr. Horn and Louisa Clemens, born January 25, 1842, on Sugar Creek, Sangamon County, near Balls Mill and there reared. Her parents were natives of Kentucky, who came to Sangamon County at an early day, locating on the farm where she was born. Her father died before her birth, and the widow and her children operated the farm, where the mother died. The farm was then sold, and the children moved to Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Horn had nine children, seven sons and two daughters, but only four survive: John H.; Moses B.; Charles, all of Springfield; Mollie A., wife of Peter Fagan, a farmer near Springfield. There are twenty-six grandchildren in the family. He made himself felt in neighborhood affairs, and was a

fair-minded, conservative man, well liked by those who understood and appreciated him. He died May 28, 1911.

HORN, Walter J., the chief executive of various successful business enterprises in Springfield and other Illinois cities, is pre-eminently a self-made man. He entered upon his business career when at the age of thirteen years he began carrying papers. He was the organizer of the W. J. Horn Posting-Sign System, of Springfield, which was established in 1887 and incorporated in 1903, with Mr. Horn as President. This concern, beginning on a small scale, has now reached large proportions and has been patronized by the leading business houses of central Illinois. Mr. Horn did all the work himself when entering upon the conduct of this enterprise, but now employs altogether about thirty men, all experts in their line. He is also President of the Horn Business Developing System, and Manager of the Clinton Posting Service, the Beardstown Posting Service and the Havana Posting Service. His main office is located at 827 East Adams Street. Besides manufacturing signs and posting bills, these concerns distribute various lines of advertising matter and do other publicity work for their patrons. These concerns have all been built up by the enterprise and sagacity of Mr. Horn, who has ability and natural aptitude in the line of outdoor advertising.

Mr. Horn is a native of Springfield, born in 1867, son of John and Louisa M. Horn. His father was a member of the first volunteer fire department organized in Springfield. Mr. Horn, subject of this review, was educated in the First Ward School in Springfield and Springfield Business College, and at the age of eighteen years learned the trade of carriage painting, becoming an expert in this line. Before he was of age he embarked in his present line of business, which is largely originated by his own ideas. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Men's Association, the Sangamo Club, and several fraternal orders: Lodge of Perfection; Springfield Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., of which he is now Chaplain; Lodge No. 158, B. P. O. E., of which he has served as Chaplain, and Sangamon Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F. He is a member of Grace (English) Lutheran Church and Superintendent of its Sunday School. He is actively interested in every measure for progress and improvement, and favors modern ideas and methods in business. He shows no special favor to the principles of any political party, but prefers to vote according to the dictates of his own conscience and judgment and intends to support the men and measures he believes will benefit the largest number. He has been a member of Company A, Fifth Regiment Illinois National Guard.

Mr. Horn was married, in 1892, to Miss Margaret A. Hahn, of Springfield. Two daughters have blessed this union: Margaret Louisa and Dorothy Frances. The family reside at 1220 South Seventh Street.

HORNBAKER, John, an enterprising and pushing business man of Springfield, was born at Clear Lake, Sangamon County, Ill., May 4, 1871, a son of Robert and Elizabeth Hornbaker. The father was born in Anamosa, Ohio, in 1835, and the mother in Pennsylvania, also in 1835. They came to Clear Lake, Ill., from Ohio, many years ago, the father followed the business of blacksmith and wagon-maker until his death, in 1874.

John Hornbaker spent his boyhood in Sangamon County and attended Oak Ridge School on the old State Road. As a child he was fond of outdoor sports, such as hunting, fishing and swimming. After leaving school he went to work in the mines in Sangamon County and followed this occupation eighteen years, then took up the trade of carpenter, thinking he would have more steady employment. He has been able to establish a good business as contractor, and has erected many houses for sale, which have met with a ready market. He is straightforward and reliable in a business way, quick in his calculations and careful in the management of his affairs. He is a member of the Christian Church and a Socialist in politics. He joined the Odd Fellows Order in 1899 and is a prominent and popular member of same.

Mr. Hornbaker was married, in Springfield, March 4, 1892, to Miss Myra Campbell, who was born April 25, 1873, daughter of Monroe and Elizabeth G. Campbell, the former born in 1851 and the latter in 1853. They lived in Rochester, Sangamon County. Mrs. Campbell is a native of Springfield. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hornbaker: Etta, October 16, 1894; Ethel, September 19, 1897, and Edith, October 16 1904, all living at home. The family reside at 1629 East Washington Street.

HOUGH, Francis M., one of the representative citizens of Springfield, now in the service of the Illinois Traction System as a foreman, was born December 17, 1846, in St. Clair County, Ill., a son of Gershom and Parley (Broom) Hough. The paternal grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania, and on the maternal side came from North Carolina. Grandfather Broom was a soldier during the Black Hawk War, and during hostilities Mrs. Hough was at one time compelled to remain in a fort. Gershom Hough was born in Monmouth County, N. J., and came to St. Clair County, Ill., at an early date, entering land from the Government at $1.25 an acre and carrying on agricultural pursuits for many years. Later he located near the village of Flora, Clay County, and there was engaged in farming until his death. He married Parley Broom, who was born in St. Clair County, Ill., and they had four sons, of whom one is deceased, the others beside Francis M., being: Oliver, a resident of Flora, Ill., and James, who makes his home in Memphis, Tenn.

Francis M. Hough was educated in the schools

of St. Clair County, and in boyhood worked on his father's farm. He removed to Clay County with his parents and was there engaged in farming and selling stock until coming to Springfield, in 1885, but eventually went to work for Lee Hickox and later for Major Johnson, and then engaged in farming on his own account east of the city. He later moved to Lanesville Township, where he farmed for a short time but, returning to Springfield, he entered the employ of the grocery firm of George S. Connelly & Company, his services with this company terminating when he accepted a position with the Illinois Traction System, with which he has since been connected. For about two years Mr. Hough served very acceptably as Marshal of the village of East Springfield. His home is at No. 2030 East Clay Street.

On February 25, 1865, Mr. Hough was married near Xenia, Clay County, Ill., to Elizabeth Buck, who was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, May 7, 1847, daughter of Thomas and Eva E. (Fisher) Buck, natives of Pennsylvania, who removed to Coshocton County, at an early day, where Mr. Buck was engaged in farming until the death of his wife, when he removed to Clay County, Ill. There he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death. There were eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Buck, of whom four now survive: Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Hough; Nelson, a Baptist minister of Lebanon, Mo.; Mary Ann, who married a Dr. Portmess, now deceased, at one time a prominent physician of Vincennes, Ind.; and Mrs. Belle Johnson, a resident of Dayton, Wash.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hough there have been born ten children, of whom five are now living: Minnie, the wife of William Braham, in the employ of the Culver Company, of Springfield; Belle, wife of Edwin Dunlap, of Springfield; Ollie, a resident of this city; Carrie, who married Lloyd Agan, living in Litchfield, Ill.; and Bessie, the wife of Thomas German, of Springfield. In the family there are eighteen living grandchildren. Mrs. Hough is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church.

HOUSER, Joseph, now living retired from active life, in the city of Springfield, Ill., is a native of Switzerland, born September 8, 1838, son of Joseph and Mary A. (Schillig) Houser, natives of the same country, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a manufacturer; conducted a flour mill, a lumber business, a cider mill and a distillery, and also owned a large bakery. He served fifteen years in the Swiss army and attained the rank of Captain, under King Ferdinand. Joseph Houser, Sr., and wife were parents of six sons and one daughter, all deceased except Joseph, Jr., and a daughter living in Switzerland.

Mr. Houser received his education in his native country, for four years attending the University of Switzerland, and began his preparation for the priesthood, although he never completed it. In boyhood he assisted his father in various ways, and lived in Switzerland until September, 1865, when he came to America, sailing from Havre, France, and landing at New York. He remained but a short time in that city, then worked in Louisville, Ky., two years at his trade of baker, which he had learned before leaving home. He went from Louisville to Cincinnati, Ohio, and soon afterward enlisted in the United States service (in 1868), as baker, for the Twenty-eighth Infantry. He served three years in this capacity and was mustered out at Fort Jackson, on the Gulf of Mexico, whence he proceeded to New Orleans and spent two years there working at his trade. Later he spent two years in Chicago, where his marriage occurred, then lived two years at Quincy, Ill., and since then has made Springfield his home. He has been very successful in his line of business, at which he is an expert, and has a reputation for unusual ability as a baker. A few years since he retired from active life and is enjoying the rest he has so well earned. He owns a very nice home at 825 South College Street. He is a devout and active member of St. Agnes Parish Roman Catholic Church and in politics is a Democrat.

Mr. Houser was married in Chicago, in April, 1877, to Mary Metsroth, born in Cincinnati, May 5, 1854, of German parents. Her father was a farmer and later conducted a dairy at Alton, Ill., to which place the family removed from Cincinnati, and there the mother died, after which the father returned to Cincinnati, where he spent his remaining years. They were parents of three daughters and one son, all of them now living. To Mr. Houser and wife two children were born: A son who is deceased, and a daughter, the wife of Vincent Ray, in transfer business at Carlinville, and they have six children—three sons and three daughters. Mr. Houser is an intelligent, public-spirited citizen, much interested in the welfare of the city where he has made his home for more than thirty years.

HOUSTON, Miletus C.—For a half a century, Miletus C. Houston has been a factor in the development of Sangamon County, and his pride in its grand achievements is all the greater from the fact that he is a native born citizen of the county. He has seen its wild lands transformed into fine farms, while industrial and commercial interests have been born, and towns sprung into being, while Springfield has grown into a metropolis. In this work of progress, he has borne his part and was particularly active as a representative of the agricultural interests of the county. Although he is now living retired, he still retains a strong interest in whatever is going on. Not only is this true of him personally, but it may well be said that the history of his family is that of the county, for his father settled here in 1827, and was one of the county's pioneers.

Miletus C. Houston was born in German Prairie, Sangamon County, October 21, 1838, a son

of Samuel and Lucretia (Rudder) Houston, the former born in Virginia, in September, 1809, belonging to one of the first families of that State, and the latter was a native of Kentucky, born in 1813. Samuel Houston came to Illinois and Sangamon County with his father, in 1827, arriving here from an overland route, in a prairie schooner. The family settled in German Prairie, on a farm of 900 acres, which the father of Samuel Houston bought. Here Samuel Houston lived for about fifty years, then moved to Chicago, where he died at the home of a daughter, in 1892. His wife died in 1895, at the same place. In the family of this pioneer couple were nine sons and two daughters, now all deceased except Miletus C., and Mrs. Marietta Judd of Springfield. The Houston family has been one of the most prominent in the history of the State, and nation, and they have a military record of which all who bear the name may well be proud. Of this immediate connection, two brothers of Mr. Houston of whom we write, William and John, enlisted from Sangamon County, in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and gave their lives in defense of the Union during the Civil War, both contracting disease from service and exposure, from which they never recovered. William Houston was one of the prominent lawyers of Springfield.

Miletus C. Houston was educated in the district schools of this county, and worked for his father on the farm until he was twenty years of age, then followed farming on his own account until 1859, when he began teaching. He taught school in German Prairie, near Mt. Pulaski, and in 1862, moved to Bloomington, Ill., where he remained for eighteen months, then went to Springfield, which has continued to be his home.

At German Prairie January 7, 1862, occurred the marriage of Mr. Houston when he was united to Eliza W. Miller, born in German Prairie, October 10, 1837. Mrs. Houston was recognized as one of the handsomest girls of Sangamon County, as may be seen from her portrait painted at the age of eighteen years. She is a daughter of George H. and Polly (Owens) Miller, also pioneers of Illinois, who came from Kentucky overland in a wagon in 1829, settling in German Prairie. Here Mr. Miller died in 1839, and the mother in 1875. In this family there were six sons and five daughters, and of these Mrs. Houston, the youngest, is the only survivor. Hiram Owens Miller, a brother of Mrs. Houston, went by ox team, overland to St. Jose, Cal., two years before gold was discovered. The history of that terrible trip of six months, shows days when the little band went without food, and many other privations endured by these sturdy travelers. He came back and made several other trips, dying there in 1868. Through her mother, Polly (Owens) Miller, Mrs. Houston is connected with a noted family of Russelville, Ky. Three of Mrs. Houston's brothers were lawyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston became the parents of six sons and one daughter, of whom six are living: Clarence was accidentally killed, December 13, 1910. The others are: Samuel; John, William and Edward, contractors, residing in Springfield; Ralph, a carpenter and contractor, also of Springfield; and Etta, wife of C. S. Martin, residing in New York City. William is one of the Aldermen of Springfield. There are twenty-eight grandchildren in the family. Mr. and Mrs. Houston reside in their comfortable home at No. 710 North Sixteenth street. Politically he votes with the Republicans. He takes a very active interest in local politics, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. Although he has served as Assessor of Clear Lake Township, he has never cared for office. His residence of seventy-two years in Sangamon County entitles him to representation among the early pioneers, and his upright life commands for him the respect and confidence of his county and State. The famous Col. Samuel Houston of Texas was born in the same locality as Mr. Houston, and was a second cousin.

HOWARD, Michael James.—The Howard family have long been one of the most prominent in Pawnee Township, Sangamon County, where they are large landowners. The members of this family have stood for the best interests of their community along all lines and have been industrious and useful citizens, winning the esteem and respect of their neighbors. Michael James Howard is a native of the township, born on his father's farm on Section 30, October 13, 1867, a son of Patrick and Mary (McCue) Howard, the latter of whom died in 1907. A sketch of Patrick Howard appears in this work. There were three children born to the parents, all of whom survive. Patrick Howard was a pioneer settler of Pawnee Township, where he purchased a small farm and began operations on a very small scale, but by hard work and economy was able to increase his holdings of land from time to time until he is now the owner of some 2,300 acres of land in Sangamon and Montgomery Counties, his agricultural interests now being managed by his two sons.

In early boyhood Michael J. Howard attended the local district school and later, in 1887, entered Notre Dame (Ind.) University, leaving in 1891, six months before the time for his graduation. He had taken a course in civil engineering and upon his return began work in this profession. Later he turned his attention to agricultural matters, in which line he has been very successful, and although he has now retired from active participation in the work of the Howard estate, he and his brother are associated in the able management of its affairs. Having been reared on a farm, Mr. Howard was in early youth instructed in various lines of farm work, and has made a careful study of modern methods, with the result that he is well fitted both by ability and experience to oversee

and plan the extensive operations carried on upon the estate.

Mr. Howard was married at St. Isador's Catholic Church, near Farmersville, Montgomery County, Ill., by Rev. Father Hoye, to Miss Margaret E. Clarke, who was born in the parish where her marriage occurred and is a daughter of Patrick and May Ann (McAnarney) Clarke, natives of Ireland. Six children have blessed their union, namely: Mary Cecilia, Edgar Michael, Charles Patrick, James Francis, Margaret Lauretta, and Catherine Gertrude. The family have a pleasant and well located home and are well known in various circles. They are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of Pawnee. Mr. Howard is independent in local politics, but in national affairs is a Democrat. He is actively interested in public affairs in the community and, although he cares nothing for political preferment, has served at various times in local offices. He has been a member of the School Board and was Assessor one year. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is well known as a man of business honor and integrity, whose word will be considered as good as his bond, and he has a large number of friends in his part of the county, where he is well known.

HOWARD, Patrick.—Among the most prominent of the early pioneers of Pawnee Township, Sangamon County, Patrick Howard deserves a place, being one of the oldest in point of age, as well as the length of his residence there. He began life in the county as a farm hand, later rented land, and finally purchased a quarter section in Pawnee Township, which was the nucleus about which he made additions from time to time as he was able until he is now the owner of some 2,300 acres of land lying in Sangamon and Montgomery Counties, of which the majority is in the former. Mr. Howard was born in Ireland about 1821 and spent his childhood and early manhood in his native country, coming to the United States in 1851. He landed at New Orleans on October 28th of that year on the ship "John Garrow," which had been six weeks on the way from Liverpool and during that time had encountered severe storms. He went up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers to Cincinnati, and proceeded thence to Dayton and to Piqua, Ohio. He spent his first winter cutting wood for five dollars a month and his board, and remained a little more than three years in Ohio, coming to Sangamon County in 1854. For three years, he worked for farmers there, then rented land and carried it on for himself. After marriage, he continued for a time to live on rented land, and the first land he owned was the northeast quarter of Section 30, Pawnee Township, purchased at a price of fifteen dollars per acre. He was obliged to go into debt to acquire this farm, but was soon able to complete his payments upon it and add to it. The land was partly cleared, but the only building it contained was an old frame schoolhouse, where he and his family lived until he erected a log house, and the latter sheltered them several years before it was replaced by a more commodious and pretentious structure. Mr. Howard made purchases of land for twenty dollars per acre, for twenty-five dollars, and later for larger amounts, paying fifty dollars per acre for an entire section and seventy-five dollars per acre for a half-section. All this land is now worth many times what he paid for it, and he has one of the finest estates in the county, being one of the largest landowners of his part of the State. His home place is on Sections 29 and 30. He has always kept up good fences where needed and has erected fine buildings for housing his stock and other purposes. He and his sons have laid many hundreds of rods of tiling and in all ways improved the place and brought it to a high state of cultivation and productiveness. They raise large numbers of cattle, horses, hogs and sheep, and also give much attention to various kinds of grain.

Mr. Howard's marriage occurred in Springfield in 1858, when he was united with Miss Mary McCue, and of the five children born to them three are now living: Patrick J. follows farming on the home place, married Laura Buckles and they have six children—Marie, Josephine, Ruth, John, Charles and Paul; Michael James, a sketch of whom appears in this work, married Margaret E. Clarke and they have six children; Mary married Hugh McCormick and they have five children—Kate, Howard, Hugh, Thomas, and Winnie. Patrick J. Howard was born in Christian County, was reared on a farm, and attended Notre Dame (Indiana) University for two years. He is a member of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Howard cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan in 1856, and has since been a stanch and enthusiastic Democrat. He has always been much interested in the cause of education and served for twenty years as a member of the school board. He contributed generously toward the erection of the house of worship of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Pawnee, which he has helped since to support, and has also been active in the interests of other churches in the section. He is pre-eminently a self-made man, and has always had the sincere respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, who have recognized his zeal for the welfare and development of the community and his high character and integrity in all his dealings. He has displayed a high order of intelligence and ability in building up his fortunes and was able to retire from active work many years since. The work which he began has been ably carried forward by his two sons, who have taken a prominent part in the life of the township.

HOWARD, Thomas D., a representative and highly esteemed citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born in London, England, May 1, 1830, son of Daniel and Harriet (Walker) Howard, both

natives of England. The father was reared in Suffolk County, England, and as a young man went to London to seek his fortune, spending about twenty-five years in that city, where he became a corn chandler, and he spent his last days in Swansea, Glamorganshire, South Wales, retired from active life. The grandfather of Thomas D. Howard was a farmer and lived all his life in England, attaining the age of ninety-four years.

The childhood of Thomas D. Howard was spent in London where he was educated. He was fond of cricket and other outdoor games, and was reared to temperate habits. He became clerk in a store after leaving school and in 1850, actuated by the same spirit which had impelled his father to leave home, emigrated to the United States, where he became a patriotic and useful citizen of his adopted country. He landed at New York, and worked awhile in that state and traveled some, and in 1852 removed to Ohio. Later he came to Illinois in 1856 and began work in a bakery, for John Cavanaugh, in Springfield, Ill., leaving this occupation in 1861 to enter the army.

Mr. Howard enlisted, at Camp Butler, Ill., September 20, 1861, in Company D, Thirty-third Illinois Infantry, under Captain Pope, serving three years and being mustered out at Camp Butler, October 15, 1864. He has a good record as a soldier who performed his every duty, and participated in many battles, among them being Cotton Plant, Helena, Pilot Knob; sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss. He was never wounded nor taken prisoner. He belongs to Stephenson Post G. A. R.

October 20, 1864, Mr. Howard was married, in Springfield, Ill., to Mary A. Strickland, a native of Springfield, born June 1, 1841, daughter of John S. and Mary Strickland. The ancestor of the Strickland family in America settled in Massachusetts and one of Mrs. Howard's ancestors participated in the Revolutionary War. Four children were born to Mr. Howard and his wife, namely: John D., Thomas S., Harriet W. and Mary W. The family reside at 1517 North Fifth Street, where they have a very comfortable home. Mr. Howard has been employed twenty-seven years by the Illinois Watch Company and now holds the position of watchman or doorkeeper. He has the good will and friendship of all the eight hundred employes of the company and has the confidence and trust of his employers. He is a man who has lived in such a manner that he has no enemies and has won many warm personal friends. He is a member of the United Brethren Church and in politics is a Republican. He is always interested in every public enterprise which he believes will promote the general welfare of the city and is the friend of progress.

HOWARD, William Michael.—The building operations of Springfield, which have resulted in the present substantial city, known all over the country, have afforded ample opportunity for the energy and ability of those engaged in all lines relating to them, and a man who has benefited by these conditions is William Michael Howard, a carpenter and contractor of No. 2034 East Washington Street, Springfield. He was born in Milford, O, May 7, 1852, being a son of George L and Vinie (Turner) Howard, the former of whom came to Springfield from Ohio and there carried on his trade of harnessmaking. He died at the home of Mr. Howard, at the age of seventy-nine years, and his wife passed away many years before in Springfield. The children born to them were: Kate, Mrs. Thomas Graham, of Oklahoma; Rachel, Mrs. James Smith of Arkansas; Emeline, deceased; George of Arkansas; James and William M.

When William M. Howard was a small boy the family came to Springfield, and there he attended school and later learned bridge building, following this calling for years. He then became a carpenter and contractor, and, with the able assistance of his wife, has become very successful, his contracts extending over a wide territory. He is noted for his faithfulness in carrying out the terms of his contracts and for his close estimates.

On February 9, 1893, Mr. Howard was married in Springfield, to Mrs. Mary H. Belt, widow of J. W. Belt, and a daughter of John Giberson. She was born in Greene County, south of Carrollton, Ill., November 29, 1852. Her father died when she was ten years old, and she lived with her widowed mother, working out among the farmers and doing housework at small wages, which helped to assist at home, tenderly caring for her mother until the latter died, in 1879. She was one of the following children: Samuel and Benjamin, deceased; Susan, Mrs. J. W. Topton of Eldred, Ill.; Sarah, Mrs. Matthew Cockrell, of St. Louis; Joseph, deceased; Mrs. Howard and Hannah, Mrs. Thomas Hargett of Carrollton, Ill. Benjamin Gibson, the grandfather of Mrs. Howard, was a native of either Maryland or New Jersey, who settled in Greene County, Ill., where he made a specialty of raising fine horses. His wife was of Pennsylvania stock. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Howard, Mr. Prough, was a soldier in the American Revolution.

In the fall of 1880 Mrs. Howard went to St. Louis and was married in that city, February 23, 1881, to James W. Belt, following which the young couple came to the Herndon farm near Springfield, where Mr. Belt died in 1891. Mrs. Howard is extremely fond of horses and is an accomplished horsewoman. While Mr. and Mrs. Howard have no children of their own, she adopted her sister's son George H. Hargett, born October 3, 1881, taking him when he was four years old. She has sent him to the Pleasant Hill School and has given him many opportunities, so that he is now one of the popular teachers in Springfield. Mrs. Howard belongs to the Court of Honor, as does Mr. Howard, who is also a member of the Modern Woodmen. They belong to the Christian Church, and are

liberal supporters of its good work. In politics Mr. Howard is a Republican. Both he and his wife have many friends in the vicinity, and are held in high esteem by all who know them.

HOWARD, William W. (deceased), a highly respected citizen of Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, carried on a farm there for many years and spent most of his life in the county. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was prominent in local Grand Army circles. Mr. Howard was born in Indiana April 10, 1831, and was a son of Sanderson Howard and wife, both natives of the same State. The parents were early settlers of Clear Lake Township and spent the remainder of their lives on a farm there. They were parents of four sons and three daughters, and a son and a daughter are now living: David, of Havana, Ill., and Mrs. Margaret Pates, of Missouri.

During boyhood Mr. Howard wokred on his father's farm and attended the neighboring district school. During the Civil War he enlisted from Camp Butler in Company B, One Hundred Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving three years and participating in many battles. At the close of his term of service he was discharged at Camp Butler and resumed work on the home farm. He purchased the farm on Section 4, Clear Lake Township, now owned and occupied by his widow, and brought it to a good state of cultivation. He was a successful farmer and had a good standing in the community, proving himself a kind neighbor and friend, as well as a good husband and father. He belonged to the Methodist Church and in politics was a Republican.

Mr. Howard was married in Springfield, Ill., May 10, 1869, to Mrs. Sarah C. (Dixon) Workman, whose father, Joseph Dixon, was an early settler of Sangamon County, where he carried on farming until his death, he and his wife being parents of three sons and three daughters, of whom three children now survive. Sarah C. Dixon was married (first) to Edward Workman, the union taking place in Springfield in 1852. He was a native of Sangamon County and to him and his wife one son was born, William, now in the employ of the Missouri Valley Interurban Railway Company, and a resident of Springfield. Mr. Workman met his death through an accident. To Mr. and Mrs. Howard two sons and one daughter were born: John, of Springfield; James, of Athens, Ill., and Sylvia, wife of Charles King, of Riverton. Mr. Howard died on his farm, July 25, 1906. He was a member of Stephenson Post No. 30 G. A. R. and was missed in many circles. Mrs. Howard has taken three little boys to rear and has always treated them as her own.

HOWENSTINE, Henry (deceased).—Those who became interested in the handling of stock in southern Illinois in the earlier days, reaped large profits, and were the forerunners of the present extensive stock business of Sangamon County. One of the pioneers in this line, and one who was more than ordinarily successful, was the late Henry Howenstine, for some years a retired resident of No. 203 West Carpenter Street, Springfield. He was born in Switzerland, August 17, 1828, a son of John and Barbara (Becker) Howenstine, natives of Switzerland and Germany, respectively. The father was a miller. The parents never left Europe.

Henry Howenstine went to school in Switzerland, but having learned of the opportunities in America, came here in 1853, landing in New York City, where after a short stay, he heard of Connecticut, and left for that State. This did not suit him, however, and he returned to New York City, and went from there to Schenectady, N. Y. None of these places came up to his ideas, and so he came west, living in Chicago for a short time, but in 1854, reached Springfield, which continued his home until his demise. He began handling cattle, buying and shipping them in carload lots, also shipping them to London, going with his cargo, making the round trip seven times. His business was an arduous one, and made heavy demands upon his time and strength so that in 1905, he decided to retire, and enjoyed his well-earned rest. He belonged to St. John's Lutheran Church of Springfield. In politics, he was a Republican, but never sought office.

Mr. Howenstine was married in Springfield, January 1, 1865, to Barbara Baker, born in Germany, April 12, 1838. She was two years old when brought to America by her parents. They settled on a farm in Sangamon County, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Howenstine never had any children. Her death occurred May 10, 1906. In addition to his pleasant home, Mr. Howenstine owned other property in the city. His lot has a frontage of 150 feet, and he always enjoyed the space thus afforded him. During his long residence in Sangamon County, he witnessed many remarkable changes, and held firm to his belief in the future of Springfield, not only as the center of State government, but as an industrial home for some of the large corporations of the State.

HOWETT, James (deceased).—To pass away after a life of earnest endeavor, leaving behind grateful remembrances, does not fall to the lot of all, but when the late James Howett passed away, he was missed by all who had known him and mourned by his devoted family. He was born in Lancaster County, Pa., July 28, 1828, a son of Daniel Howett, a native of Pennsylvania, a farmer by calling, who operated in Lancaster County, until he migrated to Illinois, where he continued his agricultural pursuits, dying at the home of his daughter in Bushville.

The education of James Howett was secured in Pennsylvania, and during his boyhood he worked for his father on the farm. When he came to Sangamon County with his father, he brought his wife and six children along, and

located in Riverton. Prior to coming he had farmed at Marysville for some years, but after locating there he mined, and was thus engaged when he died, August 21, 1908. He was a Republican in political faith, and served as Alderman for a year in Riverton, giving his ward a business administration. For several years he served as policeman, and was a very efficient one. The Methodist Church claimed his membership, and he died firm in its faith.

In July, 1854, Mr. Howett was united in marriage in York County, Pa., to Rebecca Robinson, born October 31, 1838, in Lancaster, Pa., a daughter of Daniel Robinson, born in Pennsylvania. He was a farmer and blacksmith, later becoming a merchant, and spent his life in Cumberland and Perry Counties, Pa. Both he and his wife died in Pennsylvania. There were six children in the Robinson family: Susan, wife of A. S. Gordon, of Lancaster, Ohio; Jesse W., of Marysville, Pa.; Martha J., wife of Robert Boyd, of York, Pa.; William H., of Lancaster, Ohio; Joseph W., of Riverton and Mrs. Howett. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Howett, six of whom survive: James, of Springfield; Sarah, wife of L. Orendorff, a farmer of Nebraska; Emma, wife of James Ringer, of Oklahoma; Elizabeth, wife of William Wilkinson, of Colorado; Charles, living with his mother; Ida, wife of Isaac Williams of Springfield. There are twenty-three grandchildren in the family, as well as seven great-grandchildren, all of whom are very dear to Mrs. Howett. She owns her pleasant home in Riverton, and is widely known and universally respected.

While Mr. Howett never thrust himself into public office, his ability caused him to be singled out upon more than one occasion for preferment, and the way in which he discharged the duties entrusted to him proved that he was the right man in the right place.

HOWITT, Henry (deceased), belonged to one of the sturdy old Pennsylvania families to which reference is made when the highest type of citizenship is recalled. He was a man ready for any emergency that called for his efforts during a long and worthy life, and even in old age found useful occupation, when strength no longer remained with which to carry on large agricultural operations or to fight his country's battles. He was born in 1839, in Lancaster County, Pa., and was given his father's name. His parents were old Pennsylvania people and lived and died on their own land in that State.

Henry Howitt attended school in the vicinity of Lancaster and then helped his father on the home farm. Meanwhile, Civil War had begun, and many of his friends and acquaintances had enlisted for service, and in January, 1863, he also became a soldier, enlisting in Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was in the service until September 15, 1863, his honorable discharge being received at Harrisburg, Pa. He took part in several battles but was fortunate enough to escape all injury and returned home practically unharmed. Shortly afterwards he came west and settled first near Beardstown, Ill., where he engaged in farming, and then came to Sangamon County, purchasing a small farm south of Springfield, which he operated for some years. Subsequently he bought a comfortable residence on East Cedar Street, Springfield, which is now owned by his son Daniel. He had been a busy man so long that he felt the need of some occupation, and hence took up gardening, which was a congenial one. He died at his home on East Cedar Street, on January 27, 1909. He was a member of Sephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R. and was a Republican in politics.

Mr. Howitt was married at Lancaster, Pa., to Miss Louise Streuble, who was born in Pennsylvania and died shortly after she accompanied her husband West. Three children were born to this union, the two survivors being: Daniel, who owns the old home place and follows gardening as a business; and Harry, who resides with his brother. Mr. Howitt was married (second) to Mrs. Mary Collins, who died in 1907, at Springfield. They had one son, James, who resides with his brothers.

HOWLETT, John T.—The Howlett family has long been prominent in Sangamon County, and the reader's attention is called to the sketch of William M., brother of John T. Howlett, also appearing in these pages. John T. Howlett is a native of the county, born near New City, February 24, 1856, a son of James P and Laura (Farmer) Howlett, natives of Bullitt County, Ky. The father was a farmer and in 1850 came to Sangamon County. His first work was as a farm hand and later he engaged in farming on his own account near Crowe's Mill. He took his family to Sullivan County, Ind., where he remained nine years, then returned to Sangamon County and for many years carried on farming in Cotton Hill Township. He moved from there to a farm near New City, a short time later removed to Kansas, and spent but a comparatively short time there, returning to Sangamon County, where he lived the remainder of his days. His first wife died when his son John T. was an infant. By this marriage there were three children and John T. Howlett now has a sister surviving, Mrs. Sarah C. Williams, of Terre Haute, Ind. By the second marriage there are four children who now survive, namely: William M., a farmer living near New City; James F., of Williams Township; Amelia Louisa, wife of John Pettibone, of Rochester Township, and Martha E., wife of Richard J. Imes, of Ewing, Mo. The maternal grandfather of John T. Howlett, John Farmer, was an early settler of Sangamon County.

John T. Howlett was educated at New City and in boyhood helped with the work on his father's farm. He has spent his entire active life in this occupation and now operates 100 acres of land on Section 19, Rochester Town-

ship. He has lived on this place for the past fourteen years.

Mr. Howlett was married near New City in September, 1881, to Mary Rape, who was born there in October, 1859, daughter of Francis M. Rape, a native of Sangamon County, whose father was an early settler there and entered land from the Government. Mr. Rape and wife are both deceased and left two daughters; Mrs. Howlett, and Mrs. Belle Hendron, of Chicago. There are four half-sisters in the family: Mrs. Rosie Pope, living near Glenarm; Mrs. Flora Brown, living near Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Elizabeth Gregory, near New City; Mrs. Bessie Lamb, who lives near Pawnee, Sangamon County.

To Mr. Howlett and wife six children were born, of whom four now survive: Ossie O., wife of Clay Howard, of Springfield, has two children, Eva H. and Orville M.; Roy Vernon, Luther G. and Alma O. Mr. Howlett's own farm contains twenty acres of excellent land and he operates altogether 100 acres. He is an aggressive and practical farmer and has met with success. He and his family are members of Forest Grove Methodist Church. He is highly regarded by his neighbors and is considered an upright, useful citizen.

HOWLETT, Lewis.—The Howlett family has been prominent in the vicinity of Riverton, Ill., for the past half-century, and has been identified with the best interests of the place during that period. Lewis Howlitt, who has lived in the town from boyhood, was born at Lockbourne, Ohio, October 17, 1847, son of Parley L. and Rebecca H. (Williams) Howlett. Parley L. Howlett was born at Syracuse, N. Y., April 23, 1818, and Rebecca H. Williams was born in Franklin County, Ohio, February 18, 1818. The father moved to Columbus, Ohio, in 1840, and there carried on business about fifteen years, in 1855 lost his business by fire and moved to Peoria, Ill., where he carried on business two years, and then spent three years at St. Joseph, Mo. November 16, 1858, he brought his family to Springfield, Ill., remaining there four years. In 1862 Mr. Howlett came to what is now Riverton, then known as Jamestown. Later, as there grew a demand for a post-office in the village, the name was changed to Howlett, there being already one Jamestown in the State where a post-office had been established. (In 1874 the name became Riverton.) In this new town Mr. Howlett embarked in several lines of business and became actively interested in building up the place. He erected a distillery, and until 1869 conducted what were known as the Clear Lake Mills, where flour was made. In 1866 he sunk the first coal shaft in the vicinity and in the fall of the following year the first coal was found. His mine, which he conducted until 1869, was known as the Howlett Mine, and is now Shaft No. 1 of the Springfield Coal Mining Company.

In 1869, having lost a considerable sum of money in various business ventures, Parley L. Howlett left Sangamon County, and lived successively in Pekin and Peoria, Ill.; Texas, Chicago, and McKeesport, Pa., leaving the latter place for Cumberland, Md., and then removing to McKeesport, Pa. He spent his last days in Cumberland, dying in 1891, three months after locating there, his widow surviving him about ten years. They were parents of eleven sons and one daughter, of whom but two children survive, Lewis and Edwin, who live together.

Lewis Howlett received his education in Riverton and in boyhood assisted his father in various business enterprises until the latter's removal from the town. He has since been identified with various lines of business and since 1908 has served as Justice of the Peace. He has the good-will and esteem of all who know him. He is a reliable, public-spirited citizen and has efficiently discharged the duties of his public office. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Howlett was married in Pekin, Ill., May 29, 1873, to Frances M. Sapp, born at Red Oak, Iowa, Christmas Day, 1853, daughter of William H. Sapp and wife. Her father, a native of Ohio, was a tailor by trade and an early settler of Pekin, where he lived many years, and there his wife's death occurred. He later removed to Wisconsin, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mrs. Howlett died at Galena, Kan., September 12, 1909, having borne three children, all of whom survive: Parley L., of Taylorville, Ill.; Mae E., wife of Martin Channell, of St. Paul, Minn., and Alice A., wife of William M. Olive, County Mine Examiner of Madison County, Ill., and a resident of Worden. There are five grandchildren in the family.

HOWLETT, William M., a successful farmer of Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, is a native of the township and belongs to one of the pioneer families in that region. He was born August 22, 1856, a son of James P. and Amelia (Rape) Howlett, the former born in Bullitt County, Ky., and the latter in Tennessee. James P. Howlett was a farmer by occupation and brought his family in an early day to Sangamon County, locating near what is now New City, where he lived many years, then moved to a farm three miles farther north, where he died July 4, 1899, and his wife died January 29, 1890. The father had one sister, Bettie Howlett, and four brothers, John, Harrison, William and Nathaniel, all of whom are deceased. William M. Howlett is largely a self-educated man, and being one of a large family of children, early began to help with the work of operating the home farm. He has two sisters surviving, Martha, wife of R. J. Iams, and Amelia, wife of John Pettibone, of Sangamon County. He also has four brothers: James F. and John T., of Sangamon County; George and Daniel, deceased.

Mr. Howlett remained with his father until he was old enough to work away from home,

and has followed farming all his active life. He has been very successful in his operations, and after living on rented land many years, now owns a farm that is well improved. About thirty-four years ago he rented a farm of 140 acres, spent one year there, then lived for the next four years on the White Walnut farm, and spent two years on the old Jones farm. He then removed to Comanche County, Kan., where he took up a homestead of 160 acres, which he improved, three years later moved to Montgomery County, that State, and one year afterward returned to Sangamon County and located on the Brunk farm. He spent one year there, then spent twelve years on the Bob Sanders place and six years on the Thomas farm in Montgomery County, Ill., coming to his present farm in 1908. He had purchased 124 acres of land there January 4, 1882, and located on it March 11, 1908.

Mr. Howlett was married January 4, 1882, to Adelaide Purnell, a daughter of Jonathan and Sallie (Clayton) Purnell, the father being a native of Maryland and the mother of Delaware. He died July 29, 1893, and the mother January 16, 1892. They were parents of nine children: Emily, widow of Nathan Plummer; Margaret, wife of Alonzo Page, of Springfield; Samuel, of Edinburg; Susan, wife of Isaac Basford; Mary, deceased. Mr. Howlett and his wife had no children of their own, but took John S. Connor, a boy of five years, to rear, who lived with them until he was twenty-six years old. They also took to raise, David M. Connor, son of John L. Connor, of Thomasville, Ill., who has three other children: Helen L., Alva Ward and Edna E. Mr. Howlett is highly respected as a man of industry and integrity and has a good standing in the community where he lives. He has good buildings on his farm and it is well improved in every way and in a high state of cultivation. Mrs. Howlett is a member of the Royal Neighbors.

HUBBS, Joshua.—The Illinois farmer, be he enterprising and energetic, is usually loath to transfer the control of his operations into other hands, even when he has reached the age that men in other lines of industry would consider advanced years, but when he finally does relinquish his hold on active labor and removes to his residence in the nearby city or village, he soon becomes known as one of the solid, substantial citizens of his new community, and as such is a welcome addition. Joshua Hubbs, a retired agriculturist, now residing at No. 1603 Pasfield street, Springfield, was born February 24, 1833, in Orange County, Ind., a son of Willis and Elizabeth (Releford) Hubbs. Willis Hubbs, whose father came originally from the vicinity of Charleston, was born in Tennessee, from which State he removed to Indiana in 1816, settling on a farm near the present city of New Albany and erecting the first log cabin ever built in the county. Shortly thereafter he removed to Orange County, Ind., where he resided until 1852, then he went to Iowa and remained in that State until 1853, his last years being spent in Morgan County, Ill.

Joshua Hubbs secured his education in the common schools of his native locality in Orange County, Ind., and as a youth worked on the farm of his father. Later, in company with his brother, he became possessed of a large farm in the same county, and this was operated by them until 1852, in which year Joshua Hubbs removed to Marion County, Iowa. One year later he returned to Indiana but later went to California, and in that State remained for four years, at the end of which time he located in Morgan County, Ill., and resumed farming, having purchased a large farm. Mr. Hubbs remained on this property until 1888, when he located in Springfield, purchasing his present comfortable home, where he now is living retired, his years of hard labor having brought happiness and success. He is the owner of several good farms as well as some valuable city property in Springfield. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. In politics, Mr. Hubbs is a Democrat, and served for a long period as School Director.

On November 14, 1851, Mr. Hubbs was married in Martin County, Ind., to Rachel Acre, who was born December 8, 1836, in Orange County, that State. Her father, who was born in Tennessee, and her mother, a native of Kentucky, came to Orange County, Ind., and remained there until 1839, when they moved to Martin County, Ind., where they were engaged in farming up to the time of their demise. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbs, who celebrated their golden wedding in 1901, have been the parents of eleven children, of whom eight are now living: Sarah, the wife of William Brown, living on a large farm in Morgan County, Ill.; Ella, the wife of George Wiswell, of Jacksonville, Ill.; Margaret C., who married Everett Burnette, engaged in farming in Morgan County; Minnie, the wife of Charles Jasper living near Manchester, Scott County, Ill.; Euphemia, who married Charles Wood, engaged in farming in Morgan County; Martin L., secretary of the Stuart Oil Company, Chicago; William N., residing in Morgan County; and George F., a resident of Springfield, connected with the well known clothing firm of Meyers Brothers.

HUBER, Fred Delos, M. D., physician and surgeon of Pleasant Plains, and a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of Sangamon County, is one of the leading men of his profession in his part of the county. He is the exponent of the new school in medicine, and is faithful to his ideals and proficient in his calling. Dr. Huber was born in Meriden, Kan., June 12, 1878, a son of William M. and Betsy J. (Irwin) Huber. On his mother's side, Dr. Huber is descended from A. B. Irwin, one of the earliest settlers of this part of the county, and who came to Sangamon County from North Carolina. William Huber was born in Ohio,

but came to Pleasant Plains at an early day. There he married, becoming one of the leading men of his locality. When the war broke out, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving for three years, participating in the Siege of Vicksburg, as well as in many other hardly contested conflicts of the war. He inherited his military inclinations from Revolutionary ancestors. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Huber: Herbert O. of Pleasant Plains; Adah A., wife of D. C. D. Wright of Springfield, Ill.; Dr. Huber; Pearl B., wife of Dr. R. D. Duran, of Illiopolis, and W. Hope at home. The mother and daughter still reside at Pleasant Plains, but the father answered the last roll call in 1883. In politics he was a Republican, and fraternally belonged to the A. O. U. W. Both he and his wife early joined the Presbyterian Church, and brought their children up in its faith.

Dr. Huber was only four years old when the family returned to Pleasant Plains, and his boyhood days were spent in that village, where he attended school, graduating in the class of 1897. He then accepted a position in Clarkson & Mitchell's drug store, on the corner of Fifth and Monroe, where he spent two years, and while there was trained as a pharmacist, but being ambitious of a higher position, in October, 1902, entered the medical department of the St. Louis University, where he studied medicine for four years, graduating in the class of 1906, standing high in all the branches. Then returning home, he began practice, and his earnest efforts have been amply rewarded by securing a large patronage and the confidence of the community. His equipment is complete, and he keeps abreast of the remarkable advancement in his profession by constant reading and attendance upon the meetings of the societies to which he belongs, including the American Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the Sangamon County Medical Society. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America, for the latter being medical examiner. He devotes his attention to general practice, and, whenever his services are needed, is always ready to respond to the call of duty. His skill has been demonstrated upon numerous occasions, and his sympathy and tactful handling of difficult cases wins him the affectionate confidence of those dependent upon his knowledge and ability.

Dr. Huber was married at Springfield, Ill. April 26, 1911, by Rev. E. M. Steen, pastor of the Fifth Presbyterian Church, to Oleta Mae Brown, of Pleasant Plains, Ill. Mrs. Huber is the daughter of J. Peyton and Rosetta M. (Rayhill) Brown, and was formerly a resident of Jacksonville, Ill., where she attended the High School, the Womans College, and the Conservatory of Music.

HUBER, William Harrison (deceased), for a long time engaged in agricultural pursuits in Sangamon County, Ill., was one of the highly esteemed citizens of Pleasant Plains, and an honored veteran of the great Civil War, in which he won an enviable record. William Harrison Huber was born on a farm near Fairfield, Ohio, December 22, 1839, and in that section his parents died.

When a young man Mr. Huber came to Cartwright Township, Sangamon County, whither his brother James had come some time before and entered land, and young Huber continued to work with his brother until the latter sold out and removed to Meriden, Kan. At the time of the breaking out of the Civil War, in response to the first call for troops, Mr. Huber enlisted with the three months men, and after this service was completed, re-enlisted August 14, 1862, in Company B, Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war. The record made by this regiment is second to no other in Illinois, its service including participation in such battles at Corinth, the Siege of Vicksburg, and the battles of Guntown, Miss., Nashville and the capture of Mobile. In consequence of exposure in the service Mr. Huber became sick and was granted a thirty-days' furlough to go home and recuperate. He then rejoined his regiment remaining with it until the close of the war, and being honorably discharged August 3, 1865, after a brave and valiant service that covered three years and three months. Returning to Cartwright Township, he remained there a short time, when he removed to Kansas, where he took up land. After building a home there he returned to Pleasant Plains and was there united in marriage with Miss Bettie Irwin, who was born in 1843 on the farm now owned by J. H. Irwin.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Huber, they went to the new home near Topeka, Kan., but in 1881 they sold this property and returned to Pleasant Plains, where Mr. Huber's death occurred March 24, 1883. He was a member of the A. O. U. W., a Republican in politics and a faithful member of the Methodist Church. He took a great interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of his community and is well remembered as a man of fine character and many sterling qualities. Mrs. Huber, who is the daughter of Alexander B. Irwin and a descendant of a Revolutionary soldier, has spent her life in Pleasant Plains, with the exception of the time during which she lived in Kansas, and she enjoys the love and esteem of all who know her.

Herbert O. Huber, son of William H. and Bettie (Irwin) Huber, and who is now serving as station agent of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Pleasant Plains, was born in Kansas, December 24, 1871, and there began his school-days. In 1881 he came with his parents to Pleasant Plains, and after school hours would visit the station here, finally taking up telegraphy in order to fit himself for his present position. On finishing his school training in

1890 he was given a position in the office and in 1894 was sent to the office at Virginia, Ill., as telegraph operator. In 1897 he was sent to Philadelphia, Cass County, as station agent, and in August, 1910, being recognized as a man peculiarly adapted to railroad work, was given charge of the company's business at Pleasant Plains, a position he still holds. He was married March 10, 1898, at Virginia, Ill., to Miss Nell B. Davis, who was born and reared there, the daughter of L. C. and Annie (Miller) Davis, her father being engaged in the real estate and loan business in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Huber have one son, Vernon, born at Philadelphia, Ill., August 28, 1899. Mr. Huber is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America at Pleasant Plains, and the lodge of the Masonic fraternity at Virginia.

Of the other children of William H. and Bettie Huber, Adah, is the wife of Dr. C. D. Wright, a physician and surgeon of Springfield; Fred is a rising young physician; Pearl is the wife of Dr. Richard D. Dugan of Illiopolis, Ill.; and Hope resides at home with the mother of the family.

HUCKELBERRY, Eli L., an honored veteran of the Civil War, now living retired from active life at Illiopolis, Ill., is a native of Clark County, Ind., born April 7, 1828, son of Henry Huckelberry and wife, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. The father was an early settler of Clark County, where he carried on farming for years. Later he came to Illinois and located ten miles east of Springfield, where he entered 340 acres of land from the Government and lived on it the remainder of his life, dying in 1860 and being survived ten years by his widow. Of their ten children Eli L. is the only survivor. Henry Huckelberry killed the last Indian left on the battlefield of Tippecanoe, and was a soldier in the Black Hawk war two decades later.

As a boy Eli L. Huckelberry attended the district school, which was held in a primitive log building, furnished with slab benches and desks, and later worked on his father's farm until the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted August 6, 1862, in Company A, Seventy-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and on account of disability was discharged November 25 of the same year. He is a valued member of the local post of the G. A. R. After his discharge Mr. Huckelberry returned to Sangamon County, and for many years has been a resident of Illiopolis. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is much interested in all public movements. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Huckelberry was married (first), near Mechanicsburg, in September, 1855, to Emily H. Derry, a native of Virginia, where her father conducted a farm until his death. The mother came to Sangamon County and spent her remaining days with Mrs. Huckelberry. Seven children were born of this union, of whom two now survive; Samuel L., of Springfield, and Hattie M., wife of Edward S. Albertson, of Chicago. Mrs. Huckelberry died in 1882. Mr. Huckelberry was married (second) in Springfield, in April, 1884, to Elizabeth F. McDaniel, whose parents were early settlers of Sangamon County, where her birth occurred, and both died on their farm there. Two children were born of this union, one deceased, and the other, Carrie, married Archie Bean and lives in northern Illinois. Mr. Huckelberry is much respected in his community, where he is well known, and has many friends. He owns a home in the village.

HUCKELBERRY, William H.—Those who were born in Sangamon County naturally are more attached to this locality than those who came to it at a later period. Especially is this true of the older men who grew up amid pioneer surroundings and have had the pleasure of witnessing the marvelous development of a more recent period. One of this class of men is the prosperous farmer, William H. Huckelberry, residing on his well-cultivated farm on Section 23, Clear Lake Township, where he was born, December 7, 1852, and had there spent his life. He is a son of the late David and Almira (Cherry) Huckelberry, born in Clark County, Ind., and Sangamon County, Ill., respectively. The father came to Illinois from Indiana at an early day, settling in Sangamon County, buying 120 acres in Clear Lake Township, of Wyatt Cherry, later adding to it. His children were: Benjamin, William, Owen O., Charles and Ora A., all surviving except the daughter. Charles is a farmer in Clear Lake Township. Benjamin Cherry, the maternal grandfather, was a soldier in the War of 1812, as was Henry Huckelberry, his paternal grandfather, the latter also participating in the battle of Tippecanoe. David Huckelberry died in 1906, aged eighty-five years, his wife having passed away the year before at an advanced age.

William H. Huckelberry, the eldest of the family, always rendered assistance to his parents who spent their lives in farming, and as the lad studied in the Sangamon County schools he worked at various kinds of farm labor. Farming as his life work, has engrossed his attention, so that he has had no time for politics, although a strong Republican and proud of the fact that his first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Huckelberry has never married, but is interested in the children of his brothers, who look to him for many favors which they would not otherwise obtain. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and can always be depended upon for faithful work. He is proud of his honorable ancestry, for not only does he trace back to those worth while on the paternal side, but his mother's people were important in Alabama, coming from that State to Illinois to become pioneers of this mighty commonwealth. Mr.

Huckelberry has devoted much time to reading, and is a very pleasant, well educated man, of agreeable conversation, who keeps himself posted on current events and their application to everyday life.

HUDSON, Andrew J., who has spent his entire life on the farm where he was born, on Section 8, Maxwell Township, Sangamon County, Ill., January 23, 1839, is a son of John and Margaret (McCreary) Hudson, both natives of West Virginia, where they were married. The parents came to Sangamon County in 1826, before it was organized as a county, and the Indians had only just left the vicinity, John Hudson erected a log cabin in Maxwell Township and had to go several miles in different directions to find enough men to help him raise his house. He secured land for $1.25 per acre, and located his house in the edge of the timber, though most of his land was prairie. He was a Democrat in politics, though he never took a very active part in public affairs. His birth occurred in 1794 and he died in Sangamon County, July 12, 1878, his wife having been called to her last rest in 1854. They were parents of eleven children, two of whom died in infancy, while the others reached maturity, but Andrew J. is now the only survivor of the family.

The nine children of John Hudson and wife who grew to manhood and womanhood were: Young M., who accompanied his parents to Illinois and died about 1897, leaving a wife and one daughter, the latter the wife of Daniel Staley; Jane, who married William Hodgson, both now being deceased, having had a family of eight children, one of whom married John Matthews, a farmer of Maxwell Township; William, died about 1885, had married (first) a Miss Nepper, by whom he had no children, and (second) a Mrs. Lacy, by whom he had three children; Rachel, married Willis Meacham and both are deceased, having had two daughters, Mrs. Ada Cora, of Waverly, and Mrs. Margaret Boyer, of Virden; John M., died in 1876, leaving a wife and one child, the former now Mrs. John Carson, of Loami; George W., married Nancy H. Park, and died in 1861, his widow having married J. L. Short, and living in Kansas; Andrew J., of this sketch; Frank N., died in Waverly, in 1907, leaving a wife and two children; Sarah E., who married Thomas Parke and died in 1870, her husband dying in 1910, they had one child, Lavinia, wife of D. C. Franklin, a farmer of Maxwell Township.

Andrew J. Hudson spent his boyhood on a farm, receiving most of his education in the subscription schools, as he was able to attend the public school for only a short time after it was established. He worked for his father as soon as he was old enough and remained with him until he was twenty-three years old. He was obliged to work the full six days each week, with no time off, and was not allowed a horse and buggy to use for pleasure. In his early days corn was dropped by hand and he used the scythe and cradle, as well as the sickle. He at one time dropped seed for eleven acres of corn, for which he was to receive twenty-five cents, but failed to get his pay for the work. He plowed with the old wooden mold board plow. He has witnessed many notable changes in Sangamon County, where his entire life has been spent, and has always taken an active interest in the progress and development of his community. He is well known and highly respected and has many warm personal friends.

Mr. Hudson was married, February 20, 1862, to Mary M. Smetters, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, August 28, 1840, a daughter of Daniel and Maria (Couch) Smetterr, who came with her parents to Sangamon County in 1842. The father died about 1862 and the mother about 1870. After marriage Mr. Hudson and his wife began housekeeping in a small frame house on the farm where he was born, and this home burned eleven months after they moved into it. He erected another small frame building, which was their home until 1882, when he erected a confortable seven-room two-story dwelling. He has built many barns and other outbuildings and has made many other improvements on his farm. He has set out beautiful shade and ornamental trees, as well as fruit trees, and has attractive grounds surrounding his house. His excellent farm of 135 acres is in a fine state of cultivation. He and his wife have one daughter, Maria M., born February 11, 1876, is the wife of Oscar Vincent, and she and her husband have two children, Floyd Hudson and Florence, the former born August 17, 1904, and the latter August 16, 1907. Mr. Vincent has charge of Mrs. Hudson's farm.

Mr. Hudson has taken an active interest in raising a superior breed of stock, and during the past fourteen years has paid considerable attention to Duroc Jersey hogs. His hogs are all eligible for registry and he sells from forty to fifty each year. He has always been in favor of good schools and the providing of good church and school edifices. He has been Justice of the Peace and Road Commissioner, and has held other township offices. In politics he is a Democrat and in religious views a Primitive Baptist.

HUFFMAN, William (deceased), had many friends in Sangamon County, Ill., who remember him well, although all that was earthly of him passed away April 13, 1887, about a quarter of a century ago. He was a farmer of Buffalo Hart Township for many years. He discharged every duty that came his way with conscientious attention and was true to every friend. He was a stanch Democrat in political views and took an active interest in the welfare and progress of his community. Mr. Huffman was born in Kentucky, December 12, 1838, son of Jacob and Mary A. (Earls) Huffman, both natives of Kentucky, where they spent their entire lives. They were farmers, and William Huffman spent his boyhood on his father's farm, attending school and helping

his father. At the age of eighteen years he moved to Sangamon County, Ill., where he engaged in farming, and continued in this occupation until his death.

Mr. Huffman was married in Buffalo Hart Township, November 2, 1860, to Melinda Matthews, who was born in Indiana, November 5, 1837. Her parents were natives of Kentucky and in an early day located on a farm in Indiana. Later they moved to Sangamon County, where the father, Glover Matthews, purchased the eighty-acres now owned by Mrs. Huffman, who has lived on this farm ever since coming to Sangamon County, over seventy years ago. She was one of eleven children, of whom three now survive besides herself. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Huffman, of whom eight now survive: James B., the oldest, on a farm in Logan County; John Wesley and Newton F., also living in Logan County; Byron, on a farm near Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; Ruth, wife of Henry Tenney, a farmer of Logan County; Mrs. Anna Scott, an Evangelist preacher, lives with her mother; Oliver, at home; Solomon, the youngest son, in Indiana. Mrs. Huffman is now living in Buffalo Hart Township. There are twenty-six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

HUGHES, William, retired farmer, Riverton, Sangamon County, Ill., is a native of Maclesfield, England, and in his life has demonstrated the value of British blood in the making of our American civilization and progress. He was born in 1840, a son of George and Harriet (Ashworth) Hughes. His father, a sheet-iron and tin worker, conducted a manufacturing establishment. Of four sons of the family, only William Hughes and his brother Thomas, of Missouri, survive. William was educated in England and learned the sheet-iron worker's trade with his father and was employed in connection with it till 1848, when he came to America with his parents. The family sailed from Liverpool and, after a six weeks' voyage, landed at New Orleans. The mother sickened and died during the voyage and was buried in the Atlantic. After staying awhile in New Orleans, the subject of this notice made his way to St. Louis, where he lived eight years. Then, coming to Riverton, Ill., he found employment for some years with the Howlett Distillery Company. Later, after several years spent as a miner, he took up farming, which he followed with considerable success until 1901, when he retired from active business. During a portion of the period of the Civil War he was a member of the Louisiana State militia. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat.

In 1880 Mr. Hughes married at Springfield, Ill., Miss Jane Langfield, born in Ohio, a daughter of George Langfield, a native of England, who came to America and located in the Buckeye State, where he farmed during the remainder of his life. Mrs. Hannah (Whitehead) Langfield who was also a native of England, bore her husband three sons and three daughters, of whom the following survive: Mrs. Hughes; George Langfield, of German Prairie, Sangamon county; John Langfield, of Springfield, Ill.; and Mrs. Martha (Langfield) Peachey, of Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have had six children, of whom two, George and Harriet, are deceased. The following are still living: Anna, the eldest, born June 28, 1871, is a member of the household of her parents; Thomas, born in 1873; George, born in 1875; and William, born in 1877—all of whom assist their father in the operation of his farm and in the management of his Riverton property, which consists of his home and other desirable holdings. They are not members of any church, but are liberal in their views.

HUIER, John Henry.—Springfield boasts many features that differentiate it from its sister communities of the Commonwealth. One, of course, is the fact that it is the capital, but there are several others. There is afforded an opportunity for business men of tact and judgment to pursue almost any line of business with a reasonable prospect of success, owing to the many transients who came there prepared to spend money, and who want the best of everything. One of the live young business men of the city is John Henry Huier, born sixteen miles south of Springfield, August 15, 1876, a son of James and Amanda (Murphy) Huier. James Huier was born in Sangamon County, one-quarter of a mile from the site of his son's birth, and he and his wife were married in the county. He was a farmer, who worked until his death, in 1896. He is survived by his widow, now making her home in Springfield. In politics James Huier was a Democrat, but never cared for public office. His four children are all living and, like him, are liberal in their religious views.

After attending the Oakridge School, J. H. Huier, of this biography, began to earn his own living, in the employ of Frank Sanford & Company, continuing with this firm for seven years, when he embarked in his present enterprise, which he still carries on. While he supports the candidates and principles of Democracy, Mr. Huier follows his father's policy in declining to permit his name to be used on the party ticket. His tendencies in religious matters are towards the fullest liberty for all, although he admits the good work accomplished by the churches. He is a genial, pleasant young man, with a large following of warm personal friends, and is deservedly popular with them.

HULBERT, John (deceased).—The late John Hulbert, who owned and operated a farm near Springfield, Ill., had been a resident of Sangamon County since 1875, and had established himself in the friendship and esteem of all who had dealings with him. He was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church and did his full duty in all the relations of life. His loss was deeply mourned, not only by his immediate fam-

ily and friends, but by the community. He was a native of New Hampshire, born December 17, 1847, a son of Stephen and Nancy (Evert) Hulbert, both also born in that State. The parents were farmers and came to Bureau County, Ill., when their son John was a small boy, remaining there several years, but then returned to New Hampshire, where their deaths occurred. They were parents of nine children, of whom five are now living.

The education of John Hulbert was received in the common schools of Bureau County, Ill., and he worked on his father's farm as soon as he was physically able. After leaving school he moved to Cass County, Ill., where he worked at farming for ten years, and in 1875 located on a farm near Curran, Sangamon County, where he lived twenty years, then located on the farm where his widow now resides. He was an energetic and successful farmer and brought his farm to a good state of cultivation. In politics he was a Republican.

Mr. Hulbert was married in Morgan County, Ill., November 5, 1866, to Ella King, who was born near Nashville, Tenn., August 20, 1850, a daughter of John H. and Sarah A. (Chandler) King. Her parents, who were natives of Tennessee, moved to Kansas at an early day, and after remaining there ten years, came to Cass County, Ill., the father being killed by a falling tree in Missouri in 1866. The mother died in Cass County in 1872. There were six sons and three daughters in the family, all of whom are living. Mr. King was a farmer all his life and was a soldier in the Mexican War. Mrs. Hulbert's grandfather, Andrew Chandler, was a Captain in the Mexican War and served under General Andrew Jackson.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert, five daughters and five sons: Stephen, a farmer of Christian County; George, lives with his mother; John E., lives in Springfield; Oliver, at home; Nettie, wife of George Caldwell, a farmer living near Springfield; Myrtle, wife of Frank Rudolph of Christian County; Ruby, living at home; Ora, wife of Edward Miller, of Springfield; Esther and Lester L., both at home. Mrs. Hulbert owns forty acres of the farm where she now resides. Mr. Hulbert passed away November 7, 1908, and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. The children in this family all revere the memory of their father and all are respected and esteemed in the community.

HUMPHREY, Judge J Otis.—Illinois has always been proud of its lawyers, its lawmakers and its statesmen; they have always taken rank with the leaders throughout the country, and when tried have never been found wanting. Many of the greatest men in the modern history of the country have come from the Prairie State, and it is safe to say that the present generation can be relied upon to keep up the high standard. One who has been prominently identified with the progress of the Nation and who has been called upon to fill numerous high offices of honor and trust is Judge J Otis Humphrey, of Springfield. Judge Humphrey was born December 30, 1850, in Morgan County, Ill., a son of William and Sarah (Stocker) Humphrey, natives of Ohio, who settled in Sangamon County in 1855.

Judge Humphrey is descended from an old and honored English family. His great-grandfather, Maj. Humphrey, won his title as commander of a division of the Fourth Rhode Island Regiment during the War of the Revolution. Later generations of the family came West and the parents of Judge Humphrey settled in Illinois, where William Humphrey died in 1893. J Otis Humphrey was reared on a farm in Auburn Township, Sangamon County, and his early education was secured in the district schools. Later he attended high school at Virden, Macoupin County, two years, subsequently spending five years at Shurtliff College, and for two years following he acted in the capacity of teacher. He began the study of law with the firm of Robinson, Knapp & Shutt, and in 1880, was admitted to the Bar, working that year in the office of the Supervisor of Census, under Hon. John A. Chestnut, for the Eighth District of Illinois. The next two years he was clerk in the offices of the Illinois Railroad and Warehouse Commission, and in January, 1883, he formed a partnership with Hon. H. S. Greene, who was a distinguished attorney of the West, and this association continued until 1899.

Judge Humphrey's activities in politics began in 1876, under the tutelage of Hon. Shelby M. Cullom, who was during that year elected Governor of Illinois. In 1884 he was a Presidential Elector of the Blaine ticket, and in 1896, was sent as Delegate to the National Convention at St. Louis. He was Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee for four years. On July 1, 1897, he was appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, by President McKinley, and in 1901, was appointed United States District Judge, in which capacity he is now serving. Judge Humphrey has tried a great number of important suits during the time he has held a seat on the bench, and it is probable that no man in his capacity in the State, has a better record of unimpeached and unimpeachable decisions, or has ever enjoyed more conspicuously, the confidence of the community. Those who come before him for trial have the advantage or disadvantage, as the case may be, of appealing to an expert in the great science of human nature.

In 1879 Judge Humphrey was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Scott, daughter of Rev. A. H. Scott, and to this union there have been born five children: Mary, Maud, Grace, Scott and Ruth. Judge Humphrey is possessed of more than ordinary literary ability, and specimens of his work in this line have been seen printed in a number of publications. He is a

contributor to this publication, his valued contribution bearing the title of "The Lincoln Memorial."

HUMPHREYS, Joseph A. (deceased), came of an old and highly-respected Sangamon County family. His birth occurred January 2, 1843, on the old home farm, three and one-half miles southeast of Springfield, Alexander Humphreys, his father, being one of Sangamon County's early settlers. He married Nancy R. Whitecroft, in Bath County, Ky. They moved to Springfield, Ill., in 1827, and there one child was born. They later moved to Sugar Creek, and six children were born there. The Humphreys were of Welsh descent. Joseph A. Humphreys had two brothers, Charles and Thomas, who served in the war of the Rebellion. Alexander Humphreys was born November 21, 1800, in Fleming County, Ky., and was a son of Orin and Isabell (Lee Keith) Humphreys. Mrs. Humphreys was born September 7, 1771, and she and her husband were married in Fleming County, Ky., where their seven children were born, Alexander Humphreys being one of them.

Joseph A. Humphreys was only seven years old when his father moved to Christian County Ill., and there he grew to manhood, receiving a common school education. He remained at home until he married, February 2, 1882, his bride being Miss Ellen Powell, who died eighteen months later. On January 2, 1889, Mr. Humphreys was married to Miss Alice Johnson, of Berry Station, Ill., daughter of Samuel and Louise (Taff) Johnson both deceased. Mrs. Humphreys was born near Berry's Station, Sangamon County, Ill., February 20, 1859, and her father was born near Rochester Sangamon County, September 12, 1830. He was a son of Andrew Johnson, who was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, but came to Sangamon County in 1826. Andrew Johnson was a millwright and built a mill on the south fork of the Sangamon River. He was married in 1827 to Mrs. Mary (Barker) Williams, and they had three sons, John, Samuel and Andrew. Louisa Taff, mother of Mrs. Humphreys and wife of Samuel Johnson, was born near Athens, Menard County, Ill., July 4, 1839, and died February 26, 1884. She was a daughter of William and Theresa Taff. The Taff family were of English descent, but the mother of Mrs. Louisa Johnson was of German descent. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys: Owen, who died in infancy, and Joseph A., born May 25, 1893, now a student in Upper Alton Military Academy.

Mr. Humphreys operated his farm, eight miles southwest of Edinburgh, for ten years after his second marriage, and then moved to Taylorville, which continued to be his home for five years. He then went to Colorado Springs for his health, but nine months later returned, locating in Springfield, where he bought a home, and there resided until his death, November 25, 1910.

Mr. Humphreys was well and favorably known by all residing in his community, and sustained the reputation for probity and upright living that were so characteristic of the man, wherever he went. Possessing in marked degree the faculty of making and retaining friends, who loved him deeply, he had a host of them to mourn his death. In the fall of 1904 he became a member of the West Side Christian Church, and in his death this organization lost one of its most liberal and active workers. Recognizing his worth, soon after his admission into membership of the church, his associates made him a member of the official board, and later still he became a deacon, holding that office the remainder of his life. Deeply interested in all kinds of church work, he was one of the leaders in the congregation. In politics he was a Republican, but did not care for office. Mrs. Humphreys owns some 434 acres of rich farm land in Christian County.

HUNT, George. (Vol. I, p. 239.)

HUNTER, Al, Assistant Manager of the Central Co-Operative Coal Company, of Springfield, has had many years' experience in mining affairs, having spent his life in the business. Mr. Hunter, who resides at No. 2005 North Elizabeth Street, Springfield, was born at Chatham, Ill., July 12, 1876, a son of Robert and Sarah (Edwards) Hunter. Robert Hunter was born in Sangamon County, Ill., in 1853, and has been a miner all his life, now being in the employ of the concern of which his son is Assistant Manager. He married Mary Edwards, who was born in Loami, Ill., forty-nine years ago, and they had a family of seven children, namely: Al, Maggie, James, Bessie, Clarence, Ruth and Sadie.

Al Hunter attended the public schools of Chatham and Auburn, Ill., and in 1899 accompanied his parents to Springfield. He began working in mines when he was only fourteen years old, and his whole life has been spent in the business. He has held his present position since 1909 and largely through his efforts the company has increased its volume of business very considerably. Mr. Hunter has a nice home at No. 2005 North Elizabeth Street, in the capital city. His politics are those of the Democratic party, and his fraternal connection is with the Eagles.

In May, 1901, Mr. Hunter was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Roe, of Springfield. They have had no children. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are consistent members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

HUNTER, Albion (deceased).—The late Albion Hunter, for many years a resident of Springfield, Ill., spent his last days in retirement from active life. He belonged to a family that had for many generations lived in the Allegheny Mountains in Pennsylvania. He was born in New Brighton, Beaver County, that State, to which place his parents had removed at their marriage, and where they spent the remainder of their lives. Both parents were born in

Greene County, Pa., the father in 1810 and the mother in 1812, and the former died at New Brighton in 1866, while his widow survived him until 1897. They were parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Emily, wife of Joseph McDaniels, both deceased; Albion; Margaret married Levi Gibson, of New Brighton, Pa., and both are deceased; Samuel, deceased, formerly of New Brighton; Frank, of New Brighton; Ellen, wife of John Brown, of Block House Run, Pa.; Elsie married, John Stuck, both now deceased; and William, of New Brighton, Pa.

The birth of Albion Hunter occurred May 22, 1838, and his education was acquired in the public schools of his native place. His first employment was in a brick yard there, and in 1875 he came to White Hall, Ill., where he engaged in brick-making. Two years later he located in Springfield, where he was engaged in the manufacture of brick until his retirement from active life in 1905. He built up a good business and won an excellent business reputation. He was highly esteemed as a man of business integrity and stability and had many warm friends there.

September 20, 1857, Mr. Hunter was married in Beaver County, Pa., by "Squire" James A. Barrett, to Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Matilda (Shade) Smith, who was born in Perry County, Pa., August 23, 1833. Her father was born at Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa., in 1815, and her mother at New Bloomfield, that State, in 1812. Mr. Smith, who was a shoemaker by trade, removed to Time, Pike County, Ill., in 1876, plied his trade there about two years, when he and his wife located at New Brighton, Pa., where both spent the remainder of their lives, the father passing away in 1907 and the mother, November 11, 1891. They were parents of three sons and four daughters, namely: William, of New England Hill, Pa.; George W., of Wheatland, Mo.; Samuel K., of New Brighton, Pa.; Mary A., widow of Benjamin Schlusser; Catherine, wife of Nathan A. Crouch, an undertaker living at New Brighton, Pa.; Rebecca, unmarried and living at New Brighton; Elizabeth, Mrs. Hunter. The three sons served in the Civil War. Mr. Hunter also served in the war as a private in Company B, Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteer Heavy Artillery, enlisting August 20, 1864, at the age of twenty-six years. He was mustered out at the close of his term of service, being finally discharged at Washington, D. C., June 30, 1865.

Four children were born to Mr. Hunter and wife, two sons and two daughters: Fraser, born September 1, 1858, died December 3, 1903; Clara, born October 9, 1860, wife of Christopher Francis, of Ridgely, Ill.; Anna, born November 16, 1862, wife of Alexander Farnsworth, a printer living in Springfield; Byron died September 20, 1866. There were nine grandchildren in the family, of whom five are living, and there are three great-grandchildren. Both Mrs. Hunter and her husband belong to old Pennsylvania families. Mr. Hunter was a Democrat in politics. His death occurred at his home in Springfield March 15, 1907, and was deeply deplored by his many friends.

HUNTER, George W. (deceased).—In the death of George W. Hunter, a pioneer stockman and successful farmer, Sangamon County lost one of its most useful and highly respected citizens. He was a native of the county, born in Auburn Township, May 9, 1860, son of James Hunter and wife (the maiden name of the latter being Layson), both of whom died when their son George was but six years old. He was one of six children, four sons and two daughters, the others being: John, who died in Dakota; William, of Moscow, Idaho; Douglas, died in Moscow, Idaho, leaving a widow and two children—Mamie and William; Margaret, married Alfred Campbell, and both died leaving four children—Mamie, Minnie, Edward and Earl; Rebecca, married (first) James Campbell, by whom she had two children—Etta and Fred, her second husband being John Henry, of Jacksonville, Ill., by whom she had one child—Earl.

After the death of his parents, George W. Hunter went to live with his uncle, Wesley Hunter, at Jerseyville, Ill., where he remained until he was twelve years old, but in this time had never attended school. He then went to live with his sister, Rebecca Ann Campbell, then living in Talkington Township, and being an ambitious lad, began to attend the district school near by and apply himself diligently to his studies, in which he was assisted by his kind and patient sister. In this way he was able to make rapid progress, and by studying often until midnight, he was able, by the time he was sixteen years of age, to obtain a teacher's certificate, and began teaching in the Wilson District School in Auburn Township. For five or six years he continued in this profession with excellent success, then turned his attention to farming and stock-raising. He became a breeder of the best grade of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, and spent a useful, busy life, being a kind neighbor and true friend, always ready to help those in need or distress, and was most highly esteemed in all relations of life. He was of a noble and upright character, and was prominent in social and political circles. He was an ardent supporter of the principles and representatives of the Democratic party and was active in party councils. He served as Supervisor of his township and also in other offices.

Mr. Hunter was married, November 3, 1880, to miss Rachel C. Campbell, born in Chatham Township, Sangamon County, March 5, 1857, a daughter of Peter Campbell, one of the most prominent and extensive farmers of the southern part of Sangamon County, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Hunter and his wife settled on the farm where she now resides, in Section 18, Chatham Township, occupying a small three-room frame building

then standing on it. He continued teaching for a time, then gave his whole attention to the clearing and improving of his land, which was mostly uncultivated. He had accomplished a great deal at the time of his death in the way of developing and improving his farm, and had erected the handsome residence still standing there.

In 1888 Mr. Hunter and his wife went west to visit his brother and sister, and while on the trip Mr. Hunter was taken ill, finally dying at Chehalis, Wash., of typhoid fever, November 3, 1888. His remains were brought back to Illinois and buried in the cemetery at Chatham, after which Mrs. Hunter returned to the home farm which she carried on, hiring the work done until her sons were old enough to take charge of it. The children born to her and her husband were: John W. and Walter, twins, born September 3, 1881, the former a farmer living on Section 6, Chatham Township, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, the latter dying February 17, 1882; Peter J., born April 24, 1884, a sketch of whom also appears in this work; Charles A., born May 26, 1886, in charge of the home farm; William D., born July 10, 1889, a farmer on Section 12, Loami Township. The sons of Mrs. Hunter all did their share in carrying on the home farm, and now all except one have settled on farms of their own near the old home, having been provided with land by their mother. There are about 400 acres in the home place, and Mrs. Hunter owns in all about 1500 acres. At one time she owned 1900 acres in Chatham Township besides timber land in Louisiana. Mrs. Hunter is revered and loved by all who know her, and has followed the example of her husband in taking an interest in all around her. She is a devout member of the Christian Church, while her husband belonged to the Methodist Church. She is a woman of strong will and high character and has reared her children to honorable manhood. Charles A. Hunter is one of the prominent stock-breeders of his community and has been successful in his farming operations. He makes a specialty of raising full-blooded Hereford and Polled-Angus cattle.

HUNTER, Hugh.—While the soil of Sangamon County is very fertile, water plentiful and easily obtained, and weather conditions practically ideal, good crops cannot be raised unless the land is properly worked and scientifically conditioned, and the high standard set by agriculturists of this section is, therefore, of great credit to them. Hugh Hunter, a well known farmer of Sangamon County, who is carrying on operations on Section 25, Illiopolis Township, was born in Christian County, Ill., October 1, 1841, a son of John and Martha (Dickinson) Hunter.

John Hunter was born August 8, 1811, in Gallatin County, Ky., and came with his father, James Hunter, to Christian County, Ill., at an early date the grandfather having entered land there from the Government. John Hunter married Martha Dickinson who was born September 25, 1811, and they continued to farm in Christian County all their lives, Mr. Hunter's death occurring there December 22, 1856. To Mr. and Mrs. Hunter there were born the following children: Hugh; Scott, born September 28, 1852, who now conducts a meat market in Illiopolis; Sarah Elizabeth, the widow of Thomas Siedener, residing with her son in Springfield; Rachel F., born February 9, 1843, married James Lee, and both are now deceased; Harriet A., who died in infancy; and Thomas L., born September 18, 1847, now deceased.

Hugh Hunter was educated in the country schools of Christian County, and worked for his father on the home farm until the latter's death. On July 19, 1861, at Decatur, Ill., he enlisted in Company I, Forty-first Regular Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Col. I. C. Pugh, of Decatur, and with this regiment served three years, receiving his honorable discharge August 20, 1864, at Camp Butler. Although never wounded in battle, captured by the enemy or confined to the hospital, Mr. Hunter saw much hard fighting, and that he was able to be at all times with his regiment proved his worth as a hardy, brave and earnest soldier, and one at all times ready to do his full duty to his country. His regiment participated in such notable engagements as Forts Henry and Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Hatchie River, Coldwater, Vicksburg, Jackson and Atlanta, and it was at the last-named place that he received his discharge. After completing his army service Mr. Hunter returned to Illiopolis where for about five years he was engaged in teaming and then removed to his present farm in Illiopolis Township, where he has since been engaged in cultivating the soil. He has a snug little farm of fifteen acres, in a high state of cultivation, and has kept it in good condition, well-fenced and with good buildings. One of Mr. Hunter's most pleasant recollections is his personal acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln.

On March 30, 1865, Mr. Hunter was united in marriage with Rose Ann Ream, who died July 2, 1904, at the age of fifty-five years. One child was born to this union who died in infancy. Mr. Hunter is a member of the Christian Church.

HUNTER, John B., who was a retired farmer residing in Buffalo, Sangamon County, Ill., was one of the large landholders of the county, and had been very successful in a business way in the locality where he had lived since 1880. He was born in Bond County, Ill., February 9, 1825, a son of David and Elizabeth (Copeland) Hunter, natives of Dickson County, Tenn. David was a son of John Hunter, who was a native of county Donegal or Tyrone, Ireland. David Hunter was married in Tennessee, and about 1820 brought his family and household goods with pack-horses to Bond County, Ill., where he entered prairie land at the edge of the timber, becoming owner of 300 to 400 acres. In 1846 he moved to Dallas County, Tex., took up

land there and remained a few years, then returning to Bond County, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They had seven children who reached maturity, and of these John B. was the second.

John B. Hunter received his education in the district school and was reared on a farm. He lived with his parents until his marriage, April 2, 1844, to Martha Young, of Bond County, and he and his wife became parents of one son, L. M., who died in Decatur, Ill., March 14, 1910. Mrs. Hunter died in April, 1845.

Mr. Hunter married (second), in April, 1847, Mary A. Robinson, of Bond County, and they had five children; Sarah J., now Mrs. Simeon White, of Walter County, Tex.; W. H., of Downington, Wyo.; C. W., died in Illinois in 1895; Amanda J., died at the age of fourteen years; James R., killed on the railroad in 1873. Mrs. Hunter died in 1863.

Mr. Hunter was married (third), April 2, 1865, to Elizabeth White, a native of Bond County, and they became parents of three children: John B., of Denver, Colo.; Otis J., living near Orchard, Neb.; Guy L., of Mechanicsburg Township, Sangamon County.

After his marriage Mr. Hunter moved to his farm in Bond County, to which he added from time to time until he owned 2,500 acres, and was one of the most extensive farmers and stock-raisers in that county. In 1880 he sold out and moved to Lanesville Township, Sangamon County, where he bought land and became the owner of several hundred acres. In 1883 he purchased a farm in Mechanicsburg Township, to which he kept adding until he owned 549 acres, on which his son lives. Mr. Hunter also owned property in Buffalo. He had been retired from active life for several years. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he had held all the offices; was a Democrat in politics, a friend of education and progress and highly esteemed as a man of enterprise and good business judgment. His success in life was the result of his own enterprise and energy. Mr. Hunter died in January, 1911.

HUNTER, John W., an enterprising and practical young farmer, who has always been identified with the best interests of his community, and a lifelong resident of Chatham Township, Sangamon County, Ill., was born on his father's farm on Section 18, Chatham Township, the son of George W. and Rachel Caroline (Campbell) Hunter, mentioned at length in a sketch of the former, which appears in a preceding section of this volume. John W. Hunter spent his boyhood days on a farm, attending school and helping his father, beginning to do his share of farm work as soon as he was able to reach the plow handles and guide it in the furrow. After finishing a course in the district school he spent four winters attending the public school in Springfield and one year in the Springfield Business College, after which he returned home and soon after went to live with his maternal grandfather, Peter C. Campbell, an extensive farmer of the county.

November 4, 1903, Mr. Hunter was married to Miss Flora Van Doren, also a native of Chatham Township, born on a farm near Mr. Hunter's birthplace, and daughter of William L. and Emelly (Darneille) Van Doren, her father a leading farmer of the township. After their marriage Mr. Hunter and his wife remained in the neighborhood and in 1905 located on the farm where they now live, on Section 6, Chatham Township, where he makes a specialty of breeding Percheron horses. This is one of the best farms in the neighborhood, containing 200 acres, most of it under cultivation. Since purchasing this place he has made many improvements in the way of erecting buildings, putting in tiling, etc., and now owns 345 acres in the township. His farm is well stocked with high-grade cattle, hogs and horses, and his Percheron stallion, "Caesar," is well known as one of the finest in Central Illinois, being coal-black, 18 hands in height and weighing 2,000 pounds. He also has two pure-bred mares. Though a young man Mr. Hunter has won a good reputation for his intelligence and success in conducting his agricultural business. He takes great interest and pleasure in producing abundant crops, and in looking after the many details necessary in carrying on so large a farm to advantage. He believes in owning and using the latest improved equipment in carrying on his work and takes great interest in the progress and improvement of the community, and especially in the improvement of road conditions, which may be appreciated by examining the roads adjoining his land. He stands well with his neighbors and is popular with his many friends. In politics he is Independent, voting for the Men and Measures he things for the best interests of all the people. Having resided in the neighborhood all his lifetime he is well-known, is a popular representative of his family, which he has been identified with this community for so many years.

Mr. Hunter is a member of the Christian Church while his wife belongs to the Methodist Church. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge at Loami, and of the I. O. O. F. No. 108 at Loami, and he and his wife are identified with the Order of the Eastern Star of that village.

HUNTER, Peter James, member of the well-known Hunter family that has done so much in promoting the welfare and progress of Chatham Township, Sangamon County, was born in the township, April 24, 1882, a son of George W. and Rachel C. (Campbell) Hunter. (A more complete history of the family is to be found in the sketch of George W. Hunter, in a preceding section of this department.) Peter J. Hunter attended the district schools of his neighborhood, and when twelve years old enrolled himself in the public schools of Springfield and attended them during the next five

winters, working on his father's farm during the summer months. After leaving school, he remained on the home farm until March 5, 1902, when he was united in marriage with Miss Nellie A. Van Doren, born on the same section (18) of Chatham Township, as himself, April 30, 1882. She was a daughter of William Van Doren, a representative citizen of his community, still residing on his farm, and of whom may be found a sketch elsewhere in this work.

After marriage, Mr. Hunter settled on his farm on Section 3 of Chatham Township. In 1907, he and his wife took a pleasure trip to Colorado and New Mexico, then spent two years in the village of Chatham, and in the spring of 1910, returned to the farm, where they have a pleasant home, brightened by the presence of their two children: Emma R., born November 15, 1904, and Esther Eloise, May 1, 1908. For many years Mr. Hunter has been connected with the Christian Church, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Loami which he also attends. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 523, of Chatham, and he and Mrs. Hunter are members of the Order of Eastern Star. He is serving as Worshipful Master of the former.

Although a comparatively young man, Mr. Hunter has for several years been identified with the best interests of his community, and is always found ready to support any worthy public enterprise. In 1909, by solicitation of his friends, he was placed upon the Democratic ticket for the office of Supervisor, and although the township is strongly Republican, he was elected by a fair majority and took his seat in June of that year. He has stood for a "fair deal for the people," and has been one of the most useful members of the board. When the question came up of converting the county into a commission of three Judges, he voted that the people be allowed to vote on this question. Personally, he is much opposed to the issue and has advanced many good reasons for his opposition to the commission plan.

Mr. Hunter is an intelligent farmer, and for the past three years has given much attention to breeding high-grade hogs. At the head of his herd, is the pure-bred Poland China "Banker Second," champion at the Illinois State Fair, in 1909. Mr. Hunter has about fifty head of hogs on his farm at the present time. He owns 240 acres in his home place on Section 3, and also has 160 acres on Section 8 of Chatham Township. He has always been in favor of a good grade of horses and cattle, as well as hogs. His success attest the soundness of his judgment on agricultural matters.

HUNTER, William D., an enterprising young farmer and a business man of sound judgment, has recently purchased a fine farm in Section 12, Loami Township, Sangamon County, Ill., which he is stocking with high-grade cattle and hogs. Mr. Hunter has virtually had charge of his own affairs since he was twelve years of age, his father having died before he was born, and in this way he has acquired a degree of acumen and clear-sightedness not usually possessed by a man of his years. Mr. Hunter is a native of Sangamon County, born in Chatham Township, July 10, 1882, a son of George W. and Rachel Caroline (Campbell) Hunter, the former a native of Auburn Township, Sangamon County, and the latter of Chatham Township. A sketch of the father, to be found elsewhere in this volume, contains further history of the family.

The boyhood of William D. Hunter was spent on a farm and, after attending the district schools, he spent three years in the public schools of Springfield and took a course of six months in bookkeeping. After leaving school he went to live with his grandfather, Peter C. Campbell, and at the age of twelve years was entrusted with the responsibility of drawing a check against the bank account of the latter for personal expenses and given a voice in the transaction of all business in which he had a personal interest through property inherited by him. He remained on the farm until he was sixteen years of age, during that time superintending much of his grandfather's business, writing the leases of land which was rented out and on his own responsibility looking after large land interests.

August 31, 1909, Mr. Hunter married Miss Catherine Ramsey, who was born on the edge of Springfield, July 26, 1888, a daughter of Christopher M. and Catherine (Baskim) Ramsey, her father being deceased while the mother is still a resident of Springfield. Mr. Ramsey passed away June 4, 1909. He and his wife had four sons and one daughter, namely: Robert, of Springfield; Joseph and Chester, twins, the latter deceased; John, at home, and Mrs. Hunter. At the time of his marriage Mr. Hunter had sold his stock and prepared a pretty home on Allen Street, Springfield, for his bride, but after they had occupied it about six months, both decided they preferred country life. In February, 1910, he purchased his present farm of fifty-three acres in the northeast quarter of Section 12, Loami Township, for which he paid $208 per acre, the highest price ever paid for land in that vicinity. This is a well-improved and fertile farm and Mr. Hunter plans adding to its attractiveness and productiveness as time goes on. He is a most enterprising and energetic farmer and has made a special study of scientific methods and modern ideas. He is stocking his farm with Poland-China hogs and Jersey and Holstein cows. He has selected this breed of hogs after much deliberation, and his choice has been due to their superior quality as a food product and their early fitness for the market. He pays high prices in order to secure the best quality of stock for the market, is commended for his excellent judgment in embarking in this very profitable industry and holds a high reputation for honest dealing and integrity in business transactions. He owns 525 acres

of land, a large part of it being in Sections 7 and 8 of Chatham Township.

Mr. Hunter is a member of the Christian Church, while his wife is a communicant of St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral in Springfield. In politics he is a Democrat, is popular among his neighbors and has many friends in various parts of Sangamon County.

HUNTER, Walter E.—The tendency of the age is toward specializing, experience having taught that through distinctive training along limited lines, the greatest measure of success is attained. There is no limit placed upon the work. Every line of activity is open to specialization, and one of those who has already made his name known in Illinois as a skilled trainer of horses, is Walter E. Hunter, one of the newer residents of Springfield. Mr. Hunter, whose place of business is located on South Fourth Street, was born in Effingham, Ill., August 11, 1877, the son of James and Mary (Toothacher) Hunter. The father was born in Effingham County, Ill., January 10, 1842, while his wife was born in the same locality, but died in 1893, at the age of thirty-five years. James Hunter served in the Civil War and located in Effingham County at an early day. This has continued to be his home ever since, and he has become prosperous as a farmer and stationary engineer. His work has won for him enviable distinction in his line of business, and he enjoys the respect and confidence of his associates.

Walter E. Hunter attended the schools of Effingham, and Champaign, finally taking the full course in veterinary surgery, at the Illinois State University. Prior to this he had learned the baker's trade, at which he worked for eight years to earn the money for his university course. While at the university he decided upon becoming a horse trainer, and his success has justified his adoption of this profession. His experience has been wide and varied, and while in Effingham County he was easily a leader in his line, as he is in Sangamon since coming there. He had gained a good knowledge of horses on his father's farm in boyhood, and understands them thoroughly.

Mr. Hunter had an interesting experience as a soldier, serving as a non-commissioned officer for eighteen months in the Spanish-American War, in the Philippines, and was a brave and faithful soldier. He is a Presbyterian and has always been a Republican, but is not an office seeker. His fraternal affiliations are with the Modern Woodmen of America. Although he has left Effingham, Mr. Hunter is still interested in that city, for he owns considerable property there, and it was his home all his life before his location in Springfield.

HUNTINGTON, George Lathrop (deceased), for many years identified with the business life of Springfield, serving for two terms as Mayor of the city, was born in Norwich, Conn., in May, 1812, and died in Springfield, Ill., May 26, 1874. He was a son of Jonathan and Anna (Lathrop) Huntington, both natives of Norwich, Conn. The ancestors of Mr. Huntington were prominent in New England in colonial times, having served in the colonial wars and also in the War of the Revolution.

Mr. Huntington received his education in Boston, Mass., and having a natural taste for music, received excellent training along this line and in the classics. He came west as a young man and embarked in the dry-goods business in St. Louis, Mo., later moving to Springfield, Ill., where for many years he conducted a similar business. He became interested in various other business enterprises, for a time being connected with the Great Western Railroad. He was also successful as a lumber merchant, displaying both business judgment and superior energy in caring for his financial interests, as a consequence accumulating considerable property, including city real estate and several farms in Sangamon County. Mr. Huntington took an active part in political affairs, being affiliated with the Democratic party, and the people of Springfield showed their appreciation, for two terms (1861-63) electing him to the office of Mayor, which he filled with ability and satisfaction. He always had at heart the progress and welfare of the city and assisted in laying out beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery, which contains the tomb of Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Huntington took great interest in various benevolent societies, and being a man of kindly disposition and generous instinct, contributed largely to private charities as well. He was a loving husband and father, a true and kind friend, and became a social leader. He was very fond of music and fond of other arts as well. He became Musical Director of the Philharmonic Society, and his home was the scene of many pleasant gatherings which were well remembered by those present. He was much beloved in social circles and was highly esteemed and respected as a citizen. His loss was felt keenly in many circles and he is still remembered by those who had the pleasure of his friendship as a man of more than usual talent and worth. He was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Huntington was married in St. Louis, Mo., to Hannah Flagg Forbes, daughter of Franklin and Clarissa (Nichols) Forbes, both natives of Boston, Mass. Nine children blessed their union, namely: Mary, died in infancy; Charles, a commander in the United States Navy; Alice, Emily, George, Clara; Ellen, widow of Thomas C. Henkle; Arthur and Leonora. Mrs. Huntington was noted for her personal beauty and intellectual attainments. She was a social favorite in all the great functions during the time of Abraham Lincoln. She died in 1893.

HURT, David M., a retired farmer residing at Illiopolis, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and

has lived in the neighborhood of his present home since 1867. He was born in Menard County, Ill., December 12, 1832, son of James K. and Malinda (Preston) Hurt, both natives of Kentucky, the former born in 1805 and the latter in 1808. The father was a farmer by occupation and came to Sangamon County in 1830, living for a short time on a farm north of Springfield, then moved to a farm near Athens, Menard County, where his death occurred in 1852, from cholera. His wife died at the age of eighty years. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War. His parents and those of his wife were natives of Kentucky. Seven daughters and four sons were born to James K. Hurt and his wife, of whom two sons and three daughters survive: J. A., Justice of the Peace at Athens, Ill.; Frank, residing in Colorado; Julia Holland, living in Kansas; Adeline Peter, of Springfield; Maria Primm, of Athens.

David M. Hurt received his education in the country schools of Menard County, and after leaving school worked on the farm for his father. He learned the trade of cooper, at which he worked for some time, and he and his brother J. A. for four years conducted a brick business in Athens, just before the former enlisted in the Union Army. He enlisted at Athens, August 12, 1862, in Company K, One Hundred Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, served three years, and was mustered out in July, 1865. He took part in several battles, among them the siege of Vicksburg and the battle at Little Rock, besides many skirmishes. At the close of the war Mr. Hurt returned to Athens and in 1867 purchased a farm near Illiopolis, where he lived many years, then retired from active work and located in Illiopolis. He was an enterprising and industrious farmer and won a very fair degree of success. He has erected a comfortable home in Illiopolis and is enjoying the fruits of his years of hard work. He is a Republican in politics and cast his first Presidential vote for Fillmore and his second for Lincoln. He served eighteen years as School Director in Athens, and also served as Commissioner of Highways. He is Commander of Morgan Post No. 208, G. A. R., and has been its Chaplain several terms. He has belonged to the Methodist Church fifty years, and is Trustee of the organization in Illiopolis.

Mr. Hurt was married, in Athens, to Susan Tice, a native of Menard County, whose parents came there from Virginia in an early day, and lived on a farm until their deaths. Her parents lived to an advanced age. Mrs. Hurt died in May, 1900, having been a faithful and loving wife and mother. Children were born to her as follows: Edwin N., a farmer of Illiopolis Township; Luella, deceased; Minnie lives with her father. Edwin N. Hurt has four children: Ruth, Pauline, Lora and David N. Mr. Hurt owns his present home and a farm in Illiopolis Township.

IDE, Albert L. (deceased).—No compendium such as the province of this work defines in its essential limitations, will serve to offer a fit memorial to the life and accomplishments of the honored subject of this sketch, a man who was remarkable in the breadth of his wisdom, in his indomitable perseverance, his strong individuality, and yet one whose entire life had not one esoteric phase, being an open scroll, inviting the closest scrutiny. True, his were "massive deeds and great" in one sense, and yet his entire life accomplishment but represents the result of the fit utilization of the innate talent which was his, and the directing of his efforts in those lines where mature judgment and rare discrimination led the way. There was in Mr. Ide a weight of character, a native sagacity, a far-seeing judgment and a fidelity of purpose that commanded the respect of all. A man of indefatigable enterprise and fertility of resources, he carved his name deeply on the record of the commercial and business history of the State, which owes much if its advancement to his efforts.

The name of Albert L. Ide, is familiar in mechanical circles throughout the civilized world for his designing, constructing and perfecting a high-speed automatic engine for electric lighting purposes, and at the time of his death was connected with many business and financial enterprises in Springfield, Ill. He was at that time the senior partner and original founder of the firm of A. L. Ide & Sons, proprietors of the Ide Engine Works, at Springfield; President of the Springfield Electric Light & Power Company; a Director of the Ridgely National Bank, and a Director of the Springfield Consolidated Railway Company. The Ide Engine Works reached phenomenal success and secured world-wide reputation under his able management, selling the finished product in many foreign countries, as well as throughout the United States. He was a natural genius, a mechanic of the highest order, and met success as a business man, an inventor and a manufacturer. He was the first steam fitter who established himself in business in Springfield and one of his larger contracts was the fitting of the present State Capitol with heating facilities.

Mr. Ide became a resident of Sangamon County in 1843 and was long accounted a leading citizen and representative business man of Springfield. He was one who, under the pressure of necessity and the stimulus of competition, rose to prominence in trade circles in Central Illinois, and in his career exemplified the fact that no country offers the advantages to its citizens as great as those furnished by America. Unhampered by caste or class, the people of this land may rise through the inherent force of character and the exercise of indomitable industry to positions of power and influence, and thus it was that Mr.

Ide became one of the leading representatives of industrial life in Springfield and won the proud American title of a self-made man. The Ide family of which he was a representative, was founded in Vermont in colonial days and was afterward established in Ohio. In the latter State the subject of this sketch was born March 20, 1841, his parents being Harrison and Mary (Stockdale) Ide. The father, also a native of the Buckeye State, came to Sangamon County in 1843, settling on a farm near Williamsville. He there carried on agricultural pursuits through the summer months and in winter season engaged in teaching school. He resided in Sangamon County several years, but there was something attractive to him in pioneer life, as he took pleasure in claiming wild land and improving it for purposes of civilization. This induced him to move farther west, and he went to Sanford, Iowa, where he purchased land and began its development, there carrying on agricultural pursuits until his death. The mother of the subject of this sketch had died in Springfield, and the father was afterward married a second time, his union then being with Mrs. Reynolds, who is also deceased.

Albert L. Ide acquired his education in the country schools, which were taught by his father near Williamsville. He was about two years of age when brought to the county and he made his home continuously in this locality until called to his final rest. When he had completed his education he entered upon his business career as an apprentice in the machinist's trade in Springfield, the trend of his mind and his native powers all tending in this direction. An incident of his early life showing this is related. While his parents were attending church one Sunday, Mr. Ide, then a small boy, amused himself by boring a hole in a stick of wood, fitting it with a chamber and touch hole, and used this toy cannon by loading it with powder and firing it off in the house. However, the cannon exploded and the flying pieces damaged the plaster of the ceiling, and he was trying to repair it when his parents returned. He also took considerable pride and pleasure in repairing the neighbors' clocks. At the age of fifteen years Mr. Ide entered the shop of Campbell & Richardson, in Springfield, as an apprentice, and as they built steam engines for saw and grist-mills, he thus became familiar with the work which engaged so much of his attention in later life.

At the first call for troops by President Lincoln, Mr. Ide enlisted in the Seventh Illinois Infantry and, at the close of his term of service, became drill master at Camp Butler, remaining in that post one year, when he reenlisted and was chosen Major of the Thirty-second Illinois Infantry, finally being honorably discharged for disability after a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Upon leaving the army Mr. Ide clerked in a merchandise store, by diligence and care saving up a few hundred dollars, with which capital he purchased an interest in the jewelry business of Henry C. Meyers, of which he ultimately became the sole owner. After the war he superintended the building and equipment of the Springfield City Railway Fifth Street Line and became President of the company.

In 1870 Mr. Ide engaged in the steam-fitting business in Springfield, and soon after secured the contract for furnishing the heating apparatus for the new capitol building. In 1876 he purchased from the city the Market House property at the corner of Fifth and Madison Streets, and equipped a more complete and extensive machine shop and foundry than he had before been able to own, and this became the nucleus of the present engine works plant. Many of the largest public institutions of Illinois have been fitted with heating and ventilating systems by Mr. Ide. About 1880 his attention became centered upon efforts which were being made to perfect and introduce a commercial and practicable system of electric lighting, and in the interests of this enterprise Mr. Ide visited Mr. Edison, at Menlo Park, to witness results which had there been accomplished. He discovered that the greatest difficulty encountered was in regulating and governing the engines furnishing the power so that this would not fluctuate and cause unsteadiness, pulsation and variation of the intensity of light furnished. In the next few years he accomplished much in studying the leading engines of the country, their use in connection with lighting plants and their various attachments and appliances for regulating power. His subsequent designing, experimenting, and perfecting of his engine resulted in the present product of the plant at which he spent so many active years. Besides the governing mechanism, he developed for his engines a self-oiling system, and in 1886, when he had completed his invention, his engine was named the "Ideal," after the surname of the inventor, with his initials added. This engine rapidly became popular in the trade, and various improvements were afterward added and patented. The trade constantly grew, commanding an enlargement of the plant, and today it is the largest enterprise of the kind in this part of the State. Mr. Ide continued in business up to the time of his demise, when he was also connected with other industries and enterprises of the City.

Albert D. Ide married Miss Adelaide Pierce, who was born in New York, and was the daughter of Simeon Pierce, who followed farming throughout his entire career, and died in Cass County, Va. Five children were born of this union: Harry L., who is a member of the firm of A. L. Ide & Sons; Albert who resides in Chicago; Francis P. and Roy W., who are also connected with the engine manufacturing business; and Chester E., a teacher of music, in Springfield.

Mr. Ide passed away on the 6th of September, 1897. He had never taken a very active interest in politics, but voted the Republican ticket. He was a member of American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Stephenson Post G. A. R., and attended the Second Presbyterian Church. Causes of local improvement elicited his attention and co-operation, and in matters of citizenship he was always progressive and public-spirited. In a busness career of industry, integrity and success, he made for himself an honorable name, never incurring an obligation that he did not fulfill or making an engagement that he did not meet. He came to enjoy, in large measure, the respect and confidence of his employes, as well as his acquaintances of social life, and his death, therefore, was deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends. His widow resides in a beautiful home at No. 1515 North Third Street and the sons all own fine residences in that neighborhood.

IDE, Henry, an enterprising and progressive German-American citizen of Springfield, Ill., now living retired from active life and enjoying the rest he has so well earned by years of hard work, has been a resident of Springfield since 1866. He was born in Hessen, Germany, April 28, 1828, the son of John and Mary (Gottschalk) Ide, both natives of Germany. The father was a farmer by occupation and served nineteen years in the German Army. In later life he conducted a large sheep ranch, and died at the advanced age of one hundred eight years. He and his wife spent their entire lives in Germany and she died at the age of ninety-five years. They were parents of ten sons and four daughters, of whom all are deceased except Henry, the subject of this sketch. Henry Ide received his education in his native town, attending school until he was fourteen years old, then went to Prussia and drove a team on a pike road there nineteen years. In March, 1859, he sailed from Bremen for America, landing in New Orleans after having spent forty-nine days on the ocean voyage. He came direct to Illinois and worked on a farm near Peoria until 1864, and in that year married Miss Emma Schmidt, of Peoria. He and his wife then moved to Alabama, where he owned and conducted a cotton plantation two years. Mrs. Ide died in 1866 and Mr. Ide then came back to Illinois, taking up the occupation of farming in Sangamon County.

Mr. Ide was married (second) December 19, 1892, to Mrs. Catherine Sauer, who was born in Germany and came to America in 1867, sailing from Bremen to Hull, England, and thence to New York on a sailing vessel. Her birth occurred in 1843 and she was married before leaving Germany, to Frederick Sauer, who died in 1890. She has lived in Springfield the last thirty-three years. No children were born to Mr. Ide by either marriage. Upon first coming to Springfield Mr. Ide drove an ice wagon for the Stiffler Ice Company, then worked fifteen years for the rolling mills, after which he carried on farming and teaming sixteen years. He still owns a farm near Springfield besides his home at 1516 East Edwards Street, where he has lived for nineteen years.

Mr. Ide is a member of the German Lutheran Trinity Church and in politics is a Democrat. He has been industrious and thrifty all his life and is respected for his honesty and integrity of character. He is well advanced in years but is active and well and enjoys the society of his friends.

ILES, Elijah. (Vol. I, p. 286.)

ILES, Washington Thomas.—There are a number of farmers of Sangamon County who have lived through the various changes in agricultural life, emerging from the time when everything was done in the crudest fashion and the farmer never expected to earn more than a mere living, to the present when operations are conducted along scientific lines, and the man who tills the soil is thoroughly business-like in every respect. One of these men who has become well-to-do as a farmer, and still owns some of the valuable farm land here, is Washington Thomas Iles, residing on Section 14, Woodside Township. He was born in Springfield, April 5, 1833, a son of Washington and Ann (Foster) Iles.

Washington Iles, Sr., was born in Kentucky, July 18, 1800, and married in that State. They had nine children, three of whom survive: Anna E., born in 1830, married William H. Bourne, is now a resident of Springfield, her husband being deceased; Elijah Foster Iles, born in 1838, is also a resident of Springfield; and Washington T. Iles. Having enlisted in the Black Hawk War, Washington Iles was impressed with the richness and beauty of Sangamon County through which he passed, and so returned, coming up the Sangamon River on the steamer Talisman, the only steamer ever run on it. He located in Springfield, becoming the owner of a large acreage of land in and about the city. His brother, Major Elijah Iles, donated the land for South Park, and also that used by the Wabash Railroad Company for their Springfield car shops. This public-spirited and patriotic man died near Springfield, July 4, 1871, and his wife August 25, 1866.

Washington Thomas Iles was educated in the Sangamon County schools and here laid a firm foundation for his future life. Adopting farming as a calling, he has followed it all his life, now owning 280 acres in Sections 13 and 14, Woodside Township.

Mr. Iles was married in Butler County, Ky., in 1867, to Emma Jones, born in Bath County, Ky., April 4, 1844, a daughter of James and Malinda (Robinson) Jones, and they became the parents of five children as follows: Julia J.; Linnie L., wife of John Norris, born July 14, 1869; Benjamin B., born May 28, 1872; William, born in February, 1874; and George, born April 6, 1879, is deceased. From 1887 to 1890 Mr. Iles was a member of the Grangers and enjoyed his associations with his fellow farmers. He has al-

ways been a good farmer, and has developed his land until it is now extremely valuable. Hard-working and thrifty, he has known how to make his labor count for something, and he stands very high in his community as a man in whom implicit trust can be placed by those who have business dealings with him.

INGLEDEW, Thomas, a well-known florist living at 1227 Phillips Avenue, Springfield, is a native of Bristol, Somersetshire, England, born April 29, 1841. He is a son of Thomas and Mary (Kemm) Ingledew, the former of whom was a commercial traveler in the employ of a London wholesale tea house, and when his son was a small boy lived five years near Dublin, Ireland. When the boy was seven years of age the family moved to London, and there he received his education, through private tutors.

In May, 1865, Thomas Ingledew came to the United States, landing in New York when the city was draped in mourning for President Lincoln. He lived in New York and Brooklyn for ten years, being employed as hotel clerk and in various other capacities, such as street car conductor, etc., and in 1866 was there married to Miss Mary Ryan, who died in New York. In 1886 Mr. Ingledew located in Springfield, which has been his home ever since. He is honest and industrious and has filled many different positions. He has been in his present business since 1901 and has met with fair success in this line. He is an energetic and faithful worker and an excellent manager, and owns his home at 1227 Phillips Avenue.

Mr. Ingledew has formed many friendships and is popular with his associates. He was married (second) in Springfield, in 1886, to Miss Nettie Miller, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Gabel) Miller, old settlers of Sangamon County and natives of Kentucky. Mr. Miller was a "'Forty-niner" and died in California, and Mrs. Miller in Springfield, Ill. They had four children. Mr. and Mrs. Ingledew have one daughter, Mary E., who married B. F. Best. Mr. Ingledew is a member of the Episcopal Church and in politics is a Democrat.

INGELS, Nathaniel H., was born January 1, 1837, son of William and Parmelia (Jacoby) Ingels, and grandson of James Ingels. James Ingels was born November 3, 1779. He was married, October 24, 1799, to Elizabeth Ducker, who was born March 4, 1780. They had children as follows: Mary, born September 10, 1800; Sarah, born October 1, 1801; William, born September 6, 1803; Noah, born November 10, 1805; Nathaniel, born December 31, 1807; Lucinda, born January 28, 1810; Catherine, born February 1, 1812; Clarissa, born December 6, 1813; Ann, born January 6, 1816; Elizabeth, born March 14, 1818; Emily, born July 19, 1820; Edy, born October 27, 1822. By his second wife James Ingels had: James, born July 8, 1825; Joseph, born January 13, 1827. James Ingels, the father, died April 3, 1857, and his first wife, Elizabeth, died October 28, 1822.

William, son of James Ingels, was born September 6, 1803, and died April 13, 1848. He married Parmelia Jacoby, born January 28, 1810, and she died February 6, 1877. Their children were Mary E Pritchard, born April 26, 1830; Sarah J. Pritchard, born February 11, 1832; J. J., born August 25, 1834, died January 22, 1868; Nathaniel N., born January 1, 1837; Clarissa G. (Ingels) Constant, born May 6, 1839; Rachel, born February 4, 1841, died October 29, 1841; William V., born January 10, 1843, died October 12, 1862.

It is supposed this family is of Scotch descent, and that their emigrant ancestor was one of a family that came from Edinburg to Philadelphia, Pa., about 1690 or 1700. The sons and daughters moved to different parts of the country, and one descendant, who lived in Pennsylvania, James Ingels, married Mrs. Catherine (Boone) Dehart, cousin or niece of Daniel Boone, and they moved to Bourbon County, Ky., in 1785.

Nathaniel H. Ingels was married, October 2, 1860, to Sarah Bell Lockridge, who was born January 1, 1841, and they became parents of children as follows: Sarah Parmelia, born September 27, 1861; William B., born April 20, 1863; Henry G., born January 15, 1865; Frederick L., born April 17, 1866; John A., born May 13, 1869; Jessy N., born February 17, 1872.

INGLIS, Samuel M. (Vol. I, p. 297.)

INGRAM, James.—The present generation can have no conception of the spirit which moved the brave boys of the early 'sixties and sent them off to the front to fight in defense of their country. Only those who went through those trying days know anything about these matters. One of the veterans of Sangamon County, now living retired at No. 1906 South Grand Avenue, Springfield, is James Ingram. He was born in Putnam County, Ind., August 7, 1845, a son of Robert and Margaret (Miller) Ingram, natives of Kentucky and Indiana respectively. The father was a cooper who came from Kentucky to Indiana at an early day, settling near Terre Haute, where he followed his trade, this continuing to be his home until his death. His wife is also deceased. There were five sons and two daughters in the family, those surviving being: James; Oliver of Cuba, Ill., and two sisters living in Oklahoma.

James Ingram was educated in Indiana, and when still a boy, worked in a spoke and hub factory in Vermont, following this occupation for several years, or until he felt that his services were needed by his country. When only nineteen years of age, he enlistd from Fulton County, Ill., in Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving under Colonel Woodall. His regiment was first stationed at Columbus, Ga., being on guard duty the greater part of the time. Returning to

Camp Butler, he was discharged, and went back to Fulton County, having done his duty as a soldier. From then until 1907, he followed his trade in Fulton County, but in that year retired coming to Springfield, but is still the owner of property in Fulton County. While living in Fulton County, he was a member of the Joe Hooker Post, G. A. R., and is still a member of Astoria Lodge, I. O. O. F. He has always been a Democrat.

Mr. Hoffman was married in Schuyler County, Ill., in 1875, to Miss Mary Wallace, born in that county, where her parents were early settlers, and he worked at his trade of cabinet making until his death. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ingram: Edward, living with his father, and engaged in mining; Inez, at home; Robert and Clyde, both miners; Bruce, William and Walter, all at home. There are two grandchildren in the family. Mr. Ingram is one of the reliable and substantial citizens of his community, whose probity and general kindliness of character have won him respect and confidence.

INSLEE, N. J., a highly respected farmer who owns an estate on Section 5, Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, is the only one now surviving of the six children of Joseph and Sarah (Pease) Inslee, and was born six miles south of the city of Springfield, Ill., December 31, 1832. The father was born in October, 1796, and he and his wife were both natives of the State of New York. Joseph Inslee and wife came to Sangamon County in 1818 and located about six miles south of Springfield, where they spent the remainder of their lives. His death occurred in the year 1868 or 1870. He was a blacksmith by trade and he and his wife had four sons and one daughter, all deceased except Newton. Joseph Inslee served three months in the Black Hawk War. The only daughter of this family lived near Mineral Point, Wis. The family were among the earliest settlers of Sangamon County and have always been considered among the most useful and public-spirited citizens of the county. The subject of this sketch has always been ready to promote any cause for the general welfare and has a patriotic feeling for his native county.

In boyhood N. J. Inslee worked on the farm for his father, and when he could be spared attended school in the old log building which is still standing, and which was then fitted with primitive log benches and desks. At the age of eighteen years he took up the occupation of farming on his own account and has since followed it. His first independent farming was done on a farm southwest of what is now known as New City, where he spent three years, and in 1866 he located on his farm, which he purchased in 1865. He owns forty-one and one-half acres of fertile land, which he has developed into an excellent farm, and is known as a kind neighbor and desirable citizen. He is reasonably proud of his family, as is in every way proper, and in his own life has endeavored to keep up to his ideal of what a gentleman and a Christian should be.

Mr. Inslee was married in Sangamon County, May 16, 1852, to Eliza A. Keyes, daughter of Isaac and Mary Keyes, natives of Ohio, who came to Sangamon County in a very early day and located near where Mr. Inslee now lives. The father died there a comparatively young man and the mother died at somewhere near the same time. Five children have been born to Mr. Inslee and wife, three of whom now survive: Mary, wife of John M. Walker, of Sangamon County; Melissa, wife of William T. Dodd, was born in 1858; and they live in the State of Washington; Joseph W., born April 1, 1859, at home. Mrs. Walker was born in 1860. There are seven grandchildren in the family. During the Civil War Mr. Inslee was a member of the Union League. He is a member of the Christian Church, which he joined in 1870. He is a Republican in politics and in 1860 voted for Abraham Lincoln. He was elected School Director in 1858 and held the office two years.

IRWIN, Adolphus Quintin.—The financial standing of a community depends upon the solidity of its banking institutions, and as a result the officers of these institutions must be men of upright character and business reputation. Adolphus Quintin Irwin, Cashier of the Pleasant Plains State Bank, President of the Building and Loan Association, belongs to a family that has long been connected with the financial, business and political life of Sangamon County. He was born in Cartwright Township, December 30, 1864, a son of Amos Dick and Rebecca J. (Plunkett) Irwin, and a grandson of Robert S. and Ruth (Combs) Plunkett, pioneers of Sangamon County who located here in 1820 from North Carolina. The Irwin family is also an old one in Illinois, where the general occupation of the family has been that of farming. Mr. Irwin's grandfather was a member of the company commanded by Abraham Lincoln during the Black Hawk War, and was intimately connected with the early history of the State. Adolphus Q. Irwin spent his boyhood on the home farm, going with his parents to Kansas when about five years of age and returning to the farm in 1870. In 1872 the family moved to the village, where Mr. Irwin attended the public school, and in October, 1882, he accepted a position as clerk in a grocery store, later taking charge of the books, and eventually becoming confidential clerk and book-keeper. He continued in that position until 1887, when he took a position as clerk in the grocery store of McCullough Brothers, No. 124 North Fifth Street, Springfield, later becoming book-keeper and finally head clerk. He remained with that concern until June, 1891, when on account of illness he went home, and after recuperating accepted a position in a general store. In 1892 he went West, where he remained for one year, and on his return commenced agricultural operations, with his brother as a partner, so con-

tinuing for two years, when he went to work for William Lynd, a grocery merchant. In 1896 the stock was sold to John Lehmann, with whom Mr. Irwin continued until the fall of 1904, and in 1905 he accepted a position as book-keeper in the Greene Bank, of Tallula, a private institution. He had full charge of the books there until June, 1906, when he was tendered the position of Cashier of the Pleasant Plains State Bank, which he accepted, and the bank was then incorporated as a State institution with the following officers: A. Atherton, President; J. H. Irwin, Vice-president; A. Q. Irwin, Cashier; E. J. Atherton, Assistant Cashier; and A. Atherton, J. H. Irwin, W. S. Rearick, J. F. Tomlin, Isaac F. Tomlin and A. Q. Irwin, Directors. The bank's cash capital is $30,000, and the deposits run as high as $150,000, showing that the people have entire confidence in the institution under its present management.

On June 25, 1903, Mr. Irwin was united in marriage with Frances M. Griffin, who was born in Pleasant Plains July 4, 1876, a daughter of William B. and Malinda (Farris) Griffin, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. Griffin came from Ohio at an early day and located in Pike County Ill., there carrying on his trade of wagonmaker until his retirement from active life, since which time he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. W. S. Hinsley, in Pleasant Plains. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin had one child, Francis Q. Irwin, born April 25, 1905, and on May 12th of that year Mrs. Irwin died. She was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church, while Mr. Irwin is affiliated with the Christian denomination. In political matters he is a Republican and for some years has been a member of the Village Board of Trustees. For many years he was Secretary of the Building and Loan Association, and in July, 1906, was elected President of that body. In addition to his various other operations he farms a tract of 110 acres of fine land.

IRWIN, James H., a farmer residing on Section 3, Cartwright Township, and Vice-President of the Pleasant Plains State bank, was born on his present farm, two miles east of Pleasant Plains on the Beardstown Road, Nov. 25, 1855, a son of Alexander Blackstone Irwin and Jane (Broadwell) Irwin. His father was born in Cabarrus County, N. C., February 7, 1814, and was a son of Samuel Lynn and Rachel (Hudson) Irwin.

Samuel Lynn Irwin was born June 6, 1779, in Cabarrus County, N. C., and his wife, Rachel Hudson, in Rockingham County, Va., October 15, 1785. The latter was taken by an uncle to Cabarrus County, N. C., where she and Samuel Lynn Irwin were married, September 23, 1802. They had ten living children born to them in North Carolina, and in the fall of 1818, with their family, moved to the part of Tennessee then called the Cherokee Purchase, where one child, Robert T. Irwin, was born. Samuel Lynn Irwin came to Illinois in 1819 and staked out a claim on land which is now located in the northeast part of Pleasant Plains. He then went back to Tennessee to bring his wife and children to the new home that he had found, and returning arrived with his family on April 20, 1820. Upon his return he found John B. Broadwell occupying on his claim, having settled during Mr. Irwin's temporary absence, so Mr Irwin went two miles farther down Richland Creek and took another claim, which is now known as the B. Lee Purvines farm, where he lived until his death on March 1, 1854 His widow died July 6, 1867 The children of Samuel Lynn and Rachel Irwin were: Hannah, born July 11, 1803, died August 30, 1880; Mary, born January 10, 1805, died October 20, 1852; Jane C., born January 26, 1806, died January 15, 1832; Deborah, born November 7, 1807, died November 26, 1852; William C., born February 7, 1809, died in 1851; Nancy, born October 2, 1810, died December 17, 1824; Hugh B., born August 30, 1812, died October 18, 1852; Alexander B., born February 7, 1814, died September 2, 1894; Rachal, born March 26, 1816, died in 1852; Matilda B., born February 13, 1818, died September 11, 1879; Robert Travis, born March 7, 1820, died April 10, 1908; Benjamin F., born May 18, 1822, died January 30, 1902; Julius H., born July 22, 1824, died October 5, 1875; James C., born May 6, 1827, died March 18, 1886; and John M., born April 24, 1829, died January 31, 1902.

Alexander B. Irwin married Cynthelia Broadwell daughter of John B. Broadwell, October 18, 1838, and settled upon what is now the James H. Irwin farm, where he spent the remainder of his life, with the exception of the last few years, during which time he lived in Pleasant Plains. To this union were born five children: Amos Dick, born October 12, 1839, still living; John B., born March 27, 1841, was wounded in the Civil War at the battle of Corinth, Miss., October 4, 1862, and died of his wounds at Jackson, Tenn., March 20, 1863; Betsy Jane, born April 1, 1843, still living; Samuel P., born February 22, 1845 still living; and Hardin, born April 9, and died August 7, 1847. Cynthelia B. Irwin died August 10, 1847, and Alexander B. Irwin married her sister Jane S. (Broadwell) Seaman, February 28, 1855. To this union were born four children: James Henry, born November 25, 1855; Arabell Albertha, born July 30, 1857, still living at Pleasant Plains; Adah Rachel, born April 16, 1859, now living at San Diego, Cal.; and Maggie Stella, born September 25, 1861 also living at San Diego, Cal. Jane S., Mr. Irwin's second wife, was born December 19, 1817, and died January 3, 1893. Alexander B. Irwin was a prosperous farmer and auctioneer, having cried sales throughout the central part of Illinois. He was an ardent worker for the cause of prohibition, and during the later years of his life was prominent upon the platform at picnics and Old Settlers' Meetings. He was a man widely known, kind hearted, and universally respected.

James H. Irwin received his education in the district school of his neighborhood, and in the Springfield Business College, remaining on the farm assisting his father until his marriage, at

which time his father moved to Pleasant Plains. On April 25, 1883, James H. Irwin was united in marriage, in Sangamon County to Mary Etta Purvines, who was born in Menard County, November 25, 1862, a daughter of Green Lee Purvines, a history of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To them five sons were born: Oramel Blackstone, born March 11, 1884, graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, and is now practicing law at Springfield, Ill.; Harry Clyde, born November 19, 1885, attended the University of Illinois Agricultural College, married Delle B. Boynton, daughter of E. D. Boynton, of Pleasant Plains, December 8, 1909, and now resides on a farm at Scranton, Iowa; Emory Quinton, born October 10, 1887, attended the Illinois Agricultural College, married October 20, 1910, Lillian Thompson, the daughter of Z. Thompson of Petersburg, Ill., and now resides on a farm in Menard County, Illinois; Scott Broadwell, born November 16, 1889, graduated from Springfield High School, and now living at home with his parents; and George Purvines, born July 14, 1894 and now attending Springfield High School. Mr. Irwin has given his sons a good education, striving to fit them for any position they may be called upon to fill.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Irwin located on the old Irwin homestead where he has since made many improvements and where they still live. In 1901 he erected a commodious dwelling, fitting it up in a thoroughly modern manner. His farm has developed very materially under his efficient management, until it is one of the best in that part of the State. He is also engaged in breeding thoroughbred Poland-China hogs and Hereford cattle. He has found time in the midst of his agricultural duties to fulfill his obligations as a member of the Christian Church, to which he and all the members of his family belong. He is one of eight substantial men who organized the Pleasant Plains State Bank, in 1879, being elected its first Vice President and still retaining that position. His fraternal relations are with the Masonic Order and the Modern Woodmen of America of Pleasant Plains, while his wife belongs to the Eastern Star and the Woman's Club. She is active in these organizations and also in church and missionary work. In politics Mr. Irwin is a Republican, and although not a seeker for public office, is ever solicitous for the success of his party.

Thrifty, hard-working, never neglecting a duty or shirking an obligation, Mr and Mrs. Irwin have endeavored to rear their children to be useful members of society, and are people of whom any community may well be proud.

ISHMAEL, Frederick Worth Peden, a successful and well-known real estate dealer of Springfield, was born in Illinois, and is a son of William W. and Adeline (Peden) Ishmael, the father a broker.

Frederick W. P. Ishmael received his education in the public schools of Illinois. He received good business training and experience, and engaged in business on his own account, building up a successful enterprise. Although still a young man, he has shown himself to possess business acumen and good judgment, and has a reputation for honest methods and upright dealing. He takes a commendable interest in public affairs and is ready to do his share in building up public enterprises. In political views he is a Republican. He is a member of the Business Men's Association, of Springfield, also of the Order of Red Men. His religious affiliation is with the Grace Lutheran Church.

Mr. Ishmael was married, in Springfield, February 1, 1909, to Miss Catherine Haynes, who was born in Springfield, December 22, 1884, daughter of Archimedes and Anna Haynes. One son has blessed this union Hughes William, born September 18, 1909. Mr. Ishmael has won many friends among his business and fraternal associates.

JACKAWAY, William, a retired farmer, living northeast of Springfield, in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, was born in Pike County, Ill., June 5, 1840, son of John B. and Sarah Jackaway the former born in Illinois and the latter in Ohio. Both parents are deceased, the father having passed away at Sherman, Ill., and the mother at Webster City, Iowa. Mr. Jackaway's grandfather was an old settler of Ohio and participated in the War of 1812. William Jackaway received his education in the subscription schools of Logan County, Ill., where his parents lived on a farm. Upon leaving school he took up farming and made it his life work. As a boy he moved with his parents to Iowa, later returned to Illinois went thence to Missouri, then back to Illinois, where he afterwards made his home.

In June, 1861, Mr. Jackaway enlisted, at Young America, Henderson County, Ill., in Company D, Fifty-ninth Illinois Infantry under Captain H. E. Payne. This regiment was originally the Ninth Missouri, although recruited wholly in Illinois. It was organized at St. Louis in September, 1861, and the name changed to the Fifty-ninth Illinois in February, 1862, by order of the War Department. Mr. Jackaway re-enlisted, at Whiteside, Tenn., in the same company and regiment, under Captain James Johnson, serving to the end of the war and being mustered out in October, 1865. He participated in the Battles of Pea Ridge, Stone River, Crab Orchard, Perryville, Chickamauga and many other hard-fought engagements. He was at Lookout Mountain with Gen. Hooker, also fought at Missionary Ridge in the Atlanta Campaign, was captured at the Battle of Jonesboro, Ga., taken to Andersonville Prison and held there seven months and eight days, being liberated when the war was over. In the Battle of Franklin (Tenn.), Mr. Jackaway was wounded on the top of his head by a saber, left on the battlefield for dead and taken to Knoxville, Tenn., by the Confederates, who captured him, and held there seven months. He was mustered out at

Camp Butler, near Springfield, Ill., having proven a brave and faithful soldier in every way. At the close of the war he resumed farming and is highly respected by all who know him for a man of strict honesty, integrity and industry.

Mr. Jackaway was married at Williamsville, Sangamon County, to Miss Sarah E. Richard, born in Pike County, Ill., January 14, 1847, daughter of John and Levisa (Coon) Richard, natives of Ohio. Mr. Jackaway and his wife were married December 14, 1865, and became parents of children as follows: John M., born October 16, 1866; William L., March 17, 1868; George J., 1871; Sarah, August 18, 1876; Lillie M., 1878; Mary E., 1885. Mr. Jackaway and his wife are members of the Baptist Church and in politics he is a Republican. He is a member of the G. A. R.

JACKSON, Charles, a member of the Springfield Fire Department, is a native of Jersey County, Ill., born October 15, 1841. He is a son of George and Elizabeth (Brown) Jackson, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of South Carolina. The father was a farmer by occupation and was an early settler of Jersey County, where he spent the last forty years of his life, and the mother died at Jerseyville. They were parents of three sons and seven daughters, and three of their children now survive: Charles is the oldest; Emily, Mrs. Daniels, lives at Jerseyville; George, also of Jerseyville, is Superintendent for the Bell Telephone Company there. The father was educated at West Point.

In boyhood Charles Jackson attended school in Jerseyville, where one of his teachers was a brother of ex-Gov. John M. Palmer. After completing his education he learned the trade of engineer, which he followed at Jerseyville, and when the war broke out he was working as engineer in a distillery there. He enlisted from that city in Company C, Sixty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was under the command of Col. Fry, and participated in the Battles of Corinth, Parkers Cross Roads, Vicksburg and Shiloh, besides minor engagements. He was mustered out at Springfield.

After the war Mr. Jackson returned to Jerseyville, where he remained until 1866 and then came to Springfield. He first took a position as engineer in a paper mill, where he remained five years, then worked eleven years for the Springfield Woolen Mills. He later worked one year as engineer for the Roberts Laundry Company and one year in the Franklin Building. For the past two years he has been in the employ of the City Fire Department as watchman. He owns the home he occupies and also property in Jerseyville, and is a substantial, reliable citizen. In politics he is a Democrat and he is a member of Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., of Springfield, and Camp No. 454, M. W. A. He is a member of St. Agnes Parish Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Jackson was married at Jerseyville May 17, 1864, to Annie McBride, who was born in the north of Ireland, daughter of Charles and Rose McBride, natives of that country. Her father eventually settled in Springfield and both he and his wife lived with Mr. and Mrs. Jackson the last years before their deaths. There were several children in the McBride family, all of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Jackson died January 7, 1911, sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

JACKSON, John A. (deceased), an honored veteran of the Civil War and for some years a resident near Sherman, Sangamon County, carried on farming in that county for more than thirty years and was well regarded as a useful, patriotic citizen. Mr. Jackson was born in the northern part of Pennsylvania, October 6, 1833, both his parents being also natives of that State. The father, John Jackson, was a farmer and both he and his wife spent their entire lives in Pennsylvania. They were parents of three sons and three daughters.

The country schools of Pennsylvania furnished Mr. Jackson his education and, after his school days, he helped his father on the home farm until coming to Illinois in 1859, he located near LeRoy, McLean County, and there engaged in farming, remaining several years. He then spent a short time in the city of Springfield, but later moved to a farm northeast of the city, where he successfully conducted a farm for thirty years and where he spent the last years of his life.

During the early part of the Civil War Mr. Jackson enlisted at Bloomington in Company F, Ninety-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he served three years, participating in many battles, including the notable siege of Vicksburg and battle of Corinth. He was once wounded but did not return home until the close of his term, when he spent some years in McLean County. He was a member of the G. A. R., and in politics was a Republican; he was a Methodist in religious faith, and both he and his wife became active and useful members of the church organization at Sherman. A man of conscientious, reliable character, he endeavored to discharge his full obligations in all relations of life, thus winning the regard and confidence of all with whom he was associated.

Mr. Jackson was married at Bloomington, Ill., August 18, 1860, to Mary J. Ramey, born in Ohio, December 3, 1843, a daughter of John Ramey and wife, both natives of that State. The parents became early settlers of McLean County and lived near Bloomington several years, then moved northeast of Springfield and there resided until their deaths. They were parents of six sons and two daughters, of whom the following are now surviving: James, of Delphi, Ind.; William, of Gibson City, Ill.; John, living on a farm north of Springfield; Edward and George of Springfield; Mrs. Jackson of Sherman, Ill. One son was born to Mr. Jackson

and wife, Alfred P., of Sherman, in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, who married Miss Nancy Hamrick, a native of Illinois, and they have three children: Andrew D., Ethel D. and Violet L. Mr. Jackson died in 1901 and his widow now lives in Sherman where she shares a comfortable home owned by her son.

JACOBS, James A., one of the oldest native-born residents of Sangamon County, Ill., was born on Section 24, Loami Township, August 4, 1829, a son of Daniel Jacobs, who came to America from Germany when two years of age, and was reared in Kentucky, where his parents settled. His father died young and the boy was afterward bound out to a man named Daniel Spore, with whom he remained until he reached his majority. His birth occurred in Germany in 1795 and he was brought to America in 1797, the family remaining for a short time in Maryland, after which they removed to Kentucky. When he was twenty-one years old Daniel Jacobs married Charlotte Webb, a native of Clark County, and in 1825 they came to Sangamon County, Ill. Arriving in the fall they camped out for about two weeks, when they purchased a claim of eighty acres from an Indian. Mr. Jacobs paid $40 for this land, which contained a small cabin, and into this the family moved late in the same fall. After he had made this purchase, his money being exhausted, the family lived for a time mostly on wild game. He finally procured a load of corn from a Mr. Black, a Kentuckian, who lived on Sugar Creek, and was told to call at any time for corn for feed for his animals or for himself, until he could break land and raise a crop. Mr. Jacobs began improving his farm the next spring, and as five acres had been cleared before he came into possession, he was able to plant early in the following spring.

James A. Jacobs was born in the little cabin on the home farm, and his father entered more land, finally owning 120 acres at one time. In 1831 he erected a house on the land where his son now lives. Following the general rule of early settlers, he first located in the edge of the timber, but afterward bought forty acres of prairie land. This he broke with six yoke of oxen and an old wooden mold-board plow. The forty acres which he improved in 1832 was the first prairie land broken in his part of the county, and people came from ten to fifteen miles distant to see the operation. The prairie grass was as high as the head of a man on horseback. The year of the "deep snow" was one of much suffering for this family, as their cabin was almost covered with the snow for a time. The few fences had been completely covered, during the notable fall of snow, which began December 28, 1830.

Daniel Jacobs was proud to witness the rapid development and settling of the community, and was glad to see the school house and church replace the Indian wigwam, or some fine home erected where once had been unbroken prairie. He died in 1852 at the age of fifty-seven years, his widow surviving until 1884, when she passed away at the age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of nine daughters and two sons, and the mother lived to see them all married and located on good farms with comfortable homes. But two now survive. Their children were: Henry W., died in Missouri, about 1879; Mary, married Franklin Daniels, and both are now deceased; Amanda, married Thomas Wycoff, both deceased; Elizabeth, married Littleton P. Bradley, and both died in Girard, Ill.; Martha, married J. L. Foster, and both are deceased; Isabel, married Stephen Staley, a farmer of Maxwell Township, Sangamon County, but is now deceased; Charlotte, married Washington McGunas, both deceased; Catherine, married Greenbury McGunis, who lived in Butler County, Mo., both deceased; Susan married H. S. Coley, and both are deceased. Those surviving are: Annis, wife of J. E. Dodd, a farmer of Talkington Township, Sangamon County, and James A.

The education of James A. Jacobs was acquired chiefly in the subscription schools of his locality, where his father paid $3 per quarter for him. He learned the "three r's" from a single book, and applied himself to good purpose to his lessons. For more than eighty-one years his home has been on his present farm, where at a tender age he began to practice cracking the long ox-whip over the heads of four yoke of oxen. In later years he purchased and made use of much modern farm machinery, and became successful through his enterprise and energy.

October 11, 1855, Mr. Jacobs was married to Miss Mary E. Neal, born near her present home, and has spent her entire life on these two farms, making but one move in that time, and that at the time of her marriage. She was born June 24, 1839, a daughter of John A. and Elizabeth (Greening) Neal, both natives of Kentucky, who died in Sangamon County. They began housekeeping in a log cabin, which was well weather boarded and plastered, in those days an excellent home. They used the tallow dip for many years and when the tallow mold candles came into general use they rejoiced greatly.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, four of whom still survive: Amanda, widow of Thomas Miller, living in Chatham Township; Henry C., a liveryman of Auburn; Alpheus, an undertaker living in Auburn; John, married Ollie Workman, and a full sketch of them appears elsewhere in this volume; Charlotte, deceased, had married Scott McGinnis, of Canton, Ill.; one child died in infancy, and Lizzie died at the age of five and Fred at the age of two years. Mr. Jacobs and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary several years ago.

Mr. Jacobs remembers many incidents of early days in Sangamon County. He then sold his hogs in St. Louis for $1.40 per hundred and wheat at 40 cents per bushel making the trip with an ox-team and driving his hogs, the trip requiring ten to fifteen days. In contrast to

this kind of transaction is his sale of hogs for $9 per hundred, and his wheat at $1.07 per bushel, both sold near home. In 1873 the family left their log cabin and moved into their present beautiful seven-room frame house of two stories. Here he has installed a telephone and has all modern conveniences. He rode on the first car on the Wabash Railroad which ran from Bates to Springfield, and which was drawn by mules. He has been very successful in his operations and now owns 360 acres of excellent land, the highest price paid for which was $6 per acre, and most of it is now valued at $200 per acre. He has made many of the improvements himself and is considered one of the leading farmers of his locality.

In 1862 Mr. Jacobs joined the Masonic Order in Auburn, later becoming a charter member of the lodge at Loami. For many years he has been prominent in the organization and has taken seven degrees. He has been identified with the best intersts of his town and county since attainging his majority, and in politics is a Republican. During his long life he has never tasted whiskey but once and has never entered a saloon and gambling house. His wife has been a member of the Christian church for the past fifteen years, and while Mr. Jacobs has never joined any church he has contributed generously toward the good work carried on by the religious organizations of his locality, especially when they were preparing to erect a new house of worship. He is hale and hearty, active for his years, and appears to be younger than his years. He is always ready to tell a joke or laugh at one, and enjoys telling stories of his youth. His first pair of shoes he obtained when he was nine years old and he took them to bed with him, being very much pleased with his new possessions. The nearest grist mill of that time was at Vandalia. The first mill used by the early settlers was a home-made affair—a piece of tin with holes punched in it, nailed on a board and called a "gritter;" this was used three times a day to produce food for the family.

JACOBS, John.—The Jacobs family has been identified with the history of Sangamon County, Ill., for nearly a century, and a representative member of this prominent family of the present day is John Jacobs, who was born on Section 24, Loami Township, June 1, 1879, a son of James A. Jacobs, a sketch of whom appears in a preceding section of this work, and who was also born on the same farm. John Jacobs was reared on this farm and educated in the district schools. At the age of twenty-two years he was united in marriage with Ollie Workman, who was born in Loami Township, September 26, 1880. After their marriage, which occurred February 12, 1902, they settled on Section 23 of the township where both were born, and this has since been their home. Mrs. Jacobs is a daughter of Stephen and Sarah Workman, the former having died December 15, 1895. Mrs. Workman lives on the home farm. Stephen was a son of Jacob Workman, deceased, whose sketch also appears in this work. Mr. Jacobs and wife are both members of families that have long been well-known and respected in the county, have been identified with the best interests of the community in which they lived, and have always been ready to contribute of their means and influence toward the upbuilding of schools and churches. They are among the large landholders of the county and representatives of the best type of citizens.

Mr. Jacobs and his wife are parents of children as follows: Dorothea Lee, born July 21, 1905; Edrie Magaline, born March 4, 1907; James A. Jr., born February 5, 1909 and Stephen S., born February 19, 1911. Mrs. Jacobs is an active member of the Christian Church, and though Mr. Jacobs is not affiliated with any religious denomination, he follows the policy of his father in giving his support to various churches, and is also much interested in the cause of education. He is a member of Lodge 901 I. O. O. F., and in politics is a Republican. He is a practical farmer and stock-raiser and operates 170 acres of land, although he owns but sixty acres. He has been successful in his operations and has some Duroc Jersey hogs that are entitled to registration. He is progressive in his ideas and enterprising in his methods. His wife is a pelasant, well-educated woman, and they have a very pleasant home. They stand well in local society and have many warm friends.

JACOBS, Taylor (deceased).—The visitor to Sangamon County, viewing for the first time, its fertile lands, well regulated farms, herds of well-fed cattle and general air of prosperity, finds it hard to believe that but a few years ago this section of the country was but a wild waste, principally swamp and timberland. Yet such is the case, and the present excellent condition of the country has been attained only through the untiring labor and perseverance of men of energy and persistent endeavor, who spent their lives in forwarding the development of the section. One of these men, whose lives were spent in agricultural pursuits, was the late Taylor Jacobs, who was born in Sangamon County April 29, 1847, a son of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Jacobs, natives of Virginia.

The parents of Mr. Jacobs came to Sangamon County at a very early date and settled in Cooper Township, where Mr. Jacobs purchased land and became an extensive farmer. Both parents spent the remainder of their lives there, reared a family, and now all are deceased. Taylor Jacobs was educated in the country schools and was brought up as a farmer by his parents, spending his time in the duties of his father's farm and sparing whatever time he could in securing educational advantages. He remained on the home place until his marriage, when he started farming on his own account and developed a good property on Section 14, Cooper Township, where he spent the remainder of his

life, with the exception of one year when he lived in the State of Missouri. His widow now has a nice farm of fifty acres in Cooper Township. He was a Democrat in his political belief, and he was a member of the Christian Church, in the faith of which he died August 16, 1895. Mrs. Jacobs is a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Jacobs was married at Taylorville, Ill., June 23, 1879, to Nancy E. Colburn, also a native of Sangamon County, who was born July 16, 1851, daughter of William and Eliza (Porter) Colburn, the former a native of Sangamon County and the latter of Iowa. In the early days they located at Loami, Ill., where for a long period Mr. Colburn operated a grist mill, and later went to Cooper Township, where he carried on the same line of business for many years. Both died in Sangamon County. Of their five children, Mrs. Jacobs and a brother, James Colburn, are the only survivors, the latter being a resident of Springfield.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs were born eight children, of whom there are six now living, namely: William, engaged in the teaming business at Taylorville, Ill.; Luther, a farmer of Sangamon County; Ada, the wife of Archie Welch, living on a farm near Mt. Auburn, Ill.; and Lee, Peter and Owen, all living on the fifty-acre farm in Cooper Township. In the family there are eleven grandchildren.

JANSSEN, Mrs. Johanna, a lifelong resident of Springfield, was born in that city, May 17, 1854, a daughter of William and Margaret (Bowers) Fulner. Mrs. Janssen has three brothers deceased, one sister living and one deceased. She lived with her parents until she was twenty years of age, when she was married to Mr. Janssen. Mr. Fulner served for a number of years as Sheriff of Sangamon County, and was a man of stability and influence.

Miss Johanna Fulner was married to Harmon Janssen on June 16, 1874, at Petersburg, Ill., and five children were born of their union, namely: Elizabeth, Louis, Marie, Anna and Nellie. Mr. Janssen was a native of Germany and there received his education. He came to the United States at the age of eighteen years, and after coming to Springfield attended high school until he graduated therefrom. He made that city his permanent home and became one of its industrious and respected citizens. He is deceased, but Mrs. Janssen continues to reside there, surrounded by her children and enjoying their affection and companionship. She is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, and is interested in its good work.

JARRETT, Thomas Lewis, an attorney-at-law of Springfield, and a man well versed in his profession, has always been a recognized power in the community. He has been depended upon to conserve the most important interests of the people. During the time Mr. Jarrett has practiced his profession in Springfield, he has been identified with much important civil and criminal litigation and has acquitted himself in a manner to give him a high standing among the legal men of the community. Mr. Jarrett was born July 10, 1872, near Maxwell, Ill., son of Thomas and Flora (Lowry) Jarrett, who still live in Divernon Township, Sangamon County. Thomas Jarrett and his father, William W., were both prominently identified with the interests of the Democratic party in Sangamon County. William W. Jarrett came to the county from Virginia in 1826 and was well known among the pioneers. The family has been well known and prominent in public affairs, therefore, for a long period.

Thomas L. Jarrett attended the district school in his neighborhood, and helped with the work on his father's farm. He applied himself industriously to his studies and secured a teacher's certificate, teaching a short time in the public school at Coddington, near Tallula, Menard County, and with such success that he was called to the position of principal of the schools at Chestnut, Ill., later becoming principal of the schools at Shipman, Ill. He then gratified his ambition by attending Lincoln University, from which institution he was graduated, then afterwards completed a course at the Northern State Normal. He had for many years had an earnest desire to study law and for this purpose entered the University of Illinois, and was graduated from the law department of the same with the degree LL. B. Locating in Springfield in 1906, he has rapidly risen in the esteem and confidence of all who had dealings with him, and in 1908, he became a candidate for the nomination for State's Attorney and was considered a strong candidate, but was defeated. He is a man of considerable learning, not only in the line of his profession, but on general subjects, and since he began practice in Springfield, has been a leader in all movements for the improvement and advancement of legal procedure, in both State and county. He is a man of high ideals in his chosen field and tries to live up to them as near as may be. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is a Deacon, and belongs to Springfield Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M.

JAYNE, (Dr.) Gershom. (Vol. I, pp. 303-304.)

JAYNE, Dr. William.—No history of Sangamon County, Ill., would be complete without special mention of Dr. William Jayne, who has been a resident of the county since the days of the whipping post, and on numerous occasions has been called upon to fill positions of high honor and trust. Perhaps no man in Springfield has so extensive a knowledge of past conditions, political or financial, and his mind is a veritable mine of information. William Jayne was born October 8, 1826, in Springfield, Ill., a son of Dr. Gershom and Sibyl Jayne.

This branch of the Jayne family may be traced back to William Jayne, who was born

in Bristol, England, January 25, 1618, served in the army of Oliver Cromwell, and after the restoration of Charles II to the throne, came to America. He died March 24, 1714, and was buried at Setauket, Long Island. His son William, the second in the line of descent, was born March 23, 1684, and was the father of Isaac Jayne, born November 22, 1715. Jonathan Jayne, of the fourth generation, was born March 4, 1758, and his son Gershom, born in Orange County, N. Y., October 15, 1791, was the father of Dr. William Jayne.

Dr. Gershom Jayne was educated in New York, where he practiced medicine until 1820, when he came to Illinois his route being down the Ohio River from Pittsburg by flat-boat, and he spent about six months in Southern Illinois before permanently locating in Springfield, then a place of but a few cabins, known as Calhoun. He began the practice medicine here at a time when there was not a physician north of him in the State, and traveling on horseback in the frontier district, successfully practiced his profession for forty-seven years. He lived to the age of seventy-five and one-half years and his wife to the age of seventy years. She bore the maiden name of Sibyl Slater, and was the daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth Slater. Her grandfather lived to be ninety years old. Mrs. Jayne's sister, Julia Maria, acted as bridesmaid to Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, and later became the wife of Ex-Senator Lyman Trumbull; Captain Henry, a brother, served five years in the Union army during the Civil War, and is now a retired physician of Taylorville, Ill.; and Mary Ellen, a sister, died unmarried.

William Jayne acquired his education in the public schools of Springfield, Ill., and in 1843 entered the Illinois College, at Jacksonville, graduating with the class of 1847 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was one of the founders of the famous Phi Alpha Society and was its first President. For several years Dr. Jayne had his father for preceptor. In 1860 he was elected State Senator for the district composed of Sangamon and Morgan counties, but resigned in 1861 to accept from President Lincoln the appointment as first Territorial Governor of Dakota (then embracing both North and South Dakota), and was Delegate to Congress from that territory, serving two years and then returning to Springfield. In 1869 he was appointed by President Grant to the position of Pension Agent of Illinois, and later was appointed by Governor Oglesby as a member of the committee chosen to complete the new State Capitol. He served as Mayor of Springfield in 1859, 1876, 1877 and 1882, was a member of the Board of Education and Vice President of the Library Board, and was acting President of the State Board of Charities. He is a member of the State and National Medical Associations. Since 1875 Dr. Jayne has been Vice President and a Director in the First National Bank, and is now President of the Lincoln Library.

In October, 1850, at Jacksonville, Ill., Dr. Jayne was married to Julia Wetherbee, who was born in Vermont in 1830 and died in March, 1877. She was a daughter of Seth and Elizabeth Wetherbee, natives of the Green Mountain State who came to Morgan County, Ill., in 1834. There were two children born to Dr. and Mrs. Jayne: William S., born in October, 1851, in 1875 married Margaret Palmer, daughter of Governor Palmer, but who died in May, 1903, leaving four children—Louis, Margaret, Perry and Susan, of whom Perry served in the Spanish-American War and Susan is the wife of George Fish; and Lizzie J., born in July, 1855, married in October, 1878, C. F. Kuechler, and died in 1902, leaving two children, Bessie, a former student in the Chicago School for the Deaf, and William.

Dr. Jayne is a recognized authority on matters of a political nature, and many reminiscences of political history may be found in his article in this work under the caption: "Political Representation."

JAYNE, William. (Vol. I, p. 304.)

JEFFERIES, Naran Allen (deceased), was a member of one of the early families of Sangamon County, being born there August 2, 1828, two years before the "deep snow." His parents located near Springfield and lived on a farm there until their deaths. They were Elias and Rachel (Johnson) Jeffries, natives of Ohio. The former was born in 1800 and the latter in 1805, and they were married March 11, 1824. They were prominent and highly respected residents of Sangamon County and became well known there. They became the parents of three sons, all now deceased.

The education of N. A. Jefferies was acquired in the public schools and in an Ohio college, and after leaving school, he took up farming, which occupation he followed the remainder of his life. In 1849, in company with several other men, he went to California in search of the gold, of which they had heard so much, and several years later returned East, spending some time in Ohio, after which he returned to Sangamon County and took up farming again. He later purchased the farm where his widow now resides and brought it to a high state of cultivation. He was an energetic and industrious man and a very fair degree of success attended his efforts. His farm is located four miles from Springfield, and there his widow now owns thirty acres of good farm land.

Mr. Jefferies was married in 1861 in Springfield, to Ruth J. Wesse, who was born in Tennessee, her parents being also pioneers of Illinois, settling in Fulton County in an early day. A few years later they came to Sangamon County, where the father carried on farming until his death. Mrs. Weese died in Fulton County. Four children were born to Mr. Jeffries and his wife, of whom but one survives, John, a farmer of Sangamon County. Mrs. Ruth Jeffries died in 1873. In 1874 Mr.

Jeffries married (second) a sister of his first wife, Malinda Weese, and of this union one daughter was born, Anna M., who died March 5, 1906, having received an excellent education. She was a musician, poet and artist of considerable talent, and had many friends. Mr. Jefferies died in 1883 and was buried in Strode Cemetery. He left many warm friends and acquaintances and his loss was deeply felt in many circles. He was a member of the Methodist Church and in politics was a Republican.

JENKINS, Chauncey Hobart, attorney at law and (1912) present Judge of the Probate and County Court of Sangamon County, was born near Cuba, Fulton County, Ill., son of David Milton and Mary Jane (Peterson) Jenkins, the former a native of Jefferson County, Ill., and the latter of the State of New Jersey. The parents of David M. Jenkins came to Jefferson County, Ill., in 1826, where their son was born in 1832, but in 1834 they moved to Waterford Township, Fulton County, Ill. In 1852 David M. made the trip from Pekin, Ill., overland to Sacramento, Cal., and for three years prospected for gold in that region. Then he returned to Fulton County, and in 1859 was there married to Mary Jane Peterson, after which he engaged in farming which continued to be his vocation, but is now living in retirement in his advanced years. He was a member of Company I, One Hundred and Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Wright, and was twice wounded, first at the battle of Missionary Ridge in November, 1863, and later at Resaca, Ga., in 1864. He served from the organization of the company until it was mustered out. Mr. and Mrs. David Milton Jenkins have seven children.

Chauncey H. Jenkins, the subject of this sketch, received his primary education in the common and high school at Cuba, Ill., during the winter, alternating his training in the schools by working on the farm during the summer season. Later he entered the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, that State, taking a literary course and later studying law, graduating from the latter department in the class of 1907. He was soon afterward admitted to the bar, and establishing himself in the practice of his profession in the city of Springfield, has there met gratifying success. He is a Republican in politics, in 1908 was chosen a Justice of the Peace, and in 1910 was selected as the Republican candidate for Judge of the Probate Court, to which position he was elected in November following.

Judge Jenkins was married, April 27, 1911, to Miss Ella McRoberts, who was born at Sherman, Sangamon County, and their residence is at 623 South Fifth Street, Springfield. He is also an active member of several fraternal orders, and the progress he has made in his profession since coming to Springfield furnishes abundant evidence of his ability and personal popularity.

JENKINS, William.—The Welsh have always been noted for their sturdy honesty and thrifty habits, and they retain these characteristics upon coming to this country as the lives of many people of this county show. One of the Welsh-Americans living in Sangamon County is William Jenkins, of Section 21, Cooper Township. He was born in Wales, July 27, 1840, a son of William and Margaret (Griffith) Jenkins. The elder William Jenkins was in the service of the British army for a number of years, but later became a farmer, and spent his life in Wales. He gave his children good educations, and then had them go to work.

William Jenkins, the younger, worked at whatever came in his way, and for five years was a member of the militia, being compelled to drill twenty-eight days each year. While still in Wales, he married, and with his wife and five children, took passage on a steamer at Liverpool, on May 6, 1871, for America. Landing in New York they made their way at once to Sangamon County. Here Mr. Jenkins found employment by the month on a farm owned by a Mr. Brown, near Dawson. For three years, he continued to work in this fashion, and then began farming for himself, on rented land in Cooper Township. Later he went to Christian County, but returned to Cooper Township, where in 1892, he bought his present farm of 153 acres on Section 21. In connection with its operation, he has farmed other land to the extent of 301 acres, and has become one of the most successful farmers of Sangamon County. He has also devoted considerable attention to stock-raising.

Mr. Jenkins was married to Mary Evans, also born in Wales, and their children were as follows: Jennie, wife of Benjamin Barnes of Springfield; John, a farmer of Cooper Township; Maggie, wife of William Everger, a farmer of Rochester Township; Charles, a farmer; Anna, wife of Ole McMara of Chatham; and David, a farmer, all living, while the following are deceased: Edward, who was killed by lightning on the day of the St. Louis tornado, when twenty-three years old, and was buried in the Mechanicsburg cemetery; Lizzie, married and died in the Springfield hospital, October 17, 1902; two younger children died in infancy; Wm. T. Jenkins enlisted in Company A, Sixth California Infantry, United States Volunteers, under Captain Charles H. Dasher, and Lieutenant George L. Dall, and died in Bakersville, Cal., April 19, 1905, aged forty-one years, four months and twenty days. His widow survives, making her home in California. There are thirteen grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Jenkins and his sons are Republicans, and earnestly support the candidates of that party. They are honorable and upright, never shrinking from hard work or civic duty, and are among the best citizens of Sangamon County.

JERALD, Clarence H., a veterinary surgeon of Springfield, Ill., having an office and hospital on East Washington Street, has built up

a good practice in his profession and won the confidence and esteem of his patrons. Dr. Jerald was born in Jacksonville, Ill., May 18, 1877, son of Nathan and Hester J. (Picket) Jerald. The father was a son of O. F. Jerald, a native of Cohasset, Mass. Clarance H. Jerald was one of two children. He attended the public schools of Jacksonville, then took a course in Peoria Business College, after which he took a veterinary course at the Ontario Veterinary College. He practiced his profession in various locations and in 1903 came to Springfield, and has continued in the practice of his profession ever since, his office being located at 225 West Washington Street. He has won an excllent reputation for skill and efficiency in his chosen field of work and stands well among his fellow-practitioners. He served several months as City Veterinarian. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Court of Honor and the A. F. & A. M. In political views he is a stanch supporter of the Republican party.

Dr. Jerald was married October 31, 1908, to Miss Theresa Hannibal, of Springfield, and they have an infant son, Joseph H. Dr. Jerald owns a comfortable home at 1415 Whittier Avenue, Springfield. He is a man of good principles and is considered a public-spirited, useful citizen, who has the best interests of the city and community at heart.

JOHNSON, Francis S.—The business interests of Springfield are many and varied and the men engaged in operating the several lines of activity find this one of the best centers in the State. Francis S. Johnson, photographer and coal operator, is one of the sound, successful and progressive business men there, who, not content with his advancement in one line, has branched out in another. He was born in Saline County, Mo., September 6, 1865, a son of Henry and Rhoda A. (Seatt) Johnson. Henry Johnson was a farmer and blacksmith, who in 1849 joined a company of fifty wagons on the way to California. As he was a superior shot, he was engaged by the company to secure their game, and provided the entire company with all they needed during the long trip. He was then considered one of the best shots in the State of Missouri. Although so successful as a hunter, Mr. Johnson failed in his search for gold in the promised land, and returned a year or so later, to resume his farming and blacksmithing. This most excellent man died on his farm in Saline County in 1903, after a long and useful life.

Francis S. Johnson attended the high school of Marshall, Mo., and then clerked at Higginsville, Mo., and Erie, Kansas. On September 4, 1904, he came to Springfield and opened a photograph gallery, immediately becoming popular on account of the superior quality of his work. At present he has one of the best galleries in the city and does a large business. He has been equally successful in his operations in coal lands in Kentucky.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the Methodist Church and his political convictions make him a Democrat. He is a pleasant, affable gentleman, and one whose courtesy and polish make him a favorite wherever he goes. His business acumen is well developed and he would doubtless succeed in whatever he attempted.

JOHNSON, James D.—When the evening of life comes on apace, it is fitting that man should rest from the labors which have claimed his earlier years and made heavy demands on his energies. The duties of the more strenuous life should be put aside and a rest from further toil and care enjoyed. This has been vouchsafed to Mr. Johnson because of his business activity in the past, and he is now living in honorable retirement at 625 Wood Avenue, Springfield, one of the worthy and esteemed residents of the Capital City. James D. Johnson was born January 7, 1837, in Christian County, Kentucky. He is a son of James D. and Martha Elizabeth (Bradley) Johnson, his father was born in Virginia and his mother in Kentucky. Her parents were natives of Kentucky and were among the prominent people of that State, being large slave holders. Grandfather Johnson was in the war of 1776, and was a resident of Virginia. Grandfather Bradley was a native of Kentucky and came to Illinois in the early pioneer days following farming. Mr. Johnson was educated in Kentucky, in an old log school house. His childhood was passed on his father's farm, where he remained until he was thirteen years of age, and then came to Macoupin County, where he farmed for about two years, leaving that place, he came to Christian County, and lived for many years, making that his home.

At the time of the outbreak of the Civil War, he watched with interest the progress of events in the South, and noted the threatening attitude of a number of the Southern States, resolving that if an attempt was made to overthrow the Union, he would strike a blow in its defense. Therefore, in 1862, Mr. Johnson enlisted in Company A, at Camp Butler, Ill. He served two and one-half years and received an honorable discharge in December, 1864, at Quincy, Ill. He took an active part in the battle of Chickamauga, September 20, 1863, was seriously wounded in that battle, and was sent to the hospital, at Louisville, Ky., where he had his arm amputated. He was also in the battles of Chattanooga, Franklin and many skirmishes, under General Beard. He guarded trains from Nashville to Franklin and had many engagements with the Guerillas. His military record was most commendable and honorable; he gained the confidence, good will and respect of all whom he associated with during the long sanguinary struggle. Mr. Johnson's service embraced action in many of the most hotly contested engagements of the Civil War; he was

often in the thickest of the fight regardless of his own personal safety, and inspiring his fellowmen by his courage and daring. He is today a prominent member of the G. A. R.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage in Taylorville, Ill., October 6, 1859, to Nancy J. Hayward. She was born in Christian County in 1841, a daughter of Robert Hayward, born in Connecticut. He came to Christian County in the pioneer days and followed farming. Her mother, Indianne, was born on the road from Indiana to Illinois in the early days, hence the name. Her parents were natives of Indiana. To this union nine children were born: William H., born in Christian County, July 25, 1861, married and lives in Great Falls, Mont., has four children, one daughter Essie and three sons,—Earl, Olin and Gerald; George L., born in Sangamon County, died November 4, 1896; Elma, lives in North Dakota, married, had one daughter, Elma, who lives in North Dakota; Cyrus E., born in Christian County, January 1, 1878, married, has two boys,—Orville and Elmer, —lives in Idaho; Oscar D., born in Christian County, March, 1880, married and has four children,—Russell, Genevia, Ruth and Esther,—lives in Idaho; Omer E. born in Christian County, February, 1883, married and has three children,—Elvin, Ernest and Luella,—lives in Canyon County, Idaho; Mary, deceased, born in Christian County; Myranda, deceased, born in Christian County; Eliza Catherine, born in Christian County, married William Pierratt of Sangamon County, has two children,—Roy and Clarence; Lulu M., born in Christian County, married to John W. Buddenhagen of Lockport, N. Y., lives in Springfield, Ill., has two children,—Harold, born August 23, 1903, and Helen, born December 25, 1907.

Mr. Johnson has been one of the best known stockmen in Sangamon and Christian counties, and Southern Illinois, having been in that business for thirty years, beginning when this was all grazing land, and only one railroad, the Wabash, which ran on wagon tires. He has used wood mold board plows with which he cultivated his fields. Mr. Johnson enjoyed a stanch friendship with President Lincoln, and his first vote was cast for him. He was always a Republican and has always taken an active part in politics. While Mr. Johnson is a member of the Methodist Church, he has many friends in all denominations. Perhaps one of his most marked characteristics is his loyalty which is manifested in his citizenship, and in all his social relations as well as his home life. In his family, he is generous, kind and loving, manifesting all the attributes of a devoted husband and father. He has a charming personality, and enjoys the highest respect of his fellow men.

JOHNSON, James P.—The change in land values in Illinois during the past thirty or forty years has been remarkable; the discovery of coal and oil have not only done their share towards sending up the prices, but have attracted vast industries from other parts of the country; eager to secure suitable locations for their plants and factories. None have been in a better position to note these changes than those who have dealt in real estate during this period, and one who has watched the values rise year by year, for over a third of a century, is James P. Johnson, of No. 323 South Spring Street, Springfield, who has been a resident of the Capital City for over twenty years. He was born at Athens, Athens County, Ohio, June 30, 1844, a son of Henry M. and Margaret (Campbell) Johnson, a grandson of Andrew Johnson.

Henry M. Johnson was a native of Ohio, a tailor by occupation, and in politics first a Whig and later an ardent Republican. In 1849, coming fo Illinois with a team and bringing his family, he had reached a point in Jersey County, when his horses in some manner got away and found their way back to the old home in Ohio. They were promptly returned by an uncle, who rode horseback the entire journey for that purpose. Mr. Johnson located at Jerseyville and worked at his trade some years, but later removed to Virden, where he lived until 1904 and then went to live with a daughter, Mrs. Wyatt, where his death occurred in 1908, when eighty-seven years old. Mrs. Johnson passed away in Virden in 1883, when forty-eight years old. They were the parents of five children, namely: James P.; John, Samuel and William, all deceased; Ada, deceased; and Maggie, Mrs. Charles E. Wyatt, of Springfield. Samuel was a scout with Gen. Crook.

James P. Johnson was five years old when the family came from Ohio, and his education was secured in the schools of Jerseyville, Ill. When seventeen years of age he accompanied his parents to Virden, and in August, 1862, when not quite eighteen years of age, enlisted for three years as a private of Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Second Division, Second Brigade, Sixteenth Army Corps, and with this company took part in numerous battles, marches and skirmishes. At Trenton, Tenn., he was captured by guerillas and was about to be hanged—indeed the noose had already been thrown around his neck—when the timely arrival of Union troops allowed him to escape, but only for a time, for while making his way back to his command he was again captured, this time by General Forest, and was taken to Parker's Cross Roads. After the battle at this point he was paroled and sent to Benton Barracks, and when orders came to exchange all prisoners he was sent back to his regiment, then stationed at Corinth, Miss. He next participated in the battle of Paducah and at Nashville, and finally in the last battle of the war, at Mobile. Mr. Johnson, who was the second tallest man in his company, had a war record that was second to none and his honorable discharge took place at Mobile on August 10, 1865. On his

return to Illinois he engaged in farming for a time and then established himself in the real estate business in Macomb County, whence he came to Springfield in 1890. He owns several valuable pieces of property, including a farm of forty-one acres located near Chatham Square, and he has engineered some of the largest deals in real estate that have taken place here during the last two decades.

Mr. Johnson was married in February, 1866, to Miss Catherine Lumsden, a member of an old pioneer family of Virden, and a daughter of James Lumsden, of Scotch nativity, and Mary (Utt) Lumsden, whose brother, John Utt, sank the first coal shaft in Macoupin County. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson there were born three children: Carrie, who married Horace Brooks; Bert, who is engaged in farming; and Myra, who died at the age of sixteen years. The son is a member of the Masons and the Odd Fellows. Mr. Johnson is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics is a Republican. In addition to being a popular comrade of Stephenson Post No. 30, Grand Army of the Republic, he is connected with the Woodmen.

JOHNSON, John, a miner living at 1213 Ledlie Avenue, Springfield, is a representative and public-spirited citizen, and has lived in his present home, which he owns, for the past 38 years. He was born in County Westmeath, Ireland, January 14, 1836, and is a son of Michael and Julia (Coffey) Johnson, both natives of the same county. He received his education in the country schools near Dublin and afterwards worked on a farm. The parents spent their entire lives in Ireland. They had three sons and two daughters, all of whom are deceased except the subject of this sketch. One brother served in the Fourteenth English Regiment in the War with Russia, and was killed in service.

As a young man John Johnson worked on a railroad near Dublin, and in 1862 came to America, landing in Portland, Me. He at once came West, stopping a short time in Chicago, then came on to Springfield. He lived two years at Riverton, Ill., worked one year as a wood-chopper in Macoupin County, in 1865 moved to Oakland, Christian County, where he spent a short time on a farm. He then went to Louisiana and began working on a boat that ran from St. Louis to Lake Providence, remaining there until 1867, when he returned to Springfield and began working on the reservoir, which stands in the northeast part of the city. He spent a short time farming, was engaged in mining fifteen years, in teaming another fifteen years, then returned to mining and has followed this occupation since. Mr. Johnson has always been of honest, industrious habits and character, and has the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has had dealings. He is a member of St. Joseph's Parish, Roman Catholic Church, and in politics is a Democrat. He was a member of the old Volunteer Fire Department. During his residence in the city he has witnessed many changes and has watched the city expand and improve.

Mr. Johnson was married, in Springfield, January 13, 1873, to Miss Helen Rourke, who was born in County Westmeath, Ireland, in 1844. Mr. and Mrs. Rourke had one son and five daughters, all of whom are dead except Mrs. Johnson. Two sons and two daughters were born to Mr. Johnson and his wife, namely: a son and a daughter deceased; Anna L., a proofreader for the "Illinois State Register," and John J., both living at home.

JOHNSON, Niels R.—Few, if any, men who come from Denmark fail in their undertakings. There seems to be something in the very fiber of these hardy sons of the North that makes failure impossible. They never shrink from work, no matter how hard it may be, and combined with their industry is the faculty of saving. Once they have the money they know how to invest it so as to gain a good return, and gradually they become wealthy, while others who appear to have had the same chances drop out of the race. One of these prosperous men of Danish birth is Niels R. Johnson, a farmer of Springfield Township, Sangamon County. He was born September 29, 1858, a son of John and Christina (Hanson) Johnson, farming people. In 1881 John Johnson brought his family to America, following Niels, who had come in 1879. The father settled in northern Iowa, where he farmed until 1907, when he came to Springfield, which continues to be his home. His wife died May 30, 1907. There were two sons and one daughter: John, of northern Iowa; Mrs. Pauline Handberg, of Springfield, and Niels.

Niels Johnson was educated in Denmark, and was early taught to work. He learned the carpenter's trade in addition to farming, and had some experience in both lines before he came to America. Landing in New York, he came direct to Springfield, arriving here May 10, 1879. Immediately he found employment in a dairy, and later embarked in a milk and dairy business for himself, conducting it very successfully until he bought a farm. He purchased ninety acres at one time and 171 acres another, making a total of 261 acres, all of it being in Woodside Township, where he is engaged in general farming, with special attention to dairying. Few men have achieved more in the same length of time than this once poor lad, for in addition to his fine farm Mr. Johnson owns stock in coal mines in Illinois and is otherwise interested in properties which yield good incomes.

Mr. Johnson was married in Springfield October 14, 1886, to Minnie Wenneborg, born in Germany February 21, 1864, but brought to America at the age of three years by her father, Otto Wenneborg. He and his wife are now living retired in Springfield. The children of this family are: Mrs. Johnson; Mrs. Anna

Steffen, of Springfield; Mrs. Mary Speidel, of Quincy, Ill., and Otto, of Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have had five children: Otto C., Paul L., Ella C., Carrie and Wilbert N. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Lutheran Church, as are all the family. He is a Republican and has served as School Director for a number of years, as well as Highway Commissioner one term. He is one of the most responsible men of his locality and enjoys unlimited confidence and esteem from his neighbors.

JOHNSTON, James H., a veteran of the Civil War and a highly respected citizen of Illiopolis, Ill., was born in Richmond, Va., February 16, 1837, a son of John Johnston, a native of Scotland, who was a brickmason by trade. The father came to America in an early day and located in Richmond, where he lived for several years, then moved to Illinois and located near Danville, Vermilion County, but later returned to Virginia, where his death ocurred. His youngest child, James H., subject of this sketch, is the only survivor of the family. The latter began his education in Richmond and continued it in Vermilion County. He learned the harness-making trade in boyhood, worked at it a short time and then learned the trade of barber, at which he worked several years. At the time of the gold fever he went to California and remained several years prospecting. He returned to Illinois and later to Richmond, where he remained but a short time, then coming back to Sangamon County. He later lived in Springfield about a year, about a year in Logan County, and conducted a barber shop for over thirty years in Illiopolis, Ill. He suffered a paralytic stroke in 1900 and since then has lived retired from active business.

Mr. Johnston enlisted in Company C, Twentieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, as a musician, and served the remainder of the war. He took part in the battle of Gettysburg and many other notable engagements, and was wounded once. He discharged his duty with credit to himself and his company, and won the respect and esteem of his comrades. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. He has been successful in business and owns a comfortable home in Illiopolis. He draws a good pension and, though in poor health, is contented and happy, and wants for nothing. He has many friends and enjoys the good will of his neighbors and acquaintances.

Mr. Johnston was married, in Sangamon County, October 20, 1868, to Hester A. May, a native of the county, who was born May 10, 1851, daughter of Anderson W. May, a native of Ohio, who came to Sangamon County at an early day, and spent the remainder of his life on a farm near Rochester, where his death occurred, December 24, 1875. His wife who was born in Clermont County, Ohio, died April 20, 1901. Eight daughters were born to Mr. May and wife, of whom three survive besides Mrs. Johnston. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston had eleven children, of whom five are now living: John E., of Denver, Col.; Nora, wife of Charles Romick, of Whitehouse, Ohio; Fred R., of Decatur, Ill.; Bessie, wife of Charles Benvenuto, of Niantic, Ill.; Emi M., at home, teaching school near Lowder, Ill. There are four grandchildren in the family.

JONES, Elijah.—The highest meed of admiration is given to the veterans, even when the most selfish of times are at hand, because of the fact that they proved themselves ready to give up their lives for an unselfish love of country, and devotion to their flag which waved above them. The good soldier, although stimulated by his patriotism, suffered untold agony, and to his eyes, dimmed by pain, the glory of conflict did not appear nearly as great as the soothing realization that he had done his full duty, and exhibited great moral and physical courage. One of the honored veterans of Springfield is Elijah Jones, Senior Vice Commander of Stephenson Post, No. 30, Grand Army of the Republic. He is now living retired at No. 817 Governor Street, Springfield.

Mr. Jones was born January 1, 1842, in Barren County, Ky., a son of Martin and Lucinda (Wilson) Jones, the latter being the second wife of Martin Jones. While residing in Kentucky, Martin Jones was a slave owner, but on account of his views and the subject of slavery, left that State and came to Illinois. A few years later he returned to Kentucky, where he married, but in 1852 returned to Illinois, locating on a farm near Mattoon. Mr. Jones was married three times, first to a Miss Webb. After the death of his second wife, Lucy Wilson, he married Nancy Chandler. In 1861, he retired from active labor, although he resided on the farm with his son until his demise in 1867. He was the father of fifteen children, of whom Elijah Jones is the youngest.

The educational advantages of Commander Jones were limited to ten months in Kentucky, and several winter sessions in Illinois, and at the same time he did a man's work on the farm. On July 13, 1861, he enlisted for three years in the First Illinois Cavalry, and re-enlisted as a veteran, January 1, 1864, in Company A, Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being made a corporal of his company. At the first battle, Lexington, Mo., he was taken prisoner. He was wounded in a skirmish while crossing the river from Little Rock, by a minie ball, in the left leg. At the time, it was thought he had recovered sufficiently to rejoin his regiment, and he participated in the second fight at Corinth; was in the Siege of Vicksburg, the taking of Little Rock, and other less important engagements. He was finally mustered out and honorably discharged in October, 1865, after four years and three months' service.

Returning home, like many others, he resumed farming, but two years later opened a grocery at Mattoon, conducting it for three years. For the next two years, he was a commercial traveler, finally coming to Springfield in 1883, in connection with the State Board of

Health. Becoming interested in coal mining, he was superintendent of a mine for four years. All this time, however, he was bothered by his wound, and finally was compelled to submit to amputation in consequence of the wound he had received in his left leg at Little Rock twenty-five years previous. He retired, and is in comfortable circumstances. The government has endeavored in a small measure to recompense him by paying him a moderate pension, but nothing will restore his lost member or give him back the years of suffering which sapped his strength and saddened his days. He has been very active in Stevenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R., and is now Senior Vice Commander. Ever since he cast his first vote, he has been a loyal Republican. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and formerly was a Methodist, but now is connected with no church organization.

In November, 1866, the young hero of many battles was married to Emeline Hart, of Paradise, Ill., daughter of Joseph B. Hart. She died in Springfield, January 29, 1901, having borne him ten children, five of whom died in childhood. Those living are: Joseph W., of Springfield, married Sue E. Tucker of Decatur; Kate, Mrs. Alva Davis of Carthage, Ill.; V. H., of Springfield, married Lillian Myers; Gertrude, unmarried, and Forest Magnolia, Mrs. Samuel Nayler of Carthage, Ill. Mr. Jones is one of the most genial of men, notwithstanding his affliction, and he has done a man's work in a man's way, and made many warm, personal friends.

JONES, George W., a prominent citizen of Riverton, Ill., and a civil employe of the Civil War, has lived in Riverton for the past forty-four years. He was born in Prince George County, Md., October 17, 1844, a son of Charles B. and Ann (Wilson) Jones, both natives of Maryland. The father was a farmer and machinist, and both he and his wife died in their native State. They were parents of six sons and four daughters, and seven children are now living, all in the East except George W. The father was of Welsh parentage.

George W. Jones received his education in his native county and in his boyhood, worked for a time in a machine shop. At the time of the war he went to Washington and secured a position driving a wagon for the Government, going to the front and serving in this post nine months. He was at Fredericksburg, Va., at the time General McClellan was in front of Richmond. From Fredericksburg he went to Washington and secured employment with the Government in that city. He remained at this post until ten months prior to the close of the war, when he became a member of an army construction corps, serving in that capacity until the close of the struggle.

He next secured a position as wagon master and took charge of a wagon train for the Government which started from Washington in the fall of 1865 and came over the old National Road to Springfield, going through Frederick, Md., Columbus, Indianapolis and Terre Haute. At Springfield the outfit was sold by the Government. At that time the Leland hotel was in course of construction and he secured a position on this building for a short time. He was also for twenty-five years connected with the Riverton Coal Company and other coal mining companies as engineer, and is at present employed as engineer for the Springfield Coal Mining Company.

Mr. Jones has always been active and energetic and has made good use of his opportunities to better himself and promote the interests submitted to his care. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and in politics is a Republican. He has the esteem and confidence of his townsmen and has served on both the Town and School Boards for a number of years. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen and has a large number of friends. He has spent the larger portion of his life in Sangamon county, where he is well known, and has a reputation for integrity and reliability. He owns a very pleasant home in Riverton, besides other property.

Mr. Jones was married in Joliet, Ill., in 1878 to Catherine Hingy, a native of Canada, whose parents settled at Joliet and spent the remainder of their lives there. Four sons and two daughters were born to Mr. Jones and his wife, and four of their children still survive: George E. of Joliet; Ellis, also of Joliet; Hillary and Stella, at home. There are also two grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Jones well remembers Abraham Lincoln, having frequently seen him in Washington and in Frederick, Md., during the war.

JONES, Oscar D.—Some of the farmers of Sangamon County have so prospered in their operations that they are abe to retire from active labor and live in ease and comfort. One of the men who has gained a comfortable competence from his farm land is Oscar D. Jones, who was born in Louisa County, Va., November 21, 1860, a son of David G. and Mary (Walker) Jones, both being born in the same county as their son. The father was a farmer and never came west, his death occurring in 1871. During the War of 1812, he was a brave and loyal soldier. His father, the grandfather of Oscar D. Jones, was born in England and was a Revolutionary soldier. The mother died in 1902. By the first marriage of David G. Jones there were the following children: Langdon; Spottswood; Mary, wife of James Williams, a farmer; Jane, wife of David Bunch of Virginia; and Caroline. By his second marriage there were these children: Nannie; Oscar D.; and Mattie, wife of Frank Stewart, lives at Berkard, Ill.

After receiving a good common school education, Oscar D. Jones worked for his father on the farm, until he was twenty-two years old. At that time he came to Fancy Prairie, Menard County, Ill., and spent fifteen years farming. In 1905, he came to Springfield, building his beautiful two-story residence on

two acres of land. In addition to this he owns a large tract of land which he leases, and is in very comfortable circumstances.

On June 8, 1894, Mr. Jones was married in Louisa County, Va., by the Rev. J. J. Roads of the Methodist Church, to Sallie Boyd, born in Louisa County, Va., July 6, 1876. Her father survives, but her mother died February 15, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Jones became the parents of the following children, Edith Virginia, born March 30, 1905, and Mary Louisa, born February 8, 1907. In politics Mr. Jones is a Democrat. He belongs to the Methodist Church and is one of its most loyal supporters. All his life Mr. Jones has endeavored to live according to his faith, and has not only succeeded in business, but has attached many friends to him because of his kindly nature and ready sympathy.

JONES, Owen W., of Mechanicsburg Township, Sangamon County, has spent his entire life on the farm he now owns and occupies, where he was born, March 9, 1868. He is a son of E. W. and Margaret A. (Campbell) Jones, the former born at Wheeling, W. Va., and the latter near Frankfort, Ky., he a son of William Jones, and she a daughter of J. J. Campbell, of Kentucky. The grandfather was a soldier in the Union army, and after the Civil War came to Charleston, Ill., later locating in Mechanicsburg Township. The father of Owen W. Jones located in Clear Lake Township, was married in Springfield in 1862, then purchased a farm in Mechanicsburg Township, which he cleared and improved. He originally had fifty-one and three-fourths acres, all in timber, but added to his land from time to time until he owned seventy-two acres. He died on this farm March 4, 1907, and his widow died in August, 1908. They were parents of children as follows: J. J., of Mechanicsburg; Owen W.; Eva, Mrs. Fred Cass, of Buffalo Hart Township.

In boyhood Owen W. Jones attended the district school, and he was reared to agricultural pursuits. He owns twenty and one-half acres of the home farm and rents 100 acres additional, carrying on general farming and raising cattle and hogs. He was married, December 24, 1889, to Abigail Law, born in Cooper Township, Sangamon County, daughter of Thomas Law, who was born in Tennessee, and his wife in Clear Lake Township. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones: Shelby, Melvin and Bessie, all at home.

Mr. Jones has taken an active interest in affairs in his community and served twelve years as Highway Commissioner and one term as School Director in Mechanicsburg Township. He is a Republican in politics and a public-spirited, representative citizen. He belongs to Lodge No. 323, I. O. O. F., and No. 559, K. of P., of Mechanicsburg, also to I. O. R. M. Chicopee Tribe No. 556. He is well known and highly esteemed in his neighborhood, where his entire life has been spent, and is successful in his farming operations.

JONES, Samuel T.—Samuel T. Jones, better known as "Thornt Jones," needs no special introduction to the readers of this book, not only because at the present time he is serving his third term as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, but also because he has been one of the leading representatives of the stock-raising interests in Illinois. In this connection he has gained a very wide acquaintance and his reputation extends beyond the boundaries of the State.

Mr. Jones was born in Logan County, Ill., on March 7, 1860 and at eleven months old was brought to Sangamon County by his parents, John R. and Mary A. Jones of Williamsville, this county. He acquired his education in the public schools of Williamsville and in 1877 spent one year as a student in the State Normal at Emporia, Kan. In 1878, in order to still further advance his education, he matriculated in the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Ill. where he pursued a scientific course covering four years being thus well equipped for important and responsible duties in business life. From that time S. T. Jones has been industriously and actively connected with live-stock breeding, the raising of both horses and cattle, and he is to-day considered among the leading live-stock judges of the State. In connection with his brother, M. E. Jones, he carried on an extensive stock-raising business, making a specialty of pure bred stock. They were breeders of registered shorthorn cattle, made displays of their stock only at National and State Shows, and at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago they showed three herds, two pure bred and one grade herd, taking first and second prizes on pure bred two years old, first on pure bred yearling, and first and second on pure bred calves, first on grade two years old steer, second on grade yearling steer and first on grade calf, sweep-stakes on two-year old, yearling and calf, pure bred, and grand sweep-stakes, open to all ages and breeds, on the steer Banner Bearer. All of these animals were bred on the Jones farms. Mr. Jones also bred the dam and granddam of Banner Bearer. At the close of the Columbian Exposition in 1893 he sold his interest to his brother, who still conducts a large stock business. A few years later he entered the employ of J. F. Prather and Company (bankers) in the capacity of assistant cashier. There he remained until elected to the position he now holds, being the only Republican elected to that office in over forty years.

Samuel T. Jones' father, John R. Jones, was born in Louisa County, Va., December 18, 1827, and is of Welsh descent. His paternal great-grandfather came to this county from Wales at an early day. His father, Samuel Jones, was also a native of Louisa County, Va., and a son of Henson Jones. The former grew to man-

hood in that county and married Lucy Desper, a daughter of Isom Desper, who was also a representative of an early Virginian family. John R. Jones' father moved to Ohio in 1831 locating in Ross County, that State, and died in 1845, his wife dying in 1841. John R. Jones married Miss Mary A. Talbott January 24, 1856. She was born in Ohio, of which State her parents, Thornton and Louisa (Welch) Talbott were natives.

On the 22nd day of January, 1884, in Williamsville, Samuel T. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Annabell Brittin, a daughter of Evans E. and Elizabeth (Ridgeway) Brittin. Her grandfather, Evans E. Brittin, Sr., was born October 28, 1791, in Buck County, Pa. His mother moved to Virginia and from there to Ohio in 1800. He was married in 1818 to Mary J. England and they established their home in what is now Sangamon County. They had eight children, of this number Evans E. Brittin, Jr., being fifth in order of birth. He was born November 26, 1829, and married Melissa Peeler, by whom he had two children. After her death he wedded Elizabeth Ridgeway, and unto them five children were born, Annabell, the first, being born January 22, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Jones have two daughters, Grace and Mabel, who now reside with their parents.

Fraternally Mr. Jones is a member of the Blue Lodge of Masons in Williamsville; Sangamo Lodge of Perfection, Fourteenth Degree, in Springfield; Oriental Consistory of S. P. R. S., Thirty-second Degree Masons, Chicago; Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Chicago; Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; Modern Woodmen of America; The Court of Honor; Yeomen of America, and is a member of Sangamo Club and the Chamber of Commerce, Springfield, Ill. He has ever been reliable in business and throughout his business career he has followed progressive methods. The same characteristics have been manifest in his official service and have made him one of the worthy representatives of the public affairs in Sangamon County.

JORDAN, Mrs. Elsie P.—Some of the most prosperous landowners of Sangamon County are women who have inherited their property from father or husband, and being left in charge of affairs, display a creditable amount of business sense and ability in attending to them. One of these is Mrs. Elsie P. Jordan, widow of the late Marion A. Jordan, who was born in Sangamon County, near Glenarm, now her home, Jan. 30, 1852, being a daughter of Josiah Lard. The latter was born in Missouri, May 19, 1819, and was a farmer by occupation, coming to Illinois with his parents in 1836. On September 22, 1842, he married Jemima Jane Crowder, born in Hardin County, Ky., June 5, 1825, but brought to Sangamon County by her parents in 1833. There were six children in the Lard family: John J., Lydia A., Sarah L., Elsie P., George R. and Martha A. His first wife dying, Mr. Lard married, in 1855, Millie Funderburk, born in 1835.

Mrs. Jordan was educated in Ball Township, remaining at home until her marriage to Thomas H. Jackson, in Springfield, Ill., September 9, 1873. He was born in Scott County, Ill., May 10, 1853. They settled on a farm in Ball Township, and lived there until the death of Mr. Jackson, on May 11, 1882. His remains are interred in Stout Cemetery. The children born of this marriage were: Nora, born February 8, 1875, died in October, 1878, and two who died in infancy, while those living are: William H., born May 30, 1878; Minnie J., born February 16, 1880, and Thomas A., born June 3, 1882, all still at home. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Jackson continued for a year on the farm, then moved to Springfield where she spent two years. There she was married by Judge Matthews to Marion A. Jordan, on January 11, 1886. Moving back to the farm, they remained on it until 1888, when they came to Glenarm, where Mr. Jordan went into the grocery business, continuing until his death, January 30, 1894. He was buried in the same cemetery as her first husband. There were three children by the second marriage: Marie, born October 27, 1887, married Edward Newlin, May 8, 1905, and they live in Los Angeles, Cal.; Bessie M., born October 3, 1890, is at home as also is Orlo A., born May 21, 1894. Mrs. Jordan still conducts her husband's grocery business, and owns two fine farms in Sangamon County. She is a lady of exceptional business ability, and under her able care, the grocery maintains the same standard as when Mr. Jordan was alive. At the same time she has found time to cultivate fraternal associations, belonging to the Court of Honor, District Court No. 338, and the Royal Circle No. 316, both of Glenarm. Her husband was a member of the Modern Woodmen. She is one who makes friends everywhere and is loved by a wide circle of appreciative friends, who appreciate her excellent qualities and admire her business acumen.

JORDAN, Jacob, an honored veteran of the Civil War, is a retired farmer and well-known citizen of the village of Chatham, Ill., Mr. Jordan was born in Anderson County, Ky., where he was reared and educated, and in boyhood learned the details of farming, which he adopted as an occupation when he started out in the world for himself. He is a son of Isaac and Zerelda (Serrey) Jordan, the former born in Virginia, in 1796, and the latter a native of Kentucky. The father moved from Virginia to Kentucky as a young man and became a farmer in Anderson County. Zerelda Serrey's parents were natives of Kentucky, where their entire lives were spent.

After receiving his education Jacob Jordan took up agricultural pursuits, and August 22, 1862, enlisted in Company K, Ninth Kentucky Cavalry, at Eminence, Ky., where he was mustered out at the end of one year. He re-enlisted, January 15, 1864, in Company D, Fifty-

fourth United States Infantry, at Louisville, where he was also mustered out in September, 1865. He served the first time under Captain William Edwards, and the second time under Captain L. D. Brown, being mustered in by Gen. John M. Palmer. He took part in the Battle of Richmond, October 8, 1862, and helped drive Bragg away from Perryville; fought against John Morgan July 4, 1862, in Kentucky, and followed him twenty-four days through Indiana and Ohio and captured him in the latter State, participating in many skirmishes. Near the close of the war Mr. Jordan spent about four months fighting guerrillas in the Kentucky mountains, and during this time suffered many hardships and had many narrow escapes, one of their most troublesome enemies being Ben Frohman. Mr. Jordan won a very creditable record during his service and was never captured or wounded. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

After the war Mr. Jordan returned to his native State, and in November, 1879, moved from Kentucky to Chatham, Ill., which has since been his home. He was married, in Anderson County, Ky., February, 1859, to Miss Sarah E. Rucker, a native of Anderson County, born October 6, 1843, daughter of Ezekiel and Rebecca (Cummings) Rucker, both natives of Kentucky. Her father was a soldier in the Mexican War and died in the city of Mexico, after which his widow lived many years on the farm in Kentucky. Mrs. Rucker moved to Chatham, Ill., in 1871, and there her death occurred in August, 1892. Mrs. Jordan had two brothers who served in the Civil War, one of whom was killed in service and the other is in the Soldiers' Home at Danville, Ill. During the time her husband was in the army Mrs. Jordan supported two children on the farm and for two winters hauled and chopped her own wood. She spun and wove the cloth for her family in her early married life. She and her husband had one son in the Spanish-American War. Sixteen children were born to this couple, as follows: Isaac S., born in Kentucky, October 24, 1859; Annie B., September 8, 1861; Richard T., April 18, 1863; John C., September 30, 1864; Ulysses S., July 25, 1866; Lillie M., September 26, 1868; Hattie S., July 17, 1870; William O., April 25, 1872; James P., February 14, 1874; Russell, August 14, 1876; Columbus, September 2, 1877; Raleigh W., May 7, 1879; twins, born September 25, 1881, lived but a short time; Lena M., born March 28, 1882; Seaburt R., July 16, 1884. Of these children ten survive, seven sons and three daughters. This is one of Sangamon County's largest families and all its members are highly respected by those who know them.

Mr. Jordan is a member of the Christian Church and is a stanch Republican. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs and has served many times as Road Commissioner and Village Trustee. He was a successful farmer and has for several years been retired from active life.

JORDAN, Winfield S., a substantial agriculturist of Sangamon County, who is carrying on operations on his well-cultivated tract of forty acres in Section 13, Cooper Township, was born in Lawrenceburg, Anderson County, Ky., June 3, 1843, a son of Isaac and Sorrendo (Sercey) Jordan, farming people of Kentucky, where both spent their entire lives. They were the parents of ten children, of whom the following survive: Mrs. Martha Caruthers, residing in Kentucky; Jacob, living in Chatham, Ill., John, of Franklin County, Ky., James, of Lexington, Ky., and Winfield S. All of the brothers of Mr. Jordan served throughout the Civil War.

Winfield S. Jordan was educated in Kentucky, and in his boyhood worked on the home farm. When the Civil War broke out, young Jordan was fired with patriotism, and eventually, in 1863, enlisted from Frankfort, Ky., in Company G, Thirtieth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until 1865, participating in many battles, among which were Perryville and Cynthiana, Ky., and Salt Works, Va., the latter being the place where Col. Breckenridge was captured. After the close of the war, during which Mr. Jordan made a gallant record, he returned home, and after his marriage was engaged in farming for a time. He then moved to Chatham, Ill., where for about ten years he was engaged in farming, and then moved to Glenarm, where he entered the employ of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad Company, continuing in their service for five years and then removing to Springfield, where he worked for three years in the rolling mills. After five years spent in farming in Christian County, Mr. Jordan moved to Cooper Township, Sangamon County, where he has since carried on agricultural operations, although for short periods he has lived in Mt. Auburn, Rochester and Springfield. He is a Republican in politics and his religious connection is with the Methodist Church.

Mr. Jordan was married in Anderson County, Ky., in 1880, to Elizabeth Humes, who was born in Washington County, Ky., and to this union there were born two children, of whom one survives, Isaac, who is engaged in farming near Springfield. Mrs. Jordan died September 17, 1895, and on September 17, 1897, Mr. Jordan took for his second wife Mary Dobson, who was born in Missouri in 1864. Her parents, who were farming people of Missouri, moved to Illinois and settled in Sangamon County, where the remainder of their lives were spent. Mrs. Jordan is a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

JUDD, George, who owns a nice farm of thirty acres on the edge of the city of Springfield, Ill., has spent his entire life in this vicinity. He was born in Springfield, April 17, 1849, a son

of Evi and Paulina (Southwick) Judd, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of New York State. The father came to America as a young man and spent a few years at Montreal, Canada, coming to Springfield in 1838. He entered land from the Government and carried on farming and also worked at his trade of brick mason, making his home at Springfield until his death, April 16, 1870. He took part in the Mormon War. His wife died at Carlinville, May 14, 1869.

Mr. Judd was educated in Springfield public schools and in youth worked on his father's farm. For eleven years he worked in the brick yard for John Lauterbach, then took up teaming and followed that occupation three years, following which he spent thirteen years at the Black Diamond Coal Mine, and eleven years since he bought his present home and the small fertile farm he has so successfully cultivated. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church and active in its good work, and in politics he is a Republican. He has many warm friends in the city and stands well with all who have had any dealings with him. He was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and had much respect for him and his principles.

October 29, 1874, Mr. Judd was married in Springfield, to Helen Fitch, born in Jackson County, Ohio, November 8, 1852, daughter of Stephen A. Fitch, also a native of that State. Mr. Fitch was a carpenter by trade and died in Ohio, where he had spent his entire life, in 1856. His widow later came to Springfield, and died, at the home of Mrs. Judd, in 1881. Four children were born to Mr. Judd and wife, of whom three now survive: Anna, wife of Charles Bryant, of Springfield, who conducts a dairy; Nancy A., married James Thompson, a miner, and she conducts a grocery store on Laurel Street, Springfield; James, a miner living in Springfield. There are eleven grandchildren in the family. Mr. Judd's comfortable home is pleasantly located on the southwestern corner of Fourth and Ash Streets.

JUDD, Marquis L., a retired farmer of Dawson, Sangamon County, comes of old American families which have proven themselves reliable in times of public peril in successive generations. His parents were Rezin and Eve (Shinkle) Judd, natives respectively of Kentucky and Ohio. The father emigrated with his parents from Kentucky to Ohio when he was five years old. The family settled in Clermont county, that state and lived there twenty-eight years. When they removed from Ohio to Illinois, making the journey by wagon, and passing through the woods and unbridged streams, they found the "new country" plentifully peopled by Indians. They acquired 208 acres of government land two miles east of Clear Lake, where they made improvements and farmed until 1857. In 1858 they traded their land for houses and a stock of merchandise at Dawson, where the elder Judd died in 1876, aged seventy-four years, and his widow in 1888, aged eighty-four years. They had ten children, four of whom are living at this time. William W., the eldest, manages a store in Dawson, Ill.; Margaret E. (Judd) Alls, born February 13, 1839, lives at Roby, Ill.; Rezin A. V., agent for the Illinois Traction System at Dawson, was born December 16, 1846; Marquis L., born December 23, 1841.

Marquis L. Judd was reared on his father's farm and acquired his education in the public schools near his home. He was employed on his father's place most of the time until the family removed to Dawson. His father enlisted in Company F, Seventieth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil War, but was taken sick before the muster. Marquis then took his place in the company, was mustered in and served under Captain Cummings, being mustered out at the end of his term of three months and honorably discharged. Later he took part in the operations before Vicksburg, Miss., in 1863.

Mr. Judd was variously employed during his active years. Some of the time he farmed with considerable success. He was the first carrier of Dawson Rural Delivery Route No. 21, which he drove for six years. Previously he was in the employ of a coal company for a considerable time. He is a Republican and a Methodist. In Masonic circles he is known as a member of Dawson Lodge No. 556, Free and Accepted Masons, and is also a member of the allied Order of the Eastern Star. He has never married.

Mr. Judd is the owner of considerable property near Dawson and is popular and influential in his community.

JUDD, Rezin A. V., agent of the Illinois Traction Company at Dawson, is one of the trusted men of that corporation, and has proven his worth through years of steadfast endeavor. He was born in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, December 16, 1846, a son of Rezin and Eve (Shinkle) Judd, the former born in Mason County, Ky., December 26, 1798, and the latter in Brown County, Ohio, December 2, 1804. The father went to Ohio from Kentucky when only five years of age, being taken there by his parents, and Brown County, of that State, remained the family home until 1826, when migration was made to Sangamon County and settlement effected eight and one-half miles east of Springfield, in Clear Lake Township. In 1857 removal was made to Dawson, where the father conducted a store, and there he died in 1873. His widow survived him until 1888. William Judd, grandfather of Rezin A. V. Judd, founded the family in this country, coming from his native land, Wales, while on the maternal side the origin was of German stock. Ten children were born to Rezin and Eve Judd, six sons and four daughters, of whom there are three surviving sons, all residents of Dawson: R. A. V.; William W., a grocer; and Marquis, retired; and

a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Alls, of Roby, Christian County, Ill.

Rezin A. V. Judd grew up in Clear Lake Township, where he was educated, and found employment for his boyish energies on his father's farm. Upon reaching maturity he engaged in farming for himself, being thus engaged for many years. He also clerked for his father, and finally entered the employ of the Illinois Traction Company, where he has proved to be the right man in the right place. He is a Democrat in politics. Fraternally he belongs to Dawson Lodge No. 712, Modern Woodmen, and Dawson Lodge No. 556, A. F. & A. M., being a member of the council of the former, and was secretary of the latter, as well as Junior Warden. The Methodist Church of Dawson holds his membership.

The marriage of Mr. Judd took place in Fulton County, Ill., March 23, 1876, when he was united with Sarah Bolander, born in that county, April 24, 1850, daughter of Stephen Bolander, a native of Ohio. Mr. Bolander was married in Ohio to one of that State's native daughters, and with his father-in-law moved to Fulton County in its early days, locating on a farm, which he developed into a valuable property. Both he and his wife are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Judd are the parents of one daughter, Nellie, who lives with her parents. Mr. Judd owns his beautiful home in Dawson, where he and his family enjoy all the comforts of urban life without any of its disagreeable features. He is a man of influence in his community and has earned the prosperity which has attended his efforts.

KABURECK, George, District Manager for the National Protective Legion, of Waverly, N. Y., having charge of the work in twelve counties in Illinois, has been a resident of Springfield, Ill., for several years and has been connected with his present line of work since August, 1907. Mr. Kabureck was born near Paderborn, St. Clair County, Ill., November 10, 1883, and is a son of Albert and Elizabeth (Rapp) Kabureck, who have lived on a farm there since their marriage. They reared a family of seven children. George Kabureck was reared on his father's farm and attended the district school from the age of six to twelve years, then worked for his father until he was seventeen years old, when he spent the year 1899-1900 in the business college conducted by Prof. Joseph P. Foeller, at Belleville, Ill.

Upon leaving school Mr. Kabureck was employed as bookkeeper, collector and city salesman for Joseph Leopold & Brother, a wholesale liquor house of Belleville, where he worked from November 19, 1901, until September 1, 1905. He then accepted a position with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, for which he worked until August 6, 1907, when he joined the National Protective Legion and was employed by it as Assistant District Manager until September 1, 1908, since which time he has been District Manager. He has been very successful in advancing the interests of the order and his wife has for some time served as Secretary of Capital Legion No. 1981, of the city, and Mr. Kabureck holds the office of President. He is thoroughly informed on the principles and teachings of the organization, and is well fitted to impart his knowledge and enthusiasm to others.

December 29, 1908, Mr. Kabureck was married, in St. Patrick's Church, in Springfield, to Margaret Mary Ryan, born in Springfield, March 17, 1887, daughter of John W. and Anna Kinsella Ryan, the father a native of Ireland and the mother of Canada. Mr. Ryan is a strong Republican; he and his wife are residents of Springfield, and are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Mr. Kabureck and wife belong to the Church of the Immaculate Conception. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and of Pawnee Tribe No. 66, Improved Order of Red Men, which he joined in 1907. He is a man of honesty and integrity, has no bad habits, and is conscientious and industrious in carrying on any work undertaken, having made a success of every enterprise in which he has engaged since leaving home as a boy.

KANE, Charles P.—It is difficult to recall mentally a time when the busy and populous city of Springfield, was a scattered village of wooden houses, but when Philo Beers, the maternal grandfather of Hon. Charles P. Kane, decided to erect a brick house on the corner of Fifth and Madison Streets, he knew that he enjoyed the distinction of having the only one of that material. That was not so long ago, and there are those still living who can remember the innovation. The Beers family were distinguished, not only as pioneers, but also as military people, and they, together with the Kanes, were closely identified with early affairs in Sangamon County.

Charles P. Kane was born at Springfield, Ill., December 15, 1850, and his parents were Rev. Andrew J. and Caroline M. (Beers) Kane. Andrew J. Kane was born in Guilford County, N. C., February 11, 1817, and was ordained a minister in the Christian Church, in 1842. He assisted in building the first bridge over the Sangamon River, at Carpenter's Mill, in 1839, and his death occurred in 1896, when he lacked but three months of being eighty years of age. He married Caroline M. Beers, a native of Sangamon County, who is the only surviving child of Philo and Martha (Stillman) Beers. Mrs. Kane is prominent in religious and social affairs, and is active in the order of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her grandfather, Zachariah Beers, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and served as an Orderly Sergeant in the Connecticut Militia, entering at the age of sixteen years. He also became a poet of considerable repute and was the author of many patriotic songs which were popular during the

administration of President Jefferson. Mrs. Kane is nearly related by marriage, to Pierre Menard, first Lieutenant Governor of Illinois.

Philo Beers, son of Zachariah and father of Mrs. Kane, was a native of Woodbury, Conn. He served in the New York Militia in the War of 1812, and then came to Illinois, where he later served as a member of the General Assembly which met in 1824, at Vandalia, then the State Capital, at which session of the legislature Elias K. Kane was elected United States Senator. He married Martha Stillman, who was born at East Bloomfield, N. Y. There were some interesting features about the marriage of the first white couple whose union was celebrated within the present limits of Sangamon County, the wedding taking place November 2, 1820, and Rev. Stephen England officiating as minister. It happened that he had no suitable shoes to wear in his official capacity and was forced to borrow a pair of Indian moccasins from his brother-in-law, Evan Brittin. Just sixty-one years to a day, after this first wedding was celebrated, Charles P. Kane, a grandson of Philo Beers, and a granddaughter of Evan Brittin were married in the same county. An interesting item connected with that first wedding forcibly shows the resourcefulness of the dames and maids of long ago. The opportunities for providing a desirable wedding feast were few, and although the family of the bride borrowed all the white flour in the neighborhood there still was not enough to make the cake dear to New York housewives, so a toothsome cake of corn meal was baked, and when it was covered with icing, it presented a sufficiently festal appearance.

Charles P. Kane attended school at Springfield and completed the high school course, then entered the office of Hay, Green & Littler, as a law student, and was admitted to the Bar at the age of twenty years. He at once entered into practice, served three years as City Attorney, and in 1884 was elected Judge of the County Court. Upon retiring from the Bench he resumed private practice. In political views Mr. Kane is a Republican casting his first Presidential vote for Gen. U. S. Grant, and in 1892, was the candidate of his party for Congress. He has served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Sangamon County two years and for five years was a member of the Board of Education of Springfield. At one time he was connected with the Illinois National Bank, having aided in its organization. He is a member of the State Historical Society, has contributed a number of historical papers to its records, and is the author of the article in this work entitled "Early Settlement of Sangamon County." He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Illini Country Club, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Masonic Order. In the latter he has taken forty-two degrees, including thirty-two of the Scottish Rite, and is Past Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Illinois. Mr. Kane was married November 2, 1881, to Miss Flora Brittin, of Springfield, and they are parents of three children: Caroline M., Flora E. and Philo B.

KANE, William, well known as the old, reliable expressman, of Springfield, has demonstrated what persistent effort will accomplish. After years of hard work, he has accumulated a comfortable competency which will provide for his declining years. He was born in Ireland, May 9, 1833, and is one of the best representatives of that genial people to be found in the city. He is a son of George and Elizabeth Kane, both natives of Ireland. In 1846 George Kane, who was a machinist by trade, left Ireland and brought his family to Vermont, where his remaining years were spent. Although the family endured many hardships in their new home, none of them regretted the step that brought them to America.

William Kane is practically self-educated. He had learned to farm, and always managed to mingle plenty of healthful sport with his work, from childhood being of a happy disposition. Leaving home when still a boy, he came west to Ohio, working on various railroads. From there he proceeded to Menard County, Ill., and for five years farmed, later going to Cass and Christian Counties, where he continued that occupation. When there was prospect of railroad work in Sangamon County, he came there, and in 1852 helped to lay the first section of track on the Wabash Railroad to run through the county. Later he established his present express business, and for more than twenty-five years has faithfully carried it on, proving so trustworthy and reliable that his customers have kept with him, not caring to risk a change.

In 1854 Mr. Kane was married, in Springfield, to Margaret Callahan, born in Ireland. Her parents came to America, settling first in New Jersey, but later coming on to Sangamon County. Mr. and Mrs. Kane became the parents of children as follows: John, born May 22, 1855; James, born June 24, 1856, and Elizabeth, born December 24, 1858. One of the sons served in the regular army. For a number of years Mr. Kane voted with the Republican party, but now prefers to support the man rather than the platform. A stanch Catholic, he holds membership in St. Agnes Church, of Springfield. Fraternally he belongs to the Maccabees and the Hibernians. Genial, obliging, with all the courtesy and good-nature of his people, Mr. Kane is known everywhere and universally liked, and his success is certainly well merited.

KAVANAUGH, Daniel.—It is a remarkable fact that so many soldiers of the Civil War, spared from death on the battle-field or in prison, were able to turn so quietly to everyday affairs and make so much of their after lives. That they have done so, the records of every town and hamlet of the country show. One of the men who chose Springfield as a permanent home after years of more active life, is Daniel Ka-

vanaugh, of No. 926 East Miller Street. He was born there, in September, 1845, a son of Martin Kavanaugh, a native of Ireland. The parents came to America at a very early date, locating in Springfield, where the mother died in Daniel's infancy. The father was a surveyor, and assisted in surveying much of the land in and about the city. His death occurred in 1860, and all his children, except Daniel, are also dead.

The education of Daniel Kavanaugh was secured in the public and parochial schools of Springfield, while in his odd moments he worked at anything he could find to do. Later he learned painting and followed that trade for a number of years. Inspired by loyal sentiments, he enlisted, at Camp Butler, in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry for the 100-day service, then reenlisted in Company G, Twenty-seventh United States Regulars, and served for the remainder of the war. Among the hard-fought battles of the war in which he took part were those of Lookout Mountain and Shiloh. He went from Cairo, Ill., under General Grant to Fort Donelson, and took part in the engagement there. He was mustered out of the regular service at Cheyenne, Wyo., and remained in the west for about thirty years, but then returned to Springfield, where he has since made his home, enjoying a well earned rest. He is a member of the G. A. R.

On July 27, 1877, he was married, at Black Hawk, Col., to Maggie Holland, born in Superior, Wis., who was a daughter of Irish-born parents, who died in Colorado. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh, two of whom survive: William, of St. Louis; Maggie, wife of Charles Smith, of Springfield, two children—Anna L. and Marguerite. Mr. Kavanaugh was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln. He has a pleasant home at No. 926 East Miller Street. In political faith he is a Democrat. A devout Roman Catholic, he belongs to St. Joseph's parish.

KAVANAUGH, Michael, who owns and occupies a handsome home on Peoria Road, Springfield, has been engaged in mining since he was eight years of age. He was born in Lancashire, England, July 15, 1845, son of Martin and Andrea (Flanagan) Kavanaugh, both of whom died in early life in England. The father was employed on a railroad. One brother of Michael Kavanaugh came to America in 1862 and located in Atlanta, Ga., and became employed in a cotton mill, but he has not been heard from in twenty years. Michael Kavanaugh attended school in his native place and when a small boy won a prize of $500 for good scholarship. After coming to Sangamon County he attended night school in the village hall in Ridgeley, during the winter of 1885. He was employed in the West Shaft Mine in 1876. Later in the same year he made a trip to the Black Hills, and then walked nine hundred miles through Dakota, Montana, Idaho and part of Utah, but was not successful, and came back to Springfield. While going through Idaho he was held up by seven men, who searched him but found no valuables, and let him proceed on his way. He returned to Springfield and has continued mining in Sangamon County from then to the present time. He is a member of the Miners' Union and takes an active interest in all public affairs. He is an industrious and conscientious worker and has the confidence of his associates. In politics he is a Republican and he is a member of the Episcopal Church. He has lived in his present home since about 1900 and has lived in the neighborhood of his home since first settling in the county.

Mr. Kavanaugh was married in Springfield, March 16, 1878, to Margaret Wickline, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Wickline, and was born in Shippensburg, Pa., March 2, 1846. Her father came from Germany to the United States as a young man and her mother was born in Shippensburg. Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh became parents of three sons and two daughters: Margaret, David John, Frank S., Charles W., and Andrea, all single and at home. By her first marriage Mrs. Kavanaugh had two children: Martha, wife of John Aller, an electrician, living in California, and Mary F., a widow, whose husband took part in the Spanish-American War.

KAYLOR, John, a retired farmer and prominent citizen of Illiopolis, Ill., is an honored veteran of the Civil War, in which he served with credit for three years. Mr. Kaylor is a native of Johnstown, Pa., born March 8, 1836, a son of Daniel and Margaret (Ekis) Kaylor, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Hagerstown, Md. The paternal great-grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier. A relic of him and Revolutionary days is a sugar bowl over 200 years old, owned by Mr. Kaylor, but now in the possession of his daughter, Mrs. Clark of Illiopolis, Ill.

Daniel Kaylor was a farmer, who in 1860, moved to Edgar County, Ill., where he lived on a farm until his death in 1882, his wife having died two years previously. The family were originally from Germany, and the grandfather, Daniel Kaylor also served in the Revolutionary War. There were eight children born in the family to which John Kaylor belongs: William, John and Theodore, the sons, and Mary A., Louise, Ellen and Malinda, the daughters, in addition to one who died in infancy. William enlisted in Company H, Fourth Indiana Cavalry during the Civil War, and died in Andersonville prison.

John Kaylor received his education in Pennsylvania, spending his boyhood on a farm. As a young man he drove a stage, being in the employ of the Ohio State Company, along the Erie and Pittsburg turnpike, beginning this work in 1853. He drove a coach-and-six from

Mercer, Pa., to Iowa City, and after the company moved their outfit of 200 horses and twenty-four stage coaches, he drove two years for the Western Stage Coach Company, operating between Des Moines to Adel, Iowa. He then moved to Edgar County, Ill., and took up farming which he continued from 1858 to 1862, meeting with very gratifying success. On August 1, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Fourth Indiana Cavalry, serving during the remainder of the war, receiving his discharge August 12, 1865. He enlisted at Terre Haute, Ind., and was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Kaylor under the command of General Cook and George H. Purdy, was Captain of his company. He participated in the engagement at Perryville, with his division helping in the taking of Nashville; fought at Murfreesboro and Tullahoma, Tenn.; Huntsville, Ala.; Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, and in the last named battle, this division co-operated with General Grant. Mr. Kaylor took part in the forced march to Knoxville, helped to drive the Confederates to Bulls Gap, Va., then returned to Cleveland, Tenn. May 2, 1864, the cavalry marched to Dalton, Ga., where the company was almost annihilated, only three of them surviving the conflict. May 11, 1864, he was detailed on courier duty, which he continued until September 2, after the capture of Atlanta, when he was returned to his company and regiment. Mr. Kaylor participated in the second battle of Nashville, marching with his company to Eastport, Miss., thence, March 6, 1865, to Jackson, where he took part in the engagement at Selma and Montgomery, and after the surrender of the latter city to General Wilson, who was commanding the regiment, marched to Columbus, and West Point, Ga., both of which cities were captured. He helped to capture Macon, and soon thereafter peace was declared, Mr. Kaylor having served much of the time as courier, a position similar to that of veterinary officer. He is now a prominent member of Morgan Post, No. 208, G. A. R., of which he is Quartermaster. During his term of service, his wife and three children, after being left behind, went to live with her parents. There they remained until the close of the conflict restored the brave husband and father to them. Mrs. Kaylor had two brothers who also responded to the call of their country, and served in the Civil War.

For the past eighteen years, Mr. Kaylor has served as Assessor of his township and city, and in 1910, was elected to another two-year term. He has lived in his present home for the past ten years, and is retired from active life. He spent many years in hard work, being fairly successful in all his undertakings. Much of his effort was directed along agricultural lines, as he has always loved farming. At the close of the war, he located on a farm near Illiopolis, which he cultivated for thirty-eight years. In politics, he is a staunch Republican, and actively interested in public affairs and issues. He has many warm friends in the community, and is universally esteemed. A devout member of the Christian Church, he is willing to further any worthy cause.

Mr. Kaylor was married at Redfield, Dallas County, Iowa, August 16, 1857, to Cerilla Van Norman, born in Knox County, O., May 16, 1837, being a daughter of Theodore Van Norman, a farmer, who died in Buffalo, Dallas County, Mo., where he had located. The mother of Mrs. Kaylor died in Jacksonville, Ill., in 1880. Mrs. Kaylor died April 13, 1907, having borne her husband nine children, of whom are now living: Theodore, a farmer of Christian County; William J., a farmer of Illiopolis Township; Amanda, married J. C. Noried, a veterinary surgeon, and they reside at Greenville, Ill.; Mary Alice Guyton, of Springfield; Edna, wife of A. A. Clark, a stock-buyer; Charles in the employ of the Sattley Manufacturing Company of Springfield; Eva, married Frank Correll, a retired farmer of Illiopolis. There are twenty-nine grandchildren and three great-grandchilden in the family.

Revered by all who know him, resting assured of a happy future, undisturbed by any regrets for his well-spent past, Mr. Kaylor is now enjoying his leisure, and giving close attention to civic matters, for he aims to secure improvements where he believes they are needed.

KECK, Simeon.—Springfield and its neighboring towns afford the people of Sangamon County ample opportunity to carry on successfully almost every branch of industrial endeavor. So many people come to Springfield on account of its being the capital city that there is a constant demand for all kinds of commodities, while its shipping facilities are excelled only by the largest cities in the country. One of the progressive men of Buffalo, Mechanicsburg Township, who has associated himself with a number of enterprises, is Simeon Keck, farmer, auctioneer and stock dealer. He was born in Lanesville Township, Sangamon County, October 31, 1871, a son of Benjamin and Polly (Alexander) Keck, the former born in Baden, Germany, July 27, 1838, and the latter in Mechanicsburg Township, May 29, 1843. The father was a farmer and stock raiser, who came to the United States, landing in St. Louis, in 1852, whence he traveled to Springfield in 1854. The latter city remained his home for ten years, and he then went to Williamsville, but in 1868 moved to Lanesville, where his son was born. In 1895 he moved to Mt. Pulaski, Logan County, Ill., and this is still his home. He is a Democrat, active in party matters, although not an office seeker. He belongs to the Christian Church, and fraternally is a Modern Woodman. During his long and useful life he has become a heavy landowner, and gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he has been associated.

Simeon Keck was given a good public school education in the schools of Lanesville, and

worked on the farm. From boyhood he has been fond of a good horse, and a good judge of them. He never cared for hunting, fishing, or other sports, preferring to find his recreation in handling stock. He remained with his parents until 1898, when he left the farm, moving to Buffalo, where he began handling stock, buying and shipping horses, and during the past twelve years has handled over 1,500 horses, becoming very successful in this line of business. He is also an excellent auctioneer, selling in the Peoria stock yards for the Peoria Horse and Mule Commission Company; at the Union Stock Yards, and the St. Louis Stock Yards. For years he was Highway Commissioner in Lanesville, being elected on the Democratic ticket, and from 1898 to 1901 he was Highway Commisioner in Mechanicsburg Township. In 1900 was elected Supervisor from his township, and was re-elected to the same office in 1910, and is the present incumbent, being a member of the Hospital and Asylum Committee, the Jury and Jury Lists Committee and the Special Committee on Bridges. He is giving his township, as well as the county, a valuable and much-appreciated service. His re-election to the office of Supervisor shows his personal popularity, for the township is strongly Republican, and he has always been a Democrat. Fraternally, he belongs to Buffalo Lodge, K. of P.; Globe Lodge, No. 323, I. O. O. F., Mechanicsburg; Lanesville Tent, Modern Woodmen; Springfield Lodge of Elks, and has always been active in the work of these various orders, sparing the time for them from his business cares.

Mr. Keck was married, at Rantoul, December, 15, 1904, to Georgia E. O'Connor, born September 17, 1876, in Buffalo, daughter of Rodney and Melvilla (Boal) O'Connor, also of Buffalo. No issue. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor were both born in Sangamon County, and the father survives, conducting a grocery store, but Mrs. O'Connor died a number of years ago. Mr. O'Connor served as Supervisor from Mechanicsburg Township for six years, being elected on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Keck is very energetic, and in addition to his other interests, found opportunity to conduct a thriving grain business at Buffalo and Dawson for three years, selling in 1907. He and his wife are leaders socially, and entertain extensively at their beautiful home, where all their friends are made welcome with true hospitality.

KEELING, Squire.—Some of Sangamon County's most capable public officials and substantial business men are native sons of that locality, and, having spent their lives there, are more than ordinarily interested in the development and progress of the county. One of these is Squire Keeling, a farmer of Section 19, Rochester Township, born in Springfield, April 26, 1839, a son of Louis and Nancy (Dawson) Keeling, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. The father, who was a brickmaker by trade, came to Illinois at an early day, settling in Rochester Township. At first he conducted a grist mill, but later engaged in the manufacture of brick. For eighteen years he continued in this business, and supplied the material for many of the older structures now standing in Springfield. Retiring from active business, he lived in comfort until his death, in 1857. His widow survived him until 1886. There were twenty-two children in the family of Louis Keeling.

While attending the Springfield schools, Squire Keeling helped his father in the brick yard, but when he worked on his own account, at first, it was at teaming. He then worked as a carpenter for several years. For eleven years he was a member of the city police department, under Mayor Jayne, Mayor Vincent and others, finally serving as Sergeant under Mayor Smith, for two years. Then, for the following two years, he was connected with the City Hall, but in 1905 he went to Rochester Township and bought land on Section 18, and since then has been farming.

The marriage of Mr. Keeling took place in 1861, to America Woodruff, born in Kentucky, where her father died, but her mother came to Illinois, settling in Clear Lake Township, where her death occurred in 1888. Mrs. Keeling died in 1902, having had no issue. Mr. Keeling is a Republican, and has always been active in his party. During his eventful life he has witnessed many changes, and enjoys telling of them. He has always endeavored to do his full duty as he saw it, and is justly numbered among the representative men of his time.

KELLEY, John Q. (deceased).—When a man has lived uprightly, striving through a useful life to care for those dependent upon his exertions, and has done his duty as a man and a citizen, his loss is keenly felt when he passes out of the community. When such a man is also genial and kind-hearted, then, indeed, his place is difficult to fill. Such a man was the late John Q. Kelley, formerly residing at No. 1917 East South Grand Avenue, Springfield. He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, April 22, 1834, a son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Maryfield) Kelley. The parents were early settlers of Ohio, but came to Charleston, Coles County, Ill. in 1837, and this was the family home until the death of the father. The mother then moved to Springfield and made it her place of residence until death claimed her. She had four sons, all of whom are now deceased.

John Q. Kelley was educated in Coles County and early learned the carpenter's trade, following it in Charleston until 1875. In that year he came to Springfield and continued work at his trade on many of the public buildings. He did the carpenter work on the First Christian Church, of which he was a consistent member. When his country had need of him, he enlisted

in Company C, Fifty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel MacMitchell, serving three years and participating in some of the important engagements of the great struggle. He was discharged at Camp Butler as Corporal. For some years prior to his demise he was an enthusiastic member of Stephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R. In politics he was a Democrat.

On August 1, 1861, Mr. Kelley was married, in Charleston, Ill., to Miss Arrilla Maryfield, born there March 16, 1845, daughter of John and Hannah (Scholey) Maryfield, both of whom died when Mrs. Kelley was quite young. Mr. Maryfield was a native of Ohio and a brick mason, following his trade in Charleston until his death. Mrs. Kelley had one brother, John A. Maryfield, of Danville. Mrs. Kelley has five children now living: Nicholas, of Springfield; Mary, wife of James Hilton; Mae, wife of Jacob Neeceman, a tailor; Maude, wife of William J. Fitzgerald, in the employ of the Street Railway Company; Joshua, in the employ of the City Water Works, lives with his mother. There are six grandchildren in the family.

Mrs. Kelley is in receipt of a widow's pension from the Government, which recognizes her husband's services to his country. Mr. Kelley knew many great men of his times, including Abraham Lincoln, whom he always tenderly recalled.

KELLEY, Matthew, of Springfield, is a native of that city, born March 10, 1862, son of Andrew and Mary (Grennels) Kelley. Andrew Kelley was born in Limerick, Ireland, about 1822, and came to the United States when a young man, landing in New York. He came direct to Springfield, where he worked in the gas house until compelled by old age to retire from active life, and died in 1907. He was a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. By his first marriage Andrew Kelley had children as follows: John, went West; Margaret, deceased; Matthew; Kate, deceased; Nellie married William Culligan, of Joliet, Ill. His first wife died over forty years ago and he married (second) Mary Lundregan, who still resides in Springfield, and they had three children, namely: James and May, of Springfield, the latter a physician; Margaret married Thomas Neely.

In boyhood Matthew Kelley attended the Catholic schools that were taught by the Brothers and Sisters of the Church, and when eight years old began driving a grocery wagon for Larry Fortune. When fifteen years old he began working in the rolling mills and in 1882 went to Hot Springs, Ark., where he conducted a restaurant. In 1887 he returned to Springfield and worked nine years as clerk for Thomas Hogan, then embarked in the transfer and hotel business, which he has since continued. His hotel is located at 1022 East Washington Street, and he runs three wagons. He is industrious and energetic and has been fairly successful in a business way. He is not a member of any church, but is a man of good principles, honest and upright in all his dealings. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Kelley was married, in Peoria, Ill., in 1897, to Miss Lillie Miller, of Springfield, daughter of Mrs. Susan Miller, and two children have blessed this union: Willard Glenn, born in 1900, and Charles Herman, born July 14, 1902.

KELLY, Frank Joseph.—Springfield is not only the capital of the State, but a distributing center for a wide contiguous territory that looks to it as a source of supply. The railroad facilities are such that transportation is good and other conditions are ideal for its prominence as a manufacturing and industrial center. These facts are being recognized by the practical men of the State, many of whom are locating here and developing large concerns. One of the live, representative business men of the city is Frank Joseph Kelly, who has made Springfield his home since 1895, and to whose influence and business tact and ability, much of the present prosperity of D. A. Stuart & Co., is due.

Mr. Kelly was born in Cleveland, Ohio, February 13, 1866, a son of Keran and Ellen (Brennan) Kelly, natives of Ireland. Mr. Kelly learned the trade of merchant tailoring in his native land, and when he came to the United States in 1847, he located in Cleveland, Ohio, and for some years engaged in its prosecution. Later, however, he embarked in a dray and transfer business, continuing it until his death, which occurred November 6, 1891. His widow survives, making her home in Cleveland, Ohio. She and her husband had ten children, four of whom survive, Mr. Kelly of this record being the only living son. The father of these children was a Democrat in political views and all his life was a consistent Catholic, and brought up his family in that faith.

Frank Joseph Kelly attended St. Patrick's parish school in Cleveland, leaving when fourteen years of age. He began working at that time in the brass foundry of J. V. Kennedy, remaining with him from November 7, 1880, to 1892, remained there until March 31, 1895, when he came to Springfield, to engage as traveling man for D. A. Stuart & Co., dealers in oils, and made himself so valuable, that soon thereafter, he was offered a partnership, and is now a member of the firm. This well-known house in its line of business covers a large territory throughout the Middle West, where the quality of their produce commands large sales.

While Mr. Kelly's sympathies are with the principles of the Democratic party, in local affairs he believes in voting for the man and measure calculated to prove of the most benefit to the people at large. He has never cared for office, preferring to exert his influence as a private citizen, and in that capacity he has always been a strong advocate of local improvements and good government. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association and the Loyal Americans, being collector for the Catholic Mu-

tual Benefit Association. He is a good Catholic, being a consistent member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

On June 14, 1893, Mr. Kelly was married in Cleveland, Ohio, to Mary Frances Lynch, daughter of Matt. and Maggie (Walsh) Lynch, natives of Ireland and Cleveland, respectively. Mr. Lynch was an engineer on the Big Four Railroad, and his engine pulled the Lincoln funeral car. The death of this good man occurred July 9, 1898, but his widow survives, and makes her home in Cleveland. Mr. Lynch was also a Democrat and Catholic. There were nine children in the Lynch family, of whom Mrs. Kelly was the second in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have an interesting family as follows: Frances Stuart, born January 6, 1896; Margaret Mary, born April 29, 1898, and John Matthew, born February 23, 1900. These children are all attending the Stewart School, and are bright, lively young people, the pride of their parents' hearts.

Mr. Kelly started out to make his own living at a tender age, but he has not suffered from the hard knocks he was forced to take early in his career. He and his wife are very prominent socially, and their pleasant home is often the scene of a merry gathering, for their many friends enjoy the hospitality of this couple whenever occasion offers.

KELLY, James Yateman, Jr., an enterprising and successful attorney of Springfield, Ill., was born at Georgetown, Scott County, Ky., July 17, 1878, and is a son of James Yateman and Ruth Warfield (Smith) Kelly. The father was born in Scott County Ky., May 11, 1831, and the mother was born at Island Grove, Sangamon County, Ill., January 25, 1850. The father of the subject of this sketch James Y. Kelly, Sr., is of Scotch-Irish descent, and his father, Thomas Conway Kelly, was born in Virginia, in 1799, and afterwards emigrated to Kentucky, where he died, in 1889, in Georgetown. Thomas C. Kelly was a son of John Kelly, who was born in Virginia.

Ruth Warfield Smith is a member of the Brown-Smith family of Island Grove, Sangamon County, daughter of James D. Smith, Sr., who was born in Harrison County, Ky., in 1805, and removed to Island Grove in 1833. Mr. Smith became one of the prominent farmers of the county, where he spent the remainder of his life, and died in 1871, honored and respected by all who knew him. His widow survived him about one year. Ruth W. Smith was married to James Y. Kelly, Sr., September 24, 1874, and removed with him to his home in Georgetown, Ky. Seven children were born of this union, as follows: Thomas Conway, of Cincinnati, Ohio; William S., of Georgetown, Ky.; James Y., of this review; Mrs. Lillian A. Bohon, of Harrodsburg, Ky.; Ruth W., Mrs. Graves, of Georgetown, Ky., and Helen and Eliza, of Georgetown.

James Yateman Kelly Jr., was educated in Georgetown College, a Baptist institution of that city, from which he graduated in 1899, with the degree of Master of Arts, after which he read law in the office of his brother, William S., of Georgetown, being admitted to the Bar in Kentucky in 1900. He located in Springfield, Ill., the following year, and was soon after admitted to the Bar in Illinois. He has established a good practice and has won a reputation for ability in his profession and honesty and integrity of purpose. Mr. Kelly is a member of the Christian Church and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Kelly was married, at Mt. Sterling, Ky., October 14, 1903, to Miss Alice E. Chenault, who was born in Montgomery County, Ky., February 27, 1884. The Chenaults were early settlers in Kentucky and many of the family reside in Montgomery County and vicinity. They have always been prominent in church, political and social life in central Kentucky. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. Kelly and his wife, namely: Emma Chenault, born in Springfield, May 14, 1905; Alice Elizabeth, born February 1, 1907. The family reside at Springfield, Ill. Mr. Kelly's father was an attorney and banker, and carried on his profession and business at Georgetown, Ky. Mr. Kelly is a member of the Christian Church, of the A. F. and A. M., and is a Democrat in politics, although independent in local affairs, voting for the men and measures he thinks are for the best interests of the people.

KEMMERER, James W., who for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Christian County, Ill., and who is now living retired from farming activities in his residence at No. 408 West Allen Street, Springfield, Ill., was born August 26, 1850, in Summit County, Ohio, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Johnson) Kemmerer, natives of Pennsylvania.

The parents of Mr. Kemmerer were married in Pennsylvania, and in 1849 removed to Summit County, Ohio. Nine of their family of fifteen children were born in Pennsylvania, and the others in Ohio. Fourteen of these children are now living, the eldest child, Savanah, who was the wife of Owen Hensline, being the only one deceased, and the others being: Maria Bachman, a resident of California; Adelaide Moser, a widow, of Hitchcock County, Neb., who has had nineteen children, of whom fifteen survive; Celesta Austin, living in Clay County, Neb.; Elizabeth Loutzeniser, residing in Saline County, Neb.; Mrs. Emma Whitsel, wife of Martin Whitsel, of Springfield; Elenora Potts, a widow, of Christian County, Ill.; Elmira Miller, twin sister of Mrs. Potts, the wife of Franklin Miller, a farmer of Saline County, Neb.; Martin, engaged in farming in the Indian Territory; Louis, who makes his home in the State of Washington; James W.; Jane, wife of Thomas Deering, a carpenter of Grant County, Ind.; Alice, the wife of Solomon Kryder, a farmer of Saline County, Neb.; Frank, an ag-

riculturist of Idaho; Allen, who carries on farming in Sangamon County, Ill.

Joseph Kemmerer was for some years engaged in farming in his native State, and for fifteen years he carried on the same operations in Ohio. In 1864 he moved to Christian County, Ill., and there continued to reside until his death, which occurred in Buckhart Township in May, 1891, when he had reached the age of seventy-three years. His wife had passed away in October, 1873.

James W. Kemmerer accompanied his parents to Christian County, and there engaged in farming with his father, and was so occupied until 1909, in which year he retired and located in Springfield, where he is the owner of a home valued at $6,000. He is also the owner of 270 acres of fine farming land in Christian County, worth $200 an acre. For a number of terms, Mr. Kemmerer was a School Director and School Trustee in Christian County, his politics being those of the Prohibition. He is a member of the Reformed Church, as is also his wife, who is connected fraternally with the Lady Maccabees, Daughters of Rebecca and Pythian Sisters. In 1902 there was a union of the Kemmerer family held near Grove City, in Buckhart Township, at which about seventy of the family were present, nearly all being from Illinois, although four came from Nebraska.

On October 2, 1873, Mr. Kemmerer was married in Buckhart Township, Christian County, to Hannah Bachman, who was born in Summit County, Ohio, in 1856, daughter of Israel and Sabina Bachman, farming people of Ohio who, in 1858, went to Indiana and the year following to Christian County, Ill., where they now live retired. To Mr. and Mrs. Kemmerer were born three children: Charles E., living on his father's farm; Ida, the wife of Elmer Gunther, living on a farm in Christian County; and Fred, living at home. Mrs. Kemmerer died April 16, 1896, and in 1902 Mr. Kemmerer was married a second time, on November 20, of that year, being united with Mrs. Sophia Caughenbaugh Beecher who was born in Perry County, Ohio, March 2, 1851, daughter of Peter and Mary Ann Beecher, the former a native of Fayette County, Pa., and the latter of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Caughenbaugh came to Perry County, Ohio, when but three years old, and in 1864 his family located in Bement, Piatt County, Ill., but in 1884 removed to Carter County, Mo., carrying on operations there until his retirement, his death occurring September 25, 1909. His widow is now living in Carterville, Mo., being eighty-seven years old.

KENNEDY, Thomas.—Every kind of business has its representatives in Springfield, and that of shoeing horses is not neglected, for there are some excellent blacksmiths whose work is known all over Sangamon County because of its good quality. One of the men thus engaged is Thomas Kennedy, whose place of business is conveniently located on Eighth street, between Washington and Adams streets. He was born in Ottawa, Ill., February 25, 1853, a son of John and Ellen (Weech) Kennedy. The parents were natives of Ireland, who left their own land for the United States in 1849, bringing with them their only child, a daughter. They were four weeks on the trip to New Orleans, and the ship was nearly lost in the terrible storms they encountered. After reaching New Orleans, they found yellow fever raging and lost their little daughter from it. As soon as possible, they left the pest-ridden city for Little Rock, Ark., where they lived for two years, then coming to Ottawa, Ill., where for forty years the father worked in a starch factory. During the Civil War he served as a private in Company I, Fifty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry for three years. During this period he was wounded several times, and never was strong after his war experience. His death occurred in Ottawa, as did that of his wife. Four children were born to these parents: Dennis; John, who died in Springfield, having also been a blacksmith; Thomas; and the daughter who died of yellow fever in New Orleans.

Thomas Kennedy never received much schooling, although he did attend the public schools of Ottawa for a few years, and then began to work at the starch factory, continuing there for seven years. Coming to Springfield April 10, 1871, he worked for Uncle Jim Kennedy, a blacksmith, and after four years with him, went into business for himself at No. 821 East Washington street. After continuing at that number for four years, he removed to Seventh street, and in 1905 located on Eighth street.

The marriage of Mr. Kennedy took place in Springfield in 1877, to Kate Donohue of this city, daughter of Charles Donohue. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are the parents of children as follows: Ella, Mrs. Thomas Slick of Springfield; Edward; Thomas; Irene; Celia; Frank and John, twins. Mr. Kennedy owns his comfortable home at No. 1408 East Washington street. He is a Democrat in politics, but has not desired office. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, being interested in the work of his lodge. A good workman, a kind-hearted man, Mr. Kennedy established a fine business and made and retained friends throughout the county.

KENNEY, John, now living retired from active life in his comfortable home at 1113 North Ninth Street, Springfield, has resided there the past thirty-two years, and until recently was identified with mining interests in Sangamon County. He was born in County Galway, Ireland, June 24, 1845, a son of Timothy and Ella (Broderick) Kenney, both natives of that county, the father born in 1806 and died in 1881, and the mother born in 1815. The father was a farmer by occupation and both parents spent their entire lives in their native country. They had children as follows: Thomas J., a sketch of whom appears in these pages; Michael, of

Pittsburg, Pa.; John died at the age of two and one-half years; Patrick died at the age of one year; Patrick (2), of St. Louis; John, of this sketch; Timothy, of Pittsburg; Jane, wife of Michael Connors, of Australia.

Mr. Kenney received his education in the schools near his boyhood home and his first work was performed on his father's farm. He came to America in 1865 and one year later located in Sangamon County, where he has since made his home. He was connected with various mining interests in the county until 1911, when he retired. His present house was erected thirty-two years ago, in September, 1879, and he also owns two other residences in the same block on North Tenth Street, which he also erected.

Mr. Kenney was married at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, by Father Brady, May 8, 1878, to Miss Mary Welch, born in Ireland, daughter of Patrick and Bridget (Hogan) Welch, natives of County Limerick. Mr. Welch was born in 1821 and still resides in his native place. Mrs. Welch was born in 1825 and died at the age of thirty-five years. Their only child was Mrs. Kenney, and she died March 26, 1890, having borne her husband one child, Timothy, born in Springfield, in 1879, now residing at Champaign, Ill. Mr. Kenney was married (second) at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Springfield, by Rev. Father Ryan, April 8, 1894, to Hannah Barry, who was born in Springfield May 9, 1848, daughter of John and Catherine Barry, natives of County Clare, who came to Sangamon County in an early day. She is one of three children, the others being: Bridget, wife of Martin Mahoney, of Menard County, and Catherine, of Springfield. Mrs. Kenney is the second child. Mr. and Mrs. Kenney are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and he is affiliated with the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Loyal Americans. In politics he is a Democrat. He is recognized as a useful, public-spirited citizen and has a large circle of friends.

KENNEY, Thomas J.—The city of Springfield can number with its best class of citizens those men who have chosen it as a permanent home after retiring from an active business life, investigating in property there and taking a deep and intelligent interest in all that concerns its progress and development. It is not unusual to find among these substantial, retired citizens natives of Ireland, for that country has contributed generously to America. Among those indicated is Thomas J. Kenney, who has lived at Springfield since 1868. He was born in County Galway, Ireland, December 6, 1845, a son of Timothy and Ella (Broderick) Kenney.

Timothy Kenney was born in 1806, in County Galway, and died there in 1881. He married Ella Broderick, who was born in 1815, in the same place, and survived her husband. They never came to America, the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean and forming new ties in a strange country seeming too great an undertaking for them. To them were born nine children, seven of whom still survive, namely: Thomas J.; Michael, residing in Pittsburg, Pa.; Patrick, a resident of St. Louis, Mo.; John, living at Springfield; Timothy, making his home at Pittsburg; Julia, wife of Michael Connors, living in Ireland, and Anna, wife of Joseph Shaughnessey, living in New Zealand.

Thomas J. Kenney attended school in Ireland and worked for his father on the home farm. In 1863 he came to the United States and settled first in New Jersey, from there went to Pittsburg, and later to Grafton, W. Va., in 1868 coming from there to Springfield, Ill. He acquired his independent means as a miner, gradually working his way up from the bottom until he became mine manager, and when he retired, in April, 1910, he was serving in the important and responsible position of manager of the Capitol Coal Mine.

On July 11, 1868, Mr. Kenney was married at Springfield, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, by Rev. Father Sullivan, to Miss Mary McGrevey, who was born in County Mayo, Ire., June 16, 1851, a daughter of Patrick and Bridget (McDonald) McGrevey. The father of Mrs. Kenney was born in Ireland in 1819, and died May 2, 1909, at Springfield, in which city he had settled in 1867. His wife was born also in County Mayo, in 1806, and died at Springfield in 1891. Mrs. Kenney was the eldest born of their three children, the others being: Bridget, who is the wife of James Redmond, a retired farmer living at Springfield; Annie, who is the wife of James Berry, also of Springfield. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenney, four of whom survive, as follows: Nellie E., who was born December 23, 1873, lives at home; Mary, who was born June 5, 1876, is the wife of John Gafney, and they live at Toledo, Ohio; Julia, who was born January 19, 1878, is the wife of William Dray, and they live at Chicago; and John J., who was born December 23, 1882, is married and lives at Springfield.

Mr. Kenney and family are members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, at Springfield. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the organization known as Loyal Americans, while Mrs. Kenney belongs to the Pioneers of America. They have a wide circle of friends.

KESSBERGER, A. W.—The various business, financial and public interests of Springfield, are in the hands of men who can be relied upon to keep them up to the standard, and in hands just as good have been placed the keeping of the city's artistic interests. Prominent among the latter class, may be mentioned A. W. Kessberger, whose well-appointed studio is located at Nos. 419-421 East Adams Street. Mr. Kessberger was born in Springfield, August 6, 1862, a son of August and Christiana (Hagedorn) Kessberger. August Kessberger was born Oc-

tober 21, 1835, in Wiesbaden, Germany, and his wife, October 12, 1839 at Arrvenheim-on-the-Rhine, in the same country. They were married in Springfield, and became parents of the following children: A. W.; George, William, Edward, Bertha, and Dorothy M.; and Clara and Henry, who are deceased.

The early education of Mr. Kessberger was obtained in the public schools and the high school at Springfield, and later he attended business college for one year. Early in life, he showed artistic talent, and at the age of fourteen years made pen and ink maps for the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. He studied under a well-known artist for six years and was first in business with a Mr. Halliday, under the firm name of Halliday & Kessberger. This connection continued successfully for sometime, but subsequently was dissolved, and Mr. Kessberger became associated with Victor Georg, the firm name becoming Kessberger & Georg. After five years with Mr. Georg, in August, 1902, Mr. Kessberger decided to go into business alone, and in 1902 opened a fully equipped studio at his present location on East Adams Street. Many evidences of his beautiful work can be seen in his comfortable home.

On October 21, 1884, at Springfield, Mr. Kessberger was united in marriage with Miss Gussie Leona Hopkins, a daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth (Dennis) Hopkins. Six children have been born to Mr. Kessberger and wife, as follows: Minnie Leona married August Wise, of Indianapolis, and they have two sons—Frederick and Jack; Mabel Irene, wife of Howard W. Gillett, of Chicago; Elsie Christine, deceased; Clara Augusta, Laurence August and Frank Howard. Mr. Kessberger and family are connected with the First Church of Christ, Scientist. Fraternally, he holds membership with the Masons, having attained the Knight Templar degree, with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

KESSLER, Charles W.—Sangamon County contains the names of some of the bravest pioneers the State ever knew. These hardy forerunners of civilization braved the dangers and hardships of frontier life, and by hard work and thrift turned their prairie holdings into valuable farms. The Kesslers came here at a very early date, and one of their representatives, Charles W. Kessler, of Pawnee, is one of the worthy and respected residents of the county. He was born in Auburn, Ill., December 30, 1862, being a son of Perry H. and Angie E. (Hill) Kessler. The family originated in Germany, whence representatives came to the United States, locating in Virginia, where Mr. Kessler's grandfather was born. He migrated to Sangamon County at an early day, dying here, as did his wife, the latter passing away in 1870. Grandfather Hill was born in Tennessee, and he, too, was a pioneer of Illinois and an earnest worker in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Both he and his wife died in Fayette County, Ill.

Perry H. Kessler was born on Sugar Creek, August 30, 1832, while his wife was born in Eastern Tennessee. Until 1873 Perry H. Kessler farmed in Sangamon County, but in that year moved to Bates County, Mo., and from there, in the spring of 1883, to Kansas, where his death occurred in 1888. His widow survived him until February 15, 1904, when she passed away in Kansas City, Mo. There were five children in their family, those living being: Charles; Belle, married John Bennett, of Linn County, Kan., issue, John and Leliah; and Maggie, married Enoch Allen, of Kansas City, Mo., issue, Lucile and Fern; while those who died are Alice and Freddie.

After attending the district school in both Sangamon and Bates Counties, Mr. Kessler helped his father until nineteen years old, when he began learning the blacksmith trade, at which he has since worked. He followed it for a year in Kansas City, then went to Linn County, Kan., but after the death of his father, in 1889, returned to Kansas City, where he found employment in a blacksmith shop, eventually buying out the proprietor. He continued to operate this business until March 12, 1894, when he returned to Sangamon County, locating in Pawnee, where he erected a shop. Since then he has conducted it, and owns one of the best equipped establishments of its kind in his township. During the time he has resided in Pawnee, Mr. Kessler has become a man of considerable prominence. He served as President of the Village Board, and is now one of its Trustees, being elected on the Republican ticket. He has always been in favor of local option, and is a strong temperance man, whose influence for good is felt wherever it is exerted. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen, serving as Counsel of Lodge No. 518 of Pawnee. Mr. Kessler is a Mason, and has served as W. M., S. W., J. W., Secretary, and is now Treasurer. He holds a commission as Grand Lecturer in Illinois. He is also a member of the Eastern Star and Royal Neighbors. A consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, he is active in his efforts to promote its good work and very liberal in his contributions to it.

The marriage of Mr. Kessler occurred in Pawnee to Minnie Fichthorn, born in Indiana, February 20, 1869, a daughter of Daniel and Jennie (McClure) Fichthorn. The father was born in Pennsylvania while his wife was a native of Indiana. The Fichthorn family originated in Pennsylvania and there Mrs. Fichthorn's grandparents both died. The McClure family came from Virginia to Indiana and thence to Sangamon County, where they died. After a short residence in Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Fichthorn moved to Bremer County, Iowa, and thence to Minnesota, where they reside, Mr. Fichthorn being a printer. They had two children, Mrs. Kessler, and one who died at the age of twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Kessler

lost their only child at birth. While Mr. Kessler is not the oldest resident of Pawnee, he is one of the most prominent, and certainly one who exerts an influence for good. An earnest Christian, he seeks to bring to others a realization of the peace and happiness to be found in the right faith. Upright in business, reliable in every relation, strictly honorable in politics, Mr. Kessler is a model citizen and a thoroughly good man, who has the confidence of all who know him.

KESSLER, George, a retired German-American citizen of Williamsville, Ill., has been a resident of that village for the past fifteen years and is well-known in the community. He is a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, born June 28, 1832, son of John J. and Mary Dorothy (Brul) Kessler, both also natives of Germany, who died in that country. The father was an extensive manufacturer of cloth and carried on a successful business. He and his wife were parents of four sons and seven daughters, of whom all are deceased except George and one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Deipel, now eighty-one years of age, and residing in Baltimore.

George Kessler attended the schools of his native country until he was fourteen years old, then engaged in various occupations until he sailed from Bremen, July 10, 1848, for the United States, landing in Baltimore, where he lived twenty years, learning and following the trade of shoemaker. He became a skilled workman and established a good trade in custom work. From Baltimore he went to St. Louis in 1868, and there spent one year at his trade, then spent a short time in various places in Missouri, and one year in Leavenworth, Kan., after which he returned to St. Louis. He worked two years at Jerseyville, Ill., spent several months in New Douglas, Ill., lived six months in Morrisonville, whence he moved to Springfield, and December 29, 1895, came to Williamsville, where he built up a trade in custom work. He is one of the prominent and representative citizens of Williamsville and has established himself in the good will and esteem of his fellow-townsmen. He owns a very pleasant home in the village.

Mr. Kessler was married in Baltimore, in 1856, to Margaret Stoffel, a native of Germany, whose parents came to Baltimore and there spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Kessler died, having had five children, of whom but one survives, a daughter residing in Baltimore. Mr. Kessler is a member of the Lutheran Church and lends his influence to church and benevolent work. He has many friends in the community.

KETTERER, Joseph M.—Pawnee is the home of some very prosperous business men who have located there because of the advantages offered by its location and the trade it controls. One of those who have proven this to be a good location in every sense of the word, Joseph M. Ketterer, born in Montgomery County, Pa., January 18, 1842, a son of John Ketterer, born in Germany about 1800. By trade the father was a tinner, and worked at his trade in Baden Baden, his native place. There he married, bringing his wife to the United States with him, but she died in Pennsylvania. He later married Katherine Hummer, the mother of Joseph M., John, Jacob, Joseph and Henry, and two who are deceased. John Ketterer is now living in Iowa, where the father moved, and where both parents passed away. The grandparents on the paternal side, were natives of Germany and never left their native land.

Joseph M. Ketterer remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, growing up fond of outdoor sport and dancing. He declares that he has often walked five miles for the privilege of dancing. His educational advantages were limited to those offered by the country schools, but he learned the tinner's trade and has followed it the greater part of his life. At eighteen years of age he went to Clinton, Iowa, to work for his brother, but after two years there, entered the firm of Young & Armstrong, remaining with them for three years. Following this he moved to Edinburg and went into business for himself. In 1890 he came to Pawnee, opening a tinner's shop, and has since continued in this line of business, building up an excellent trade.

Mr. Ketterer was married in Clinton, Iowa, April 24, 1869, to Priscilla Mattes, born in Germany, but brought by her parents to the United States. They located at Lyons, Iowa, where both parents died, having had children as follows: Joseph, John, Mrs. Ketterer, Annie, William, Emeline, Frederick and Rose, one son being a Catholic priest. Her grandparents were Germans, who never left their native land. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ketterer: Charles R., born in Lyons, Iowa, November 7, 1870, married and living near Pawnee, four children; Frederick C., born in Lyons, Iowa, July 18, 1872, married and living in Pawnee; Rosa R., born in Edinburg, Ill., April 19, 1876, married and residing in Iowa; Jessie P., born in Edinburg, December 28, 1882, married and living in Chicago, three children; and Percy, who was born in Clinton, Iowa, February 26, 1879, and died in Edinburg, in 1899. The military spirit is inherited in the Ketterer family, for John Ketterer served his term in the German army in the Franco-Prussian War, receiving a wound in his side, which was dangerous, but not fatal; and his grandson, was a soldier in the Spanish-American War, seeing service in Porto Rica.

For a number of years Mr. Ketterer has been a member of the Odd Fellows. He and his family belong to the Lutheran Church and are interested in its good work. A stanch Democrat, Mr. Ketterer is prominent in the councils of his party. An excellent business man, a good citizen, and a devoted husband and father, Mr. Ketterer combines the virtues of

both the German and American nations, and is proud of his descent. His children do him credit, and show the results of careful rearing and the influence of a Christian home.

KEYS, George E., a prominent citizen of Springfield, Ill., has been connected with the Farmers National Bank, in which he is now holding the position of Assistant Cashier, since leaving school. He is a member of a family that has been prominent in business and social circles in Springfield for several generations, his grandfather, Isaac Keys, having served as Provost Marshal at Springfield, under President Lincoln, and as Postmaster of the city under President Grant. George E. Keys was born in Springfield, March 22, 1880, son of Edward Douglas Keys, also a native of Springfield, who has long been well known in banking circles and is now President of the Farmers National Bank, of Springfield. This bank was organized in May, 1882. Edward D. Keys married Miss Louisa Howard Todd, born in Lexington, Ky., daughter of Levi Todd and Louisa (Searles) Todd. Mr. and Mrs. Keys were parents of three children, George Edward, Alvin Searles, and Edward Lincoln.

The early education of George E. Keys was received in the public schools of Springfield and he afterward attended the military academy at Orchard Lake, Mich., graduating in the Class of 1898. Upon leaving school he entered the bank where he is now employed, as clerk, and has been promoted from time to time until he reached his present position. June 3, 1910, he was selected by the creditors of the estate of Lee Kincaid, Bankrupt, as Trustee. He is well and favorably known in business and banking circles as a young man of integrity and reliability, and has the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been associated. In politics he is a Republican and in April, 1903, was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors of Springfield, being re-elected in 1905, 1907 and 1909, and in 1907 and again in 1910 was elected Chairman of the Board. He has been connected with several business enterprises in Springfield and vicinity and holds stock in the new Leland Hotel. He is a member of the Illini Country Club, the Sangamo Club, the Court of Honor, the Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America, and is popular with his friends. He belongs to Christ Episcopal Church.

Mr. Keys was married, in Springfield, April 20, 1904, to Miss Frances Crawford Paddock, born at Kankakee, Ill., December 27, 1880, daughter of James H. and Mary L. Paddock, and two children were born of this union, Mary Louise, born December 3, died December 6, 1909; and George Edward Keys, Jr., born November 2, 1910. The family reside at 227 East Lawrence Avenue.

KIDD, Robert R.—A fair percentage of the representative citizens of Springfield, Ill., are men whose active period was spent in agricultural pursuits, and who have now retired after long years spent in arduous struggles with the soil. Robert R. Kidd, who for twenty years has lived in his residence at No. 444 West Herndon Street, was for thirty years engaged in agricultural endeavors in Sangamon County. He was born at Pittsburg, Pa., November 14, 1832, a son of Andrew and Esther (McClelland) Kidd. Andrew Kidd was born in Pittsburg, Pa., in January, 1800, and there spent his life. He was a commissioned officer in the Twelfth United States Cavalry during the Civil War, and his occupation was that of a blacksmith.

Robert R. Kidd's educational advantages were secured in the public schools of Pittsburg. In his youth he started to learn the trade of a brick mason, and on Christmas day, 1855, came to Springfield. After a short time there he went to the southern part of the State and worked on a farm, and in the spring of 1856 located in Sangamon County. While there, in 1861, he enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War, but he was taken sick before getting into action and was unable to serve. On returning, Mr. Kidd worked at brick making for several years, then again took up farming, and this he made his business for thirty years, at the end of which time he moved to Springfield and secured a position with the Illinois Watch Company, in whose services he remained six years and six months, then retired from active pursuits. During his long and active life Mr. Kidd has seen many changes take place in Sangamon County, and has done his share towards bringing these changes about. Always industrious and public-spirited, he makes an ideal citizen, while personally he has made friends and admirers by the score through his generosity and integrity. In 1860 he was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, and as such was absolved from military duty, but chose to volunteer and would have done his share in the way of fighting but for the sickness that overtook him. Mr. Kidd is a member of the Baptist Church.

On January 1, 1857, Mr. Kidd was married to Anna V. Wise, who was born in Springfield, December 22, 1839. The parents of Mrs. Kidd, who were natives of Hagerstown, Md., came to Springfield at an early day, and there it was that Mrs. Kidd met Abraham Lincoln, with whom she became acquainted. Of the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, all are living: Emily E., the wife of Edward Schwarberg, of Springfield; Laura, the wife of Eugene Roderick, farming in Sangamon County; William, living at Okarche, Okla., where he is serving as Deputy Sheriff; Mary S.; Frank T., of Apache, Okla; Robert, of Springfield; and Katherine, the wife of William H. Eastman, of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Kidd have twenty-four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mr. Kidd's brother, William, enlisted in 1861 for service in the United States Navy, and became a sailor on the famous "Merrimac," which was later captured by the Confederates and transferred into an iron-clad, thus revo-

lutionizing naval warfare. Later William Kidd was a police officer in Pittsburg, and there his death occurred. His other brother, Thomas, enlisted in Company E, Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, served gallantly, was promoted through the ranks and was a major when discharged. He was presented with a magnificent sword, for bravery and efficiency as an officer. He lives in East Des Moines, Iowa. Members of the Kidd family have served their country as soldiers in every war in the history of the nation.

KING, Ira George.—There have been so many innovations in the musical world, in the manufacture of instruments and the methods of conducting business, within the last few years, that this industry now offers a vast field for those looking for a lucrative and pleasant means of a livelihood. Ira George King is the proprietor of one of the largest musical houses in Springfield, and by his good business judgment and the excellence of the instruments he sells, has made his name well known in musical circles throughout the city. He is a native of Cook County, Ill., born September 28, 1875, a son of Joseph R. and Jennie L. (Hoover) King, farming people of New York State, who came to Illinois about 1860.

Ira George King received his education in the public schools of Onarga, Ill., and his early life was spent in much the same manner as that of any Illinois farmer's son. He remained on the home place until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he left the farm, deciding that there was a better opportunity for him to succeed in the business world. He came to Springfield June 15, 1906, and established himself in the music business, in which he has been very successful. His business has grown gradually but steadily, and he can now boast of one of the largest stores of its kind in the city. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen, while his politics have always been those of the Prohibition party, he being a stanch adherent of temperance in all things.

On August 10, 1904, Mr. King was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ellen Devereux, whose mother now resides with Mr. and Mrs. King, the father being deceased. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. King: Lawrence Devereux, born June 23, 1908, and one child who died at birth. The family affiliates with the Methodist Church.

KING, John W.—One of the venerable residents of Palmyra, Macoupin County, Illinois, and a man whose life has been spent in activities connected with farming and stock raising, is John W. King, father of the distinguished Dr. King, of Springfield, whose biography is treated of at length elsewhere in this work. Mr. King was born in Russellville, Ky., on Christmas day, 1822, being a son of David and Jemima (Gooch) King, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively. David King and wife were married in Kentucky, where they resided for some years, coming West seventy-two years ago and locating at Palmyra, Ill., which remained their home until their death. He was a Democrat, and both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was an Elder. The King family has long been associated with American history, its representatives having ever been found prompt to respond to every call of the country. Its members served in various wars of the country, beginning with the Revolution. It is thought that W. R. King, an early Vice-President of the United States, is a connection of this branch of the family.

John W. King went to school in Palmyra during his early days, and worked for his father on the farm. This determined his life work, and he made his money at farming and stock raising. Although a strong Republican, Mr. King has never cared for office, preferring to exert his influence as a private citizen. His religious faith is that of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to that denomination.

On February 19, 1845, Mr. King was married near Palmyra, Ill., to Rebecca Jones, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Black) Jones, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively. Mr. Jones moved to Kentucky when eighteen years of age, and there met and married his wife. The two were members of the Baptist Church and devout, good people. Mr. and Mrs. John W. King have had eleven children, six of whom survive: Jennie, wife of the Rev. S. T. Hawkins, of the Methodist Church; Joseph, who resides at Palmyra; Dr. Stephen J. King; Rev. William T., a minister of the Christian Church at Lomax, Ill.; John W., a farmer and real estate dealer of Alpha, Idaho; and Nellie, wife of Virgil Hoover of Milton, Pike County, Ill. Mr. King has sixteen grandchildren, of whom he is immensely proud.

KING, Stephen Jones, M. D.—In these days of progressive competition, professional men are realizing the expediency of specializing along certain lines. This is specially true in medicine and surgery, for the field is so wide and the necessity for expert knowledge so necessary that it is almost impossible for any one man to be proficient in all. One of the most learned and eminent physicians and surgeons of Sangamon County is Dr. Stephen J. King, specialist in chronic rectal and intestinal diseases, external cancer and skin diseases. Dr. King was born in Macoupin County, Ill., July 9, 1860, being a son of John W. King, a sketch of whom appears in this work.

After a boyhood spent in the district schools near Palmyra, Ill., Dr. King taught school for some time before taking a scientific and literary course at Valparaiso, Ind., from which he graduated in the Class of 1880. Following this he attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, passing the examinations, but was not given a diploma, as he was under the

prescribed age. He then studied medicine at Hospital Medical College, of Louisville, from which he graduated in 1885, with the degree of M. D., carrying off distinguished honors. He served in the hospital connected with the college as interne, thus securing a very valuable experience. After traveling over the country to a considerable extent, Dr. King settled at Illiopolis, Ill., and practiced for ten years. Feeling the need of wider knowledge, he took several post graduate courses in Chicago, New York, London, Paris and Berlin, fitting himself for the special work he is now doing. In 1907 he came to Springfield, which is still his home. Here he has built up a large practice, giving special attention to the diseases already mentioned. He is a man of eminent scientific attainments and is a microscopical investigator, and during his researches has discovered an absolute cure for piles and cancer. It may be safely said that no physician has done more to alleviate the suffering of his patients than has Dr. King. In conjunction with his work and experiments, Dr. King is writing an exhaustive work on rectal surgery which promises to be of invaluable service to the profession. He belongs to the Illinois State Medical Society, the Macoupin County Medical Society and the Decatur Medical Society, and is one of the best known men of his profession in this part of the State. In addition to his professional duties Dr. King is president of the National Coal Mining and Development Company, of Springfield, with lands in Kentucky, which is capitalized at $500,000; is also a stockholder in the United Oil and Pipe Line Refining Company of Beaumont, Tex., and is a good business man as well as an eminent physician.

Dr. King was married at Lomax, Ill., January 7, 1901, to Mary L. Crownover, daughter of Robert and Temperance (Curts) Crownover, natives of Michigan and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mr. Crownover was a farmer, who came with his family to Illinois, settling at Lomax, where both he and his wife died. He was a Republican, a Methodist, and a substantial, reliable man. Dr. and Mrs. King have one child, Eva Audrey, born January 9, 1904.

Ever since he cast his first vote, Dr. King has believed in voting for the men and measures best suited to the needs of the whole people, and still pursues this policy. He is a broad-minded, liberal man, whose interests are centered in his profession, and he is a valuable addition to any community in which he may see fit to locate.

KIRKPATRICK, John. (Vol. I, p. 319.)

KIRLIN, Bernard M.—Springfield, Ill., has a large number of the solid, reliable and successful business men of Sangamon County, and not a few of these are representatives of old families who are proud to claim an Irish ancestry. One of these who occupies a leading position in the business life of this city is Bernard M. Kirlin. Mr. Kirlin was born in Springfield, September 15, 1862, and is a son of Michael and Bridget (Brady) Kirlin.

Michael Kirlin was born in County Londonderry, Ireland, and died at Springfield, Ill., in 1903. About 1852 he embarked for America with his family, landed at Philadelphia, and from there came to Springfield. He engaged in a general mercantile business, in which he continued until the time of his death. He was a man of considerable enterprise and possessed business capacity and, although he never acquired a large fortune, he reared his family in comfort and fulfilled the duties of a good citizen. In political views he was a Democrat, but public office never had any attractions for him. In Ireland, Michael Kirlin was married to Bridget Brady, who was born in County Monaghan and died at Springfield, surviving her husband two years. Of their eight children the eldest, a daughter, died in Ireland. The others were as follows: Rose, widow of M. Finnery, is a resident of Chicago; Tilley, who is now deceased, was the wife of Augustus Fields; Ella, who married George Ball, resides at Springfield and they have two children, Lauretta and Ellen; Bernard M.; Mary and Elizabeth, both of whom are unmarried; and Frank, who is now deceased. Michael Kirlin and wife reared their children in the faith of the Catholic Church.

Until he was sixteen years old Bernard M. Kirlin was mainly engaged in helping his father in the store and in obtaining his education, attending both the public schools and St. Mary's Catholic School. He then entered his father's employ and in two months had earned enough to purchase a horse, after which he went into business for himself. He operated a huckster wagon for a time and then engaged in a regular dray business, and within one year had not only acquired a team of horses but had $209 in cash. His success in his initial business venture encouraged him and he continued in the dray business for four years, then enlarged the scope of his operations by starting a livery and coal business, together with draying. That was about twenty-four years ago and Mr. Kirlin has continued his livery interests up to the present time. Shortly after starting in the above line he embarked also in undertaking. In 1895 he formed a business partnership with Edward Egan, and together they have conducted both the undertaking and livery establishments. They have well equipped quarters. The livery barns, with dimensions of 45x120 feet, are located at Nos. 116-118 South Fourth Street, while the undertaking establishment is situated at No. 411 East Adams Street. They have eleven closed carriages, a fine city ambulance and an undertaking wagon, together with both black and white funeral cars. All their equipment is modern in every particular and suitable for every occasion. Mr. Kirlin is a graduate of the Barnes College of Embalming, and under his direct supervision all the details of funeral directing are carried out in a perfect manner and

with the dignified attention so grateful to those in sorrow and affliction. This firm probably handles the larger part of all funeral directing in this city.

On June 25, 1889, Bernard M. Kirlin was married to Mary Egan, also of Irish extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Kirlin have one daughter, Mary, who is a student at St. Agnes Catholic School. Mr. Kirlin is one of the leading members of St. Agnes Catholic Church, at Springfield, and is interested in many of its social and benevolent organizations. He also belongs to St. Agnes Court of Foresters and to the Knights of Columbus. While he has been identified with the Democratic party since he reached manhood, he has never been willing to accept political office, his business, family, social and fraternal life filling up the full measure of his time. In all essentials, Mr. Kirlin is a self-made man, and is entitled to the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens as such. In these modern days of fierce competition in every line, to be able to push ahead and without financial or other backing, to honestly acquire an independent position in the business world, proves pretty forcibly the possession of tact, judgment and business capacity. Personally, Mr. Kirlin is pleasant, frank and courteous.

KLINTWORTH, Henry, a veteran of the Civil War, is now retired from active life, and since 1892 has lived in his pleasant home at 1410 East Brown Street, Springfield. He was born in Hanover, Germany, January 12, 1831, son of Peter and Adeline Klintworth, natives of Germany, where both spent their entire lives. The father owned a farm and conducted it until his death. There were six children in the family and all came to America and settled. They were: Adeline, Benjamin, Henry, Peter, Dieterich; John, who was killed in a sugar refinery in London, England, where he lived for a time.

Henry Klintworth spent his boyhood on a farm and was educated in Hanover. He left school at the age of fourteen years and in 1853 came to America with a brother, landing in New York City. He went to Philadelphia and soon afterward found employment on a railroad, where he spent a short time, then worked a few months in a sugar refinery, after which he and his brother Peter went to Chicago, remained there nine days, then went to Milwaukee and thence to Madison, Wis., where he worked two months in a brick yard for $22 a month and his board. He then went on to Minnesota, where he found a German settlement, where he was welcomed and warmly invited to remain. He worked two months for a Norwegian manufacturer in a lime kiln, receiving $80 per month for his services, then went to St. Louis for a time, and there changed his gold money for paper, receiving $1.75 in paper for each gold dollar he traded. In 1857 Mr. Klintworth came to Springfield, where he worked in a brick yard about four years.

In 1861, when President Lincoln issued his first call for troops, to the number of 75,000, Mr. Klintworth enlisted for three months, in Company A, Fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, at St. Louis, and at the end of his term enlisted for three years and served under General Sigel Osterhaus. He participated in many important battles and many skirmishes. Among them were those at Camp Jackson, Booneville, Springfield, (Mo.), Pea Ridge and Little Rock, (Ark.). He went to the State of Louisiana, on July 4, 1863, crossed the Mississippi River to Vicksburg, and took part in the siege against that city; served on pilot duty on a transport to Cairo, Ill.; thence proceeded up the Ohio River to Cumberland, thence up the Tennessee River a short distance, and then returned the same way to Vicksburg. He was discharged from service at the close of the war, at St. Louis, Mo., and went from there to Springfield, Ill., where he located permanently. He was a brave and faithful soldier, whose record speaks for itself.

After the war Mr. Klintworth purchased a small piece of land in Sangamon County, where he carried on gardening until he retired from active life, purchasing the home he still occupies.

Mr. Klintworth was married, in 1871, to Mary (Bose) Klintworth, daughter of Frederick and Mary Bose, and widow of John Klintworth, who was a brother of Henry Klintworth. She was first married in London, and after her husband was killed in the sugar refinery there, brought her son Fred with her to America. She had five children by her first marriage, of whom Peter died in South Carolina, July 18, 1899; Henry, died in infancy; Frederick, of Pawnee, Ill.; Dieterich, died in London, at the age of three years; Catherine, born in London, was brought to America by Peter Klintworth and his wife, and grew to womanhood in Springfield, where she was married, in 1881, to Frank Richards, an employe of the Standard Oil Company at Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Richards live with Mr. Klintworth and have six children: Eda, Elizabeth, Frank, William, Marguerite and Wilbur. Mr. Klintworth and the members of his family are devout members of the German Lutheran Church. He is much interested in public affairs and in politics is a Republican. He is well known in the community and genuinely respected.

KOCH, Casper.—Those who served their country as brave and gallant soldiers during the Civil War are regarded with special veneration by the people who are now enjoying the fruits of their endeavors. The Government does all it can to express its gratitude, although it is insufficient, and whenever possible confers government positions upon its veterans. A man now residing in Springfield who has proven his bravery in both war and peace, is Casper Koch, one of the German-Americans of the city. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 5, 1834, being a son of Casper and Barbara (Pope)

Koch, both born in Bavaria, he in 1807 and she in 1809. The father was a shoemaker by trade, as is his son, and came to America July 4, 1849, his wife joining him in September, 1854. They came to Springfield, where they resided until the father enlisted in the Union Army, and met his death on the battle field of Bull Run. The mother continued to reside here until her death in 1883.

Casper Koch, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Germany, and learned his trade from his father, working at it until 1865, with the exception of the time he served in the war. In that year he was made Chief of Police in Springfield, and for two years very efficiently discharged the offices of that position. Following this he worked again at his trade until 1869, when he was appointed to the capital police force at Washington, D. C., serving on it until 1881. He then came back to Springfield, which has since been his home. Here he has continued working as a shoemaker, and has a large and reliable trade. Mr. Koch enlisted in 1862, under Colonel Campbell and General Balsch, and was made watchman of the government stores at Springfield. He was also policeman at the State House, then was made first door janitor, and still later was appointed to oversee the heating plant. For forty years Mr. Koch has been a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 5, Knights of Pythias, which he joined in 1870, while residing in Washington. A strong Republican, Mr. Koch takes pride in the fact that his first vote was cast for John C. Fremont.

On January 26, 1856, Mr. Koch was married in Springfield to Barbara Will, born in Germany in 1833. After the death of his first wife he married, on April 1, 1872, Laura Groes, of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Koch has children as follows: William, Frank J., Adeline, Katherine, are living; Edward; Ellis; Sofie, deceased, and one died in infancy. His wife died in childbirth with twins. William lives in Washington, D. C., where he conducts a plumbing and gas fitting business; Frank J. is a brick mason of Springfield; Adeline (or Mary), married Walter Murray, a clerk in a grocery store, and Kate married Richard Douglas, a moulder by trade. Mr. Koch owns his home at No. 129 West Carpenter Street, which he bought in 1855, as well as other city realty, and is in comfortable circumstances. His prosperity is due to the fact that he had always tried to do his full duty, to give every man a square deal and to live up to the obligations placed upon him.

KOERNER, Gustavus. (Vol. I, pp. 321-322.)

KOHL, John, a prosperous farmer of Springfield Township, Sangamon County, Ill., was born in Germany, son of John and Julianna Kohl, both natives of Germany, the father born March 19, 1820, and the mother November 4, 1825. The father was for many years a successful farmer and stockman in Sangamon County. He and his wife brought their family to the United States in 1863, and settled at Old Berlin, Sangamon County, where they lived for a time, then purchased a farm north of Springfield, and lived there until 1892, when they moved to Bissell, Ill., and later located at 1048 North Seventh Street, Springfield, the present family home. They were parents of nine children, of whom the following survive: William, a farmer living ten miles west of Springfield; Godfrey, a miner; Mary, wife of John Feulner, a bartender; Julia, wife of John Stremsterfer, died twenty-six years ago.

John Kohl, subject of this sketch, attended Sand Hill School when a boy and lived on his father's farm until nineteen years of age, then worked in the rolling mills in Springfield a short time, worked two years in a brick yard, and for nineteen and one-half years worked for Springfield Water Works as fireman and engineer. In 1889 he purchased his father's homestead, where he has lived ever since.

Mr. Kohl takes an active interest in public affairs and movements of progress and improvement. In politics he is a Republican and he is a member of Grace Lutheran Church. In 1907 he was elected School Director and served two years. He is well known in the community where he resides, and is considered a representative, useful citizen. He is an energetic farmer and has been accordingly successful.

September 8, 1880, Mr. Kohl was married, in Sangamon county, to Miss Amelia Hahn, who was born November 9, 1860, daughter of Abraham and Wilhelmina Hahn. Mr. Hahn was born October 18, 1833, and his wife May 5, 1832, both in Germany. She came to America in 1847 and he came about the same time. They had seven sons and three daughters, and Mrs. Kohl has two brothers living in Sangamon County, one brother in Dundee, Ill., and a sister in Chicago. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kohl, namely: Herbert J., married Anna M. Younker, live on father's farm in Christian County and have three children living: Mildred A., Margaret I. and Harlan O.; Reuben E., at home on his father's farm; Walter G., married Anna B. Klor and has one child, Alma V, and he is employed at the United Zinc & Chemical Works, in Springfield; John W., on a farm, near Lanesville, Ill., as is Chester J.; Amelia J., married Oscar O. Churchill and lives in Sangamon County, and Marie L., married Robert S. Curry and lives east of the home farm; and one died in infancy. Mr. Kohl has a farm of about eighty seven acres, devoted principally to general farming, fruits and truck farming. He also owns 140 acres in Christian County, Ill., near Edinburg. He is a member of the Anti-Horse Thief Association and North Western Life Insurance Company.

KORNACK, August, a prominent and successful farmer of Capital Township, Sangamon County, Ill., is a public-spirited and useful German-American citizen and has the respect and goodwill of all who have had dealings with him, in

business or social life. He was born in Prussia, November 16, 1852, son of Andrew and Lena Kornack, both natives of Germany. They were farmers and came to America in 1881, locating in Riverton, Sangamon County, Ill., where their son August lived with them for some time. Both parents died on this farm, the father in 1890 and the mother in 1888. They had three daughters and one of these, Lena, married Mr. Hartwick, of Farmingdale, Ill. One son, Anton, lives in Springfield.

August Kornack received his education in the schools of his native country, which he attended until he was fourteen years of age, then worked on a farm and at fishing until he came to America. He landed in New York after spending fourteen days on the trip and came direct to Riverton, Sangamon County, where he remained one year, then for four years worked for the Wabash Railroad Company. He returned to the farm, where he spent four years, then purchased 100 acres of his present farm. Both he and his father had served in the German Army before coming to the United States.

Mr. Kornack was married in Prussia, in February, 1879, to Adeline Blum, a native of Germany, who came to the United States with her husband and died in 1881. Her parents emigrated to the United States and settled in Wisconsin, where they spent their remaining days. Two children were born of this union: Charles A., a farmer of the vicinity of Des Moines, Iowa, and one child deceased. Mr. Kornack was married (second) in 1883, to Wilhelmina Gosh, a native of Germany, whose parents died in that country, and eight children were born of this union: Fritz, Otto, Henry, Albert, George; Emma, wife of Franz Clayton, lives in Peoria, Ill.; Bertha, wife of Ed Wells, lives near Springfield; Lizzie and Basil. There are three grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Kornack has 120 acres of excellent land in Capital Township and is accounted one of the representative and prosperous farmers of his community. He is actively interested in public affairs and is a Democrat in politics. He belongs to the Lutheran Church. He and his wife have lived many years on their present farm and have many friends in the neighborhood.

KRAMER, Jacob.—When a man has spent his life in well-directed effort, he owes himself a rest, both of body and mind, and some of the most responsible residents of Springfield have thus earned the retirement they are now enjoying. One whose name must appear in a record of this description, in order that it be truly representative, is Jacob Kramer, of No. 729 South Twelfth Street. He was born in Mercer County, Ohio, October 4, 1856, a son of Mathias and Mary A. (Doam) Kramer, both of Germany. Mathias Kramer was a tobacco raiser, who came to America in 1848, at the time of war in his own land, and settled in Mercer County, where he was engaged in farming for fourteen years. He then came to Springfield and became gardener for Governor Yates, Sr., working for him during his incumbency of the gubernatorial office. Mr. Kramer later retired and lived in Springfield until his death. There were eleven children in the family, six of whom survive: Matthew, of the city fire department; John; Barney; Mrs. Mary Burch; Mrs. Eve Holtman, and Jacob.

Jacob Kramer attended school in Springfield and learned the trade of boiler-maker under William Drake. After several years with Mr. Drake he engaged with the Wabash Railroad Company, being boiler-maker in their shops. He followed this occupation all his active life, and is still interested in everything pertaining to his trade, although he retired several years ago.

In 1881 Mr. Kramer was married, in Springfield, to Josephine Redden, born in Ireland. Her parents never left that land, and are now deceased. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kramer, five of whom are now living: William, a baker of Springfield; Charles; Edward, Carrie and Eva, all at home. There is one grandchild in the family, the pet of all. Mr. Kramer owns his home, and has comfortable means. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic, while politically his sympathies are with the Democratic party. He is a man who, through hard work and thrifty habits, has been able to rear his family and provide comfortably for his old age. It is such men who constitute the back-bone of the nation.

KRAMER, John E.—The older farmers of Sangamon County realize the remarkable advance that has been made in farming conditions during the past half century. They know the difficulties under which the agriculturist of former days was forced to labor, as he struggled to support his family from the scanty yield of his poorly cultivated acres. Now the farmer can earn more from a few acres of highly developed land than he could in the old days from half a section, and this has brought about a considerable change in methods. One of the prosperous farmers of Sangamon County who has been devoting himself to the cultivation of a small farm, is John E. Kramer. He was born in Montgomery County, Pa., November 29, 1839, a son of John and Mary (Davis) Kramer, natives of Pennsylvania, the latter born in the city of Philadelphia. The parents came to Illinois in 1849, locating on a farm in Macoupin County, where they resided until 1858, when they came to Sangamon County and settled in Chatham Township. There the father was engaged in farming for many years, living until March 22, 1877, while his widow survived him until September 20, 1887. Mr. Kramer traces back to an honorable ancestry, his grandfather having been a soldier of the Revolutionary War. The Kramer family originated in Germany, while the Davis family is of English origin. John E. Kramer had two

brothers, but Thomas D. of Nevada, Mo., is the only one now surviving.

While residing in Pennsylvania and Macoupin County, Ill., John E. Kramer attended school, but after arrival in Sangamon County he was called upon to do a man's work on the farm. Eventually he engaged in farming for himself, and for some years has resided on his present farm of thirteen acres. In addition to this he owns other property.

The marriage of Mr. Kramer occurred in Chatham Township, August 15, 1861, to Eliza Beam, born in Ohio, October 28, 1840, her parents being natives of New Jersey, who settled in Ohio in 1838, being farming people. They had three sons and two daughters, but Mrs. Kramer and a son alone survive. Mr. and Mrs. Beam came to Illinois in 1845, locating in Chatham Township, Sangamon County, where the father died June 6, 1859, and the mother, March 2, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Kramer became the parents of three sons and one daughter: Isaac T. is a farmer of Christian County, Ill.; Mary E., wife of William Ellison, a farmer of the same county; Thomas and Charles are farmers of Sangamon County. There are fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in this family.

Mr. Kramer has been quite prominent politically, having been honored by the Democratic party by election to the office of Constable for three successive terms, from 1894 to 1897. He also served as School Director for three years. Since young manhood he has been a member of the Baptist Church, and has supported it liberally. He is a solid, practical man, whose ideas about farming are worth while, as his success proves. He has brought up a nice family, lived to see them happily settled, and enjoys their prosperity and the affection of his grandchildren. Although he has worked for many years, he is still so active that he continues his farming operations, taking pride in the fact that he can still teach young men how to take care of his farm. Always interested in public matters, he is well posted on current matters, and can discuss them intelligently and sensibly.

KREIDER, George N., A. M., M. D., than whom there is no more prominent figure in medical circles in Illinois, has attained distinction of an international nature as a physician, surgeon, lecturer and writer on subjects of a medical nature, and has been chosen to represent his State and country in a number of the largest and most prominent gatherings of medical men the world has known. Dr. Kreider is a native of Lancaster, Ohio, born October 10, 1856, a son of Edmund Cicero and Mary (Gates) Kreider. Colonel E. C. Kreider was serving as Postmaster of Jacksonville, Ill., at the time of his death, September 8, 1905.

Dr. Kreider's grandfather, Dr. Michael Zimmermann Kreider, was a leading physician of Ohio during the middle of the nineteenth century, practicing in Lancaster from 1825 until his death in 1855. He was Secretary of the first medical convention held in Ohio, in 1835, and was a prominent Mason, being the first to hold the office of Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Ohio, elected to that position in 1843, and serving three years. He also served as Grand Master of Ohio Masons in 1847-49.

The education of Dr. George N. Kreider was commenced in the public schools of Ohio, and he later attended Washington High School, of Jacksonville, Ill., and the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1877 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After attending a course of lectures at the Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduating from the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York, in 1880 he began the practice of his profession in Springfield. In 1885 and 1886 he studied under medical professors of London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna, and again in 1890 he went to Europe and continued his studies at the University of Jena, completing his medical education in 1897 at the University of Gottingen, Strassburg, in 1903 and Heidelberg in 1908.

Dr. Kreider was in 1894 elected President of the Capital District Medical Society; in 1895 was President of the District Medical Society of Central Illinois; since 1891 has been an officer of the Illinois State Medical Society, President, 1901, Treasurer, 1891-1900, and Editor of the Illinois Medical Journal, 1899-1912; a member of the American Medical Association; from 1884 until 1887 a member of the Illinois State Board of Health, Assistant Surgeon General Illinois National Guard 1896-1901, and other offices too numerous to mention. He attended the Ninth International Medical Congress at Washington, the Tenth at Berlin, the Eleventh at Rome and the Twelfth in Moscow. He is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to Tyrian Lodge No. 333, A. F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.; Springfield Council No. 4, R. & S. M. and Elwood Commandery No. 6 K. T. of which he has been Eminent Commander three times.

On February 18, 1894, Dr. Kreider was united in marriage with Miss Emma Pasfield, daughter of Dr. George and Hathaway (Pickrell) Pasfield, of Springfield, Ill. Five children have been born to this union, as follows: George Pasfield, April 10, 1895; Mary, April 28, 1896; Paul Gates, February 21, 1898; Emma Jane January 27, 1900, and Salome Carpenter, June 11, 1907.

KREIGH, Elie M., Jr. (deceased).—The merchants of Springfield have from earliest times profited from existing conditions. The constantly growing population has created a demand for household supplies, which they have bought from local merchants. The business of the city has more than kept pace with its growth in other directions, and this is largely due to the efforts of those who have had matters of this kind in charge. One of the best known stove and hardware merchants there was the

late E. M. Kreigh, Jr., born in Hagerstown, Md., January 22, 1843, a son of E. M. Kreigh, Sr., and Mary Ann Kreigh, natives of Hagerstown. The father brought his family to Springfield, April 12, 1855, and lived in Sangamon County the rest of his life. At his death he was survived by a widow and two children, a son and daughter.

The education of E. M. Kreigh was secured in the Springfield schools, and when he left school he went into his father's stove and tinware business, becoming so well versed in it, that when the latter died he was able to assume full charge. He continued in the same line until his own demise, branching out and increasing the volume of his sales. A keen, shrewd business man, he was able to meet and overcome every obstacle, and when he died he was one of the largest operators in his line in this part of the State. In the very prime of life, which was so filled with good things for him, Mr. Kreigh was called away August 12, 1906, and his remains were laid to rest in beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery, where they are marked by an imposing monument. He belonged to Capital Lodge No. 14, K. of P., of Springfield. The Christian Church had in him an earnest, steadfast member. Although a stanch Democrat and active in his party, he did not care for office of any kind.

Mr. Kreigh was married in Jacksonville, Ill., October 4, 1864, to Helen Pyatt, born there, July 17, 1845 daughter of Benjamin and Mary Ann Pyatt, the former born in Pittsburg, Pa., May 18, 1821, and the latter in Paris, Ky., January 2, 1821. Mr. and Mrs. Kreigh had the following children: Charles B., born November 6, 1867; Mary Catherine, born September 15, 1876, married Dr. Moulton, and has two children. Mrs. Kreigh owns her pleasant home at No. 207 South Walnut street, as well as other city realty. Her husband left her exceedingly well provided for, and it is a pleasure to her to recall how anxious he was to secure her comfort through hard work and untiring devotion to business.

KREKENBERG, Carl. (Vol. II, p. 875.)

KRESS, Philip.—Few men are more independent than the farmer of Illinois, for the fertile soil of the Prairie State responds readily to their care, and the land has so increased in value that those who are fortunate enough to own any of it are reaping abundant profits. A representative of this class in Sangamon County is Philip Kress, residing on Section 32, Woodside Township. Mr. Kress was born near New Berlin, Ill., June 26, 1860, a son of Arnold and Rebecca (Williams) Kress. The former was born in Bavaria, Germany, June 17, 1832, while his wife was a native of West Virginia. Arnold Kress came to America in November, 1854, landing in New York City. He came direct to New Berlin, Ill., where his brother, John Kress, had already settled, and the father of these two also came there. William Kress died in Old Berlin, after the close of the war, and his widow died in 1876. Arnold Kress died February 2, 1911, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery.

Philip Kress received a good common-school education in his native place, and at the same time helped his father on the farm, remaining at home until he was eighteen years old. He has spent his life in farming and understands it thoroughly. In 1896, he began farming for himself on his present farm, which consists of 260 acres of as rich land as can be found in this country. Prior to that he had some experience working a farm for Emil Walner and another for J. H. Drennan, and has always been successful, for he is industrious and earnest in all he undertakes.

Mr. Kress engages in general farming, as well as stock raising, specializing on cattle and hogs. His premises show the result of his care and attention. For years he has been interested in securing the most improved farm machinery, and his methods are followed by a number of his neighbors. The Kress family has been actively identified with agricultural interests in Sangamon County for many years. Two uncles of Mr. Kress, John and Philip Kress, were among the early settlers there, while two of his brothers are also farmers, they being Joseph A. and Alfred. These two brothers, with Mr. Kress and two sisters, Mary E. Morrisey, wife of Patrick Morrisey, of Bates, Ill., and Rebecca J. Morrisey, wife of John Morrisey, are all that remain of the nine children born to their parents.

The marriage of Mr. Kress occurred at New Berlin, Ill., January 25, 1888, being solemnized by the Rev. Father Mohr to Mary E. Gorey, daughter of Patrick and Margaret Gorey, the former born in 1838 and the latter March 23, 1843. They were natives of Ireland who came to Springfield in the fifties. Mr. Gorey died February 26, 1898, but the mother survives, residing at Chatham, Ill., aged sixty-seven years. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kress, William Charles.

Mr. Kress is a member of the order of Owls, No. 1191, of Springfield, and is interested in its work. The Roman Catholic Church holds his membership, and he is connected with Immaculate Conception Parish, of Springfield. In politics he is a Democrat, being elected School Director in 1901, and serving six years in his township. He was also elected Collector of Woodside Township in 1907, serving in that office for one term. As a public official Mr. Kress proved himself conscientious and conservative, looking towards the interests of his township and doing all he could to conserve the affairs of his constitutents in a public-spirited manner. He has been eminently successful, but has risen through his own unaided efforts to be one of the prosperous agriculturists of the county.

KRESTHNER, Conrad.—It is remarkable how well the Germans succeed when they come to this country, for it is but seldom a native of the Fatherland is found who has not accummu-

lated a good competency. They receive an excellent training in their youth that teaches them to work and save, and when they reach this country, with its better chances, they are not slow to take advantage of the opportunities offered them. Sangamon County has received many of these honest, hard-working men, and has always extended them a warm welcome, appreciating what good citizens they make. One of the German-Americans of this locality is Conrad Kresthner, of Springfield Township, one of the county's most successful farmers.

Mr. Kresthner was born February 17, 1830, in Germany, being a son of Ernest and Matilda (Brisco) Kresthner, the former born in 1794, and both natives of Germany. The father was a soldier during the Napoleonic wars, and afterwards served in the Prussian army for five or six years. Later in life he was a mail carrier. His death occurred in 1850, but his wife passed away when Conrad Kresthner was born.

After being educated in the public schools of Germany Mr. Kresthner began working in a flour mill, remaining at it for three years, and at the age of seventeen years, went to Cassel (in Germany) to learn gardening. After five years in that city, he decided to try his fortune in the New World, so set sail from Bremen and was sixty-two days on the water. Landing in New York, May 22, 1855, he went to Lancaster, Pa., first obtaining employment at a summer resort, but a year later went on a farm in that locality. Later he was employed by a government contractor to care for horses and mules, and was thus engaged for three years, but left Pennsylvania in 1862, to come to Sangamon County. Reaching Springfield in March, 1862, he worked on a farm that is now included in the corporate limits of the present city, for four years, when he had saved enough money to buy his present farm of ten acres and later bought enough to make eighty acres, in Springfield Township. Since then he has made many improvements, now having one of the most productive pieces of property in the county.

The marriage of Mr. Kresthner occurred in Lancaster, Pa., October 18, 1861, to Prisco Maute, born in 1832, in Germany. Her parents died in Germany, she coming to this country alone. Mrs. Kresthner died July 31, 1909, and her remains were tenderly interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery, where a beautiful stone marks her last resting place. Four children were born of this marriage: Lizzie, wife of William Propst of Chicago, one daughter Anna; Anna, at home, keeping house for her father; Amelia married to William Sobarter, two sons, Julius and Conrad; and Ernest, at home. There are three grandchildren in the family, of whom Mr. Kresthner is very proud. For many years he has been one of the stalwart members of the Lutheran Church, of Springfield, and takes much comfort in his religion. The Democratic party secures his support, and he votes for its principles and candidates. Although advanced in years, Mr. Kresthner takes a lively interest in his farm, ably conducted by his son, as well as in public matters, keeping himself well informed on current events. His recollections of Springfield of fifty years ago are very vivid and interesting. As he talks the listener sees a city of entirely different aspect from that of today, and realizes how much work has been accomplished by the men who have made these improvements possible, and not only built up a beautiful capital, but established a firm and reliable government upon a stable foundation.

KRIMMEL, Charles F., who has been a resident of Springfield, Ill., nearly fifty years, worked there for many years at his trade of carpenter, but has now retired from active life. He was born at Williamsburg, N. Y., December 2, 1839, son of Ludwig and Rosina (Hahr) Krimmel, both natives of Wurtemburg, Germany. Ludwig Krimmel and his wife came to the United States in 1839, spending about a year in Williamsburg, N. Y., where he worked at his trade of watch-maker, then moved to Belleville, Ill., where he opened a general store and conducted it many years. He subsequently opened a factory for the manufacture of all kinds of woolen goods and continued in this occupation until his death, which occurred in 1848, when he accidentally drowned in a creek near Belleville. The widow of Mr. Krimmel conducted the factory about one year, after which it was sold.

The education of Charles F. Krimmel was acquired in Belleville, and in his youth he worked at the trade of painter, but later learned the trade of carpenter. He worked on a farm for a short time and during the Civil War enlisted in Company B, Ninth Illinois Infantry, for three months. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he re-enlisted in Company A, Twelfth Missouri Infantry, serving three years. He participated in the Battle of Vicksburg and many other important engagements, serving under Col. Osterhaus and under Gen. John A. Logan and Gen. Sherman. While they were going through Georgia he was Chief Wagon Master for the First Division Army Corps, and also served as Forage Master and Sergeant of Company A in the Twelfth Missouri Regiment, which was mustered out at St. Louis, August 12, 1864. Mr. Krimmel is a member of Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., of Springfield.

At the close of the war Mr. Krimmel located in Springfield, working several years at his trade, then embarked in business on his own account and for nine years conducted a rendering plant there. He worked for a short time as stationary engineer in the employ of Franz Brothers, of Springfield, and then resumed work at his trade, continuing this occupation until his retirement a few years since. He was a good workman and was successful in a financial way, having acquired several pieces of property in Springfield, besides a comfortable residence at 115 West Mason Street all of which he has since sold. Mr. Krimmel is a Democrat and is actively interested in the welfare and progress of his community. He is well

known in the city, where he has won many friends.

Mr. Krimmel was married, in Belleville, Ill., May 16, 1866, to Mary Whitener, born in Mascoutah, Ill., June 14, 1850, daughter of Nicholas Whitener. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in Virginia. Seven children blessed the union of Mr. Krimmel and his wife, five sons and two daughters, and six of them are now living, namely: Josephine, wife of William Peterson, of Bloomington, Ill.; George, a baker, living in Springfield; Edward, a butcher and meat cutter, of Springfield; Mrs. David Black, whose husband is head clerk in the Illinois Hotel in Springfield; Walter and Charles F., employed by a firm dealing in ice. Mr. Krimmel has six grandchildren living.

KRUGER, Nick, an enterprising and successful farmer of Sangamon County, is a native of the county, born near Glenarm, August 17, 1862, son of John A. and Barbara (Hargus) Kruger, both born in Germany, in 1832. The father was a farmer and he and his wife came to Sangamon County at an early date, locating near Chatham. When their son Nick was three years of age, they located in Rochester Township, where they lived seventeen years. Nick Kruger was educated in the public schools and lived on his father's farm until he began learning the trade of carpenter and wagon-maker. He also learned blacksmithing, and for three years worked as carpenter for depots and tanks for the Wabash Railroad Company. Later he took up the occupation of farmer and gardener, and has found this occupation profitable. He has always been industrious and active and has been successful through well-directed efforts. He has lived at his present place, where he owns forty acres of land, for the last eleven years.

Mr. Kruger was married, in Springfield, January 7, 1888, to Mary C. Mohr, born March 7, 1863, daughter of William A. and Mary A. Mohr, natives of Germany, who came to America in an early day. Eight sons and one daughter were born to Mr. Kruger and his wife: Louis, John H., Bernhart S., Joseph C., Henry W., William A., Caroline, Charles, died at the age of three years and George, born in 1908. Mr. Kruger is a good friend and neighbor and has the good-will of all who know him. He has a fine family of children, of whom he is reasonably proud. He belongs to the Catholic church and to the Western Catholic Union; in politics he is a Democrat, and he takes a great pride and interest in the affairs of his community. He is the friend of progress and is much interested in the cause of the church and school. He is a reliable and useful citizen and has a good standing in the community.

KUHN, August.—Germany is the land which has given more desirable citizens to the United States than any other, and the German-Americans of our land stand high in public esteem. One of this class residing in Sangamon County, is August Kuhn, now living retired at Dawson. He was born in Prussia, April 5, 1833, a son of Gottlieb and Sophia (Fisher) Kuhn, both natives of Germany. The father was a farmer, and neither he nor his wife ever came to America, rounding out their useful lives in their native land. They had four sons and three daughters, but of these August and Michael, the latter a farmer in Clear Lake Township, are the only survivors.

August Kuhn received a good German education until he was fourteen years of age, and during his boyhood worked on the homestead. As is usual in German families, he was apprenticed, and learned thoroughly the trade of blacksmithing. In 1859 he came to the United States, sailing from Hamburg and landing in New York City a month later. Coming west, he located in Springfield, where he worked with a brother chopping wood, until he obtained employment at his trade, with Henry Van Horn, of Springfield. After a year in this position he worked for other blacksmiths for twenty-three years. Like many of his countrymen, he served during the Civil War, enlisting in the Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and serving under General Palmer. After serving three months he was honorably discharged on account of disability with rank of Sergeant. In 1896 Mr. Kuhn moved to Buffalo, Ill., working there for J. H. Dawson, a wagon-maker, for several years, but in 1900 settled at Dawson, which is now his permanent home. Until a recent date he conducted his own blacksmith shop there but, owing to his years, his family induced him to retire.

In September, 1863, Mr. Kuhn was married in Springfield to Sophia Brusz, born in Prussia, Germany, August 29, 1842, a daughter of Gottlieb Brusz, who, with his wife, died in Germany some years ago. He was a skilled machinist in his native land. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn, but they have interested themselves in the young people of their relatives and are beloved by a wide circle. They belong to the German Lutheran Church, which receives their generous support. In politics Mr. Kuhn is a Republican, but his busy life has left him no time for public office. He possesses many characteristic traits of the German and has bought his home in Dawson out of his earnings.

KUHN, Michael, who owns an excellent farm of 114 acres in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, has lived on his present farm since 1883, and has met with very fair success in carrying it on. He was born in Prussia, Germany, in March, 1828, son of Charles and Louise (Fisher) Kuhn, natives of Germany, where they spent their entire lives. The parents resided on a farm and were useful and respected members of thir community. Michal Kuhn attended school until he was fourteen years of age, and later worked on his father's farm. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and has followed them the greater part of his life.

In 1854 Michael Kuhn followed his desire

for a new field of endeavor, and sailed from Bremen for New York. He came west to Chicago, thence to Springfield, where he lived twenty years, and for ten years was employed in the yard of the Miller Brick Company. He has made several improvements on his present farm, and has a very comfortable home. He has now retired from active life. His land is in a high state of cultivation and he has been an industrious, energetic farmer. He has established himself in the good-will and esteem of his community and has many warm personal friends. He is a member of the German Lutheran church and is interested in many worthy objects.

Mr. Kuhn was married in Germany, in 1853, to Minnie Lueck, also a native of that country, whose parents were early settlers of Springfield, where her father now resides, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. He spent his entire active life at his trade of tailor. Eight children were born to Mr. Kuhn and his wife, of whom seven survive: William, a farmer living near Loami; Bertha married Jacob Rook, and they live on a farm near Springfield; Henry, a farmer of Clear Lake Township; Minnie married Henry Leder, a blacksmith by trade, and they live in Omaha, Neb.; Fred, a member of the city police force of Springfield; Tena, wife of Herman Williams, of Springfield; Herman, a farmer living near Curran. There are twenty-five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren in the family.

KUPISCH, August.—The German-American element in a community insures a solidity and substantiality not often produced by any other people. The Germans are a thrifty, reliable, industrious people, and when they come to the United States they do not leave these characteristics behind, but develop them to their own advantage, as well as that of the locality in which they locate. One of the excellent German-Americans of whom Sangamon County is justly proud, is August Kupisch, of No. 1050 Ohio Avenue, Springfield. He was born in Germany, November 16, 1866, a son of William Kupisch, born in Germany in 1841, and Charlotte Fuch, born in Germany in 1844. The father was a shoemaker, who is still living in Germany, but the mother died in March, 1910, aged sixty-five years. Two children were born to the parents: William and August.

August Kupisch was educated in the public schools of Germany and taught to farm, thus continuing until 1903, when he came to Springfield, locating in the city and building his present residence, which he owns. In April, 1892, he married Whilhelmina Allrech, born in Germany, August 19, 1873, daughter of John and Minnie Allrech. There were four children in the Allrech family: Charlotte, Hohn, Fritz and Mrs. Kupisch. Mr. and Mrs. Kupisch were parents of nine children, three of whom were born in Germany and six in America:—Martha, born May 10, 1896; Johanna, born in March, 1898; Mary B., born in December, 1900; Anna and Ernest (twins), born November 16, 1903; Leida, born November 18, 1909; Henry B., August, and William. Mr. Kupisch is a member of the Lutheran Church and gives it his liberal support. In politics he is a Republican. He is in comfortable circumstances and stands high among his neighbors.

KUSSMAUL, William F., who has for the past forty years been successfully engaged in mercantile business in Springfield, Ill., has been a resident of the city since 1854. He was born at Wurtemburg, Germany, March 1, 1832, son of John G. and Johannah (Shafer) Kussmaul, both of whom spent their entire lives in Germany. The father was a linen weaver by trade and died in 1870, and the mother died in 1865. They had three children and one son died young. The father served through the Prussian-Austrian War of 1812.

The education of William F. Kussmaul was received in the public schools of Germany, and he worked with his father until fifteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to learn the trade of locksmith. He spent three years in learning his trade and worked at it four years afterwards. He worked nine months in the capital of Baden, then sailed for America, June 3, 1854. He proceeded at once to Springfield, which has since been his home. He became employed as helper in a blacksmith shop and worked at the trade three years, then entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company, where he remained thirteen years. He then embarked in business on his own account, in the line of retail groceries. He is an enterprising and progressive merchant and has established a good trade, having won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has had dealings. He is well known in the city and has won a large number of warm personal friends there. He was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, for whom he voted in 1860, this being the first vote he cast.

Mr. Kussmaul was married, in Springfield, Ill., November 29, 1854, to Christina Yost, who was born February 16, 1833, daughter of David and Catherine (Plumer) Yost. The parents of Mrs. Kussmaul came to America in 1854 and located in Springfield. Both died in Sangamon County, he in 1870 and she in 1884. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kussmaul, namely: Henry, who has for the last twenty-four years been employed in the Springfield post-office; Julius, for the past twelve years employed as machinist for the Wabash Railroad; Lizzie, married Archie Euewet, who has been employed for twenty-six years by the Babcock Boiler Company; Emma, living at home. William F. Kussmaul has two grandchildren—Thomas and Wilhelmina Kussmaul.

Mr. Kussmaul owns a handsome residence at 931 South Eleventh Street, where he has eighty feet front, and he also owns five other houses in the city. He is interested in the progress of the community and in politics is a Republican.

He belongs to the German Lutheran Church and fraternally is connected with Lodge No. 39, United Workmen. He is of the highest type of citizen and is most public-spirited and patriotic in his sentiments towards his adopted country. By his industry and ambition he has established a paying business and has attained a place of standing and position among his fellows.

KUTSCHER, Henry (deceased).—Efficient and faithful service in any line of endeavor wins approval and respect, and the late Henry Kutscher, during his long association with the Wabash Railroad Company, as carpenter and contractor, established himself as one of its most trusted and valued employes. He was one of the prosperous German Americans who located in Springfield, where his widow now resides. Mr. Kutscher was born in Prussia, January 22, 1829, a son of John and Hannah Kutscher. John Kutscher was a school-teacher in Germany, and thus able to give his son Henry more than ordinary educational privileges.

In 1854 Henry Kutscher left his native land, sailing for New York City, where he remained a short time and then coming to Springfield, which continued to be his home for fifty years. For thirty-five years he was connected with the Wabash Railroad shops and the company never had a better man working for them. He was of quiet habits, never seeking public notice. Outside his home and business his only interests were centered in the German Lutheran Church, of Springfield, to which he gave an earnest, hearty and loyal support, and he died firm in its faith, December 6, 1907, his remains being buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

On February 14, 1858, Mr. Kutscher was united in marriage in Springfield, to Minnie Martin, born in Prussia, July 16, 1839, daughter of George Martin and wife, who never left their native land. Mr. and Mrs. Kutscher had children as follows: Julia Kerst, born July 16, 1858, and Minnie, born February 16, 1866, married and residing in Springfield.

Mrs Kutscher owns her residence at No. 1516 South Eleventh Street, which has been her home for forty years. She is a most estimable lady, a true Christian and an active worker in the German Lutheran Church. She is an excellent housekeeper and has brought up her daughters to be good wives and mothers. The family stands high in the community, and although Mr. Kutscher has passed away, he is tenderly remembered for his most excellent traits of character.

LADAGE, Fred William.—The farmers of several decades ago were willing to carry on their operations in just one way, ekeing what they might from their property and only gaining as a general rule, fair results from their long hours of laborious toil, never thinking what the years and science would bring towards lessening their labors and improving the results. Modern farming is as much different from the ancient, as one could readily imagine. The powerful new machinery has taken the place of the time-worn handplow, rotation of crops, formerly unheard of, has become a regular institution, tilling and grading are recognized as necessities and the agricultural colleges are yearly turning out young men who have revolutionized the business of farming, and have brought it up from a mere occupation to something akin to a profession. One of the best-known scientific farmers in Sangamon County if not in Illinois is Fred William Ladage, general manager of the Ridgley Farm, on Section 25, Auburn Township. He was born in Woodside Township, Sangamon County, Ill., April 15, 1875, a son of Henry G. and Louisa (Ostermeier) Ladage, both natives of Hesse, Germany.

The parents of Mr. Ladage came from the Fatherland about the same time, in 1853, first locating near Greenville, Darke County, Ohio, where Henry G. Ladage worked for a short time in a brickyard, later rented a farm on the estate where he had previously been overseer, and after the death of the owner, he rented the entire estate, which he controlled for six years. In 1868, he came to Sangamon County, Ill., locating near Springfield, where he rented 240 acres of land from Judge Hay, took charge of one of the Judge's properties and introduced rotation of crops and other new ideas, which stamped him as an advanced and far-seeing agriculturist. He continued in control of the farm until his death, April 12, 1896, while his widow still survives him, making her home on the farm of her youngest son and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Ladage were the parents of the following children: Caroline, at home; Henry, a farmer in Auburn Township; William, carrying on operations in Woodside Township; Emma, the wife of Isaac Fremd, a farmer in Woodside Township; Louise, the wife of Wilbur Stimky, of Truman, Minn.; Charles, who has charge of the farm on which his father located in 1868; and Fred William.

Fred William Ladage was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools, and being a bright and ambitious lad also attended night school. His father died just before his twenty-first birthday, and in 1898, he decided to secure a broader education, subsequently entering the commercial department of the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1899, and in the fall of the same year he entered the State University in the College of Agriculture on a two-year scholarship which had been presented to him by the Farmers Institution of Sangamon County. He left in December, 1903, in his junior year, having worked his way while in college and thus is not only a self-made but also a self-educated man. On his return home he rented a farm of 170 acres in Woodside Township, where he began to put his practical knowledge to the test in both farming and stockraising, and he was soon demonstrating the value of an education

along these lines. On February 22, 1905, Mr. Ladage was united in marriage with Anna C. Riehmann, who was born at St. Charles, Ill., May 14, 1878. In 1906 Mr. Ladage was given charge of the Ridgley Lands, in South Sangamon County, which include 1,830 acres, and which at that time, through bad management, had become run down and were much depreciated in value. He at once started crop rotation, and the results obtained by him have been almost beyond belief. The yield has increased phenomenally, and in every manner Mr. Ladage has shown that the practicability he inherited from his father, when linked with the scientific methods he learned during his course of education, have made him one of the foremost scientific farmers and stockraisers in Illinois. Various agricultural pamphlets written by him, have been spread broadcast, people come from far and wide to converse with him and learn his methods, and he is cheerfully doing all in his power to assist agriculturists the country over to recognize the fact that scientific tilling of the soil, is the only proper way for the farmer to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ladage have had three children: Richard, born January 21, 1906; Anna, born March 15, 1907; and Frederick, born November 24, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Ladage were both baptized and confirmed in the German Lutheran Church, and both are now members of Trinity Church of that denomination in Springfield, where Mr. Ladage has for years sung in the choir.

LAIRD, Dr. Florus Alva, veterinary surgeon, located at Auburn, Ill., has in the past few years built up a large practice in the southern part of Sangamon County, and has one of the best equipped hospitals for use in a professional way in his part of the State. He is a member of a family that has long been well known in Sangamon County, his grandfather, Josiah Laird, having been one of early settlers of Ball Township. Dr. Laird was born on his father's farm in Ball Township, September 22, 1878, son of Joab J. and Mary J. (Stroud) Laird, the father also a native of Ball Township. Joab was a son of Josiah Laird, who became one of the extensive landowners and stockmen of the county.

Joab Laird was reared on his father's farm and in time grew to be one of the leading farmers of his township. He was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community, a stanch Democrat, and often held township offices, discharging every duty faithfully and well. He belonged to the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, the former of Auburn and the latter of Pawnee. He died September 8, 1884, and his widow later married Mr. T. J. Molohan and now resides in Oklahoma. Mr. Laird and his wife had six sons (of whom four survive) and two daughters, the survivors being: Samuel M., of Anthony, Kan.; John R., on part of the home farm in Ball Township; Nicholas E., of Harvel, Ill.; Dr. F. A.; Alice, wife of F. M. Jones, living on South Seventh Street, Springfield; Cythan married Miles M. Smothers and they reside at Hawthorne Hill.

When Dr. F. A. Laird was six years of age, his father died and he went to live with his brother-in-law, F. M. Jones, where he remained until he was fourteen years of age, at which time he started to work out by the month, thus continuing until his marriage, February 9, 1898, to Miss Angie Colean, a native of Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, daughter of M. W. Colean, a successful farmer of that township. After marriage, the young couple settled on the home farm, and in the fall of 1899, having decided to learn a profession, Mr. Laird entered McKillip Veterinary College, of Chicago, where he took a course. He was graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College with the Class of 1902, after which he began to practice in Springfield with Dr. Albert Babb, which connection was continued until 1904, when Dr. Laird located in Auburn and engaged in practice alone. He has excellent accommodation for patients brought to him, and put in his charge and has saved the lives of many valuable animals. In 1909, he erected an office to be used in connection with his hospital, and there has modern appliances to aid him in his operations, or treatment. He has five single stalls and four box stalls. Dr. Laird keeps pace with his fellow practitioners by reading the most modern literature along the lines of his profession, subscribing for the best journals dealing with this topic, and he chose this profession because he realized the need for intelligent men to take it up from love of the work and consequent interest in its every detail. Dr. Laird is a member of the Illinois State Veterinary Association, and December 29, 1909, was appointed First Assistant State Veterinary Surgeon, in which post he has served most satisfactorily.

Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Laird, namely: Everett, born May 9, 1899; Eva, November 11, 1902, and Gladys, April 17, 1909. Mrs. Laird is an active member of the Methdist Church. Dr. Laird is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and both he and his wife belong to the O. E. S. He is an enthusiastic member of the Democratic party. He has won a good reputation in his profession and as a citizen has taken a commendable interest in public affairs, winning many friends by his pleasing personality and honest worth.

LAKE, John Spencer, a well-known farmer of Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, and a veteran of the Civil War, belongs to a family that is one of the oldest in the region. He is a native of Sangamon County, born in that portion which later became a part of Menard County, January 9, 1840, a son of Bayliss and Eliza (Glasscock) Lake, natives of Virginia, the latter of Loudoun County. The father was born in 1798 and the mother in 1810, and they came to Illinois about 1827. They secured land

and engaged in farming, becoming important factors in the life of the community where they located.

Mr. Lake was educated in the district schools of Clear Lake Township and early learned the principles of farming, which occupation he still follows. He has been very successful in farming and stock raising and has made many improvements on his estate, being the owner of 240 acres of fine farm land. In 1870 he erected a fine ten-room house, in front of which is a fine lawn and handsome trees. He is regarded as an industrious and substantial farmer and stands well in the community.

In August, 1862, Mr. Lake enlisted in Company G, One Hundred Fourteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he served two years and a half. He participated in two battles at Vicksburg, and two at Jackson, Miss., and was wounded at Brights Cross Roads, spent four months in a hospital, was taken prisoner, and was exchanged at Coliova, Ala. He came home on a furlough and was discharged at Springfield, in January, 1865, having won an honorable record. He belongs to a local post of the G. A. R.

Mr. Lake was married in Fancy Creek Township, Sangamon County, in 1868, to Mary Charlotte Britton, born near Williamsville, Sangamon County, in 1847, daughter of Stephen England and Jane (McClelland) Britton, natives of Sangamon County. Children as follows have been born of this union: Dora E., born November 24, 1871, died January 27, 1896, the wife of George Wiggins; James Arthur, born November 1, 1873, died May 29, 1898; Edith M., born February 18, 1881, married, September 7, 1909, Louis P. Fisher, who was born near Saybrook, Ill., and they have one child, Allen Lake Fisher, born August 30, 1910. Mrs. Wiggins had two children, one of whom survives her. They were: Roy Wiggins, born August 10, 1892, who survives, and George Arthur Wiggins, born January 5, 1896, died June 24, 1896. Mr. Lake is a member of the Christian Church and in politics has always been a Republican.

LAMB, James L. (Vol. I, p. 327.)

LAMBERT, Edmund, D. D. S., a well-known citizen of Springfield, has established a large practice and has a good standing in his profession. He is a member of the various dental societies, including the Sangamo-Menard Dental and Illinois State Societies, and formerly served as President of the local organization. He has a reputation as a skillful dentist and an excellent practitioner and has the full confidence of his patients. Dr. Lambert is a native of Yorkshire, England, born in October, 1858, and educated in private schools in his native country. He is a son of Charles and Mary (Kitson) Lambert, the former a merchant of Yorkshire, and at the age of twenty years emigrated to the United States. He first found employment in a music store and at the same time pursued his dental studies, graduating in 1885 from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery.

Dr. Lambert first engaged in practice at Petersburg, Ill., and spent four years there and in Chicago. He has been established in Springfield since 1889, and during this time has been in active practice. He has a well-appointed office and has high class fittings and appliances for carrying on his work. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and is of a social and friendly disposition, interested in the welfare of his community and in every cause that has for its object the uplifting or betterment of the people. In political views he is a Republican, and in religious belief is a Methodist, being a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Springfield.

In 1887 Dr. Lambert was united in marriage with Miss Ellen J. Gum, born in Menard County, daughter of John B. and Jane E. (Irwin) Gum. Dr. and Mrs. Lambert are parents of three sons, Clarence G.; and Lester and John Leslie, twins.

LAMKEN, John D., a substantial and reliable German-American citizen of Springfield, Ill., has been a resident of the city since 1870. He was born in Oldberg, Germany, February 7, 1851, a son of Gerhard and Ann (Bohlken) Lamken, both also natives of Oldberg. The father was born in 1820 and the mother January 6, 1811. He was a farmer and spent his entire life in Germany, where he died in 1870. The mother came to America in 1890 and located in Springfield, where she died in 1895, at the age of eighty-five years. Five children were born to them: Frank, a farmer living near Springfield; Fred F., a wealthy farmer living near Taylorville; Matilda, wife of Richard Seifken, a farmer living near Springfield; Sophia, wife of Gustave Hartter, a painter living near Springfield; John D., the youngest.

Mr. Lamken was educated in his native country and his first work was done on his father's farm. He remained with his parents until he was about nineteen years old and April 26, 1870, sailed for America. He came direct to Springfield and worked for a time as horseman, later becoming a gardener, in which occupation he has since been engaged with excellent success. He was married February 28, 1882, at the Lutheran Church, to Ernstine Jack, who was born near Berlin, Germany, September 17, 1855, daughter of Carl and Sophia (Sandow) Jack. Her father and mother were also born there, he in 1812 and she in 1814, and he died in 1876 and she in 1899. They came to America and both died in this country. Mrs. Lamken is the youngest of ten children and was brought to the United States in childhood. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lamken, both of whom live at home and are employed by the Illinois Watch Company. The older, Freda A., was born September 21, 1887, and Clara was born July 11, 1891.

Mr. Lamken is a member of the German

Lutheran Church and in politics is a Republican. He is known as a man of strict integrity and is honest and upright in all business dealings. He and his wife are well known in social circles and have a beautiful home at 1023 West Calhoun Street. He owns other property in the city, some of it on Pasfield Avenue. There is no German family in Sangamon County that is more worthy of representation in a work of this character than the Lamken family. They stand high in the estimation of the people, and may well be proud of their reputation.

LAMOND, Charles Edgar, who has been for many years a trusted and valued employe of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, has been engaged in a similar line of work ever since he reached the age of twenty-two years. He was born in Lancaster, Pa., March 7, 1853, son of Samuel and Ellen Lamond, both natives of that State. The father was in the employ of a railroad company most of his life.

The education of Charles Edgar Lamond was acquired in the public schools of Chicago and Cairo, Ill., and upon leaving school he learned the trade of harness-maker, which he followed but a few years, then began to work for a railroad company, and has been promoted from time to time until he now has a position as foreman of a switching crew in the Springfield yards of the Chicago & Alton road. He is well fitted to perform the work satisfactorily and well, and has a decided preference for this occupation. He has many friends and is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, of Springfield. In politics Mr. Lamond has always favored the principles and views of the Republican party, and takes great interest in public affairs in his community. In religion he is a Catholic.

Mr. Lamond was married, December 15, 1899, to Mrs. Louisa (Miller) Dewey, who was born in Missouri, July 29, 1852, daughter of Maxy and Susan (Fate) Miller, natives of Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Lamond was married, (first) November 17, 1875, to William Dewey, who was born in Akron, Ohio, in 1840, and three children were born to them: William, Mark and Max Earl. Mr. and Mrs. Lamond have no children. They reside at 1606 East Edwards Street, Springfield.

LAMUN, John, son of one of the early settlers of Sangamon County, Ill., has spent most of his life there. He was born in Ross County, Ohio, July 2, 1823, and is of German and Irish descent. His father, James Lamun, was born in Ross County, December 12, 1802, and his mother, also a native of Ross County, was born January 1, 1802. They were married in their native county and became parents of two sons and two daughters, of whom John was the eldest. Two of these children now survive, John, of this sketch, and Mrs. Elinor Prickett, of Kansas. The other son was a member of the Home Guard, entered the service in Missouri, served throughout the Civil War and was mustered out in Missouri. James Lamun purchased land in Lanesville Township, Sangamon County, and carried on farming there several years. He then learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed many years, but returned to farming, in which occupation he continued until his death, March 3, 1882. His wife died May 31, 1830, when all her children were quite small.

Mr. Lamun received his education in the country schools of his native country and was reared on a farm. In the fall of 1843 he came to Sangamon County and remained there four years. He returned to Ross County and remained there twelve years, then returned to the farm which was owned by his father, and later purchased forty acres of land in Lanesville Township, where he carried on farming several years, then located on his present farm in Section 1 of the same township, where he has lived the past forty-three years. He has been a successful farmer and has earned the good-will and esteem of all who know him. Though now in his eighty-eighth year, he has retained an active interest in all that goes on about him and has a pleasant personality. He was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, for whom he had a firm friendship and sincere admiration. He owns 160 acres of good farm land, where he lives, although he has now retired from active life.

Mr. Lamun was married August 19, 1852, in Allen County, Ohio, to Nancy Carson, a native of that county, whose parents were early settlers of Sangamon County, where they carried on farming. Mrs. Carson died in Ohio and her husband died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lamun, in Sangamon County. Mrs. Lamun died at her home in Sangamon County, May 21, 1867, having borne seven children, of whom three are deceased, the others being: Emory P., a resident of Sangamon County, where he carries on farming; Leslie G., a farmer of Indiana; Judith A., wife of James T. Lemon, of Lanesville Township; James E., living on the old home farm in Lanesville Township.

Mr. Lamun was married (second) in Lanesville Township, August 6, 1869, to Mary Hammel, a native of Ohio, where her parents died. She died October 25, 1891, having had no children. Mr. Lamun was married (third) March 29, 1899, in Springfield, to Agnes Vonderlieth, who was born at Mt. Pulaski, Ill., August 18, 1854, daughter of Herman Mattfield, who was born in Hamburg, Germany, June 1, 1817. Mrs. Mattfield was born in Hamburg, June 7, 1819. Mr. Mattfield was educated for the profession of teaching and came to the United States at the age of eighteen years, locating in Michigan, where for many years he taught school. He came to Mt. Pulaski in 1850 and engaged in a drug business there, which he continued until he retired from active life. His death occurred January 24, 1884, and his widow died February 1, 1886. They were parents of six children, two of whom are deceased, the others being: Mrs. John Mayer and Mrs. George Mayer, of Mt.

Pulaski; Adolph, of Dawson, Ill., and Mrs. Lamun. Mrs. Lamun's grandfather was an officer in the German Army.

Mr. Lamun is a believer in the Millenial Dawn, and in politics is a Democrat. He formerly served as School Director and Road Commissioner. He is ready to support every worthy cause and is interested in the welfare of his community.

LANAHAN, Edward J., a business man in Springfield for many years, has now passed away, leaving behind him the recollection of many good deeds and kindly charities that he hid from the world. He was born in Roscommon, Ireland, about 1847, and when but a small boy was brought to the United States by his parents, who landed at New Orleans. From that city they came to Springfield, locating on East Carpenter Street, between Ninth and Tenth, and this continued to be the home of Edward J. Lanahan until his marriage.

Growing up in Springfield, the lad enjoyed the advantages offered by the parochial schools, and began his business life as a grocery clerk. Later he went into business for himself, continuing thus until about thirteen years prior to his death, when he retired. His death occurred January 7, 1906, and he passed away firm in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, being a member of St. Agnes parish. A strong Democrat, he was very popular in the ranks of his party, and exerted a wide-spread influence among those who knew him.

On September 13, 1877, Mr. Lanahan was married, in Springfield, to Miss Katherine Kelley, daughter of Henry Kelley, who for many years was associated with the shoe industries of Springfield. The maiden name of Mrs. Lanahan's mother was Ann Gaffigan. Mr. and Mrs. Lanahan became the parents of children as follows: John, who was killed in the woolen mills in 1905; Annie, who died in infancy; Edward, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Catherine, deceased; Margaret, at home, as are Agnes and Joseph. Mrs. Lanahan is a consistent member of St. Agnes Church, and continues many of her husband's charities, being a lady of great kindness of heart. She is beloved in her neighborhood and church, and her children are proud of her and the love she inspires.

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LARSON, Peter B.—Among the men who have become owners of good farms through industry and enterprise is Peter B. Larson, of Section 28, New Berlin Township, Sangamon County. Mr. Larson stands high in the community as a man of earnest purpose and integrity, and has the respect of all who know him. He was born in Sweden, October 24, 1844, son of Laus and Canana Larson, who spent their entire lives in their native land, and died near Lancrona. The father was a farmer by occupation and he and his wife were parents of four sons and three daughters, six of the children still surviving and five being residents of America: Catherine, widow of Louis Nelson, now living in Helsonburg, Sweden; Andrew, died in Illinois and is buried in Springfield; Nels, a farmer near Elkhart, Ill.; Swan, a carpenter, living in Springfield; Mary, wife of a Mr. Clifford, a miner living in Idaho; Anna, wife of K. D. Williams, of Idaho, and Peter B.

As soon as Peter B. Larson was old enough he began to work out by the month, having previously attended school in his native place. In 1871 he emigrated to America and located in Champaign County, Ill., where for over two years he worked at farming for the same man. At the end of six years in Illinois he returned home and remained there from 1877-79, and then came back to Illinois, locating north of Springfield, in Sangamon County. He was married, March 10, 1881, to Miss Nellie Lunburg, born in the same locality in Sweden as himself, daughter of Peter Lunburg. The father still resides in Sweden but Mrs. Lunburg is now deceased. Mrs Larson had one brother and one sister who came to America: Swan, a farmer residing near Sumner, Neb., and Christina, wife of Hans Jansen, a farmer of Quickville, Kan.

After his marriage Mr. Larson rented a farm near Cantrall, Sangamon County, where for two years he successfully carried on farming, then spent six years in Menard County, and in 1881 rented land in Dewitt County. In 1901 he returned to Sangamon County and rented land in Curran Township, from a Mrs. King, having for several years rented land in Dewitt County from Mr. King, thus renting eighteen years from this family. In 1906 he purchased eighty acres of the farm he now occupies, on which he has since made many improvements. He has been industrious and prudent in his operations and has won a very fair degree of success through patient endeavor and good judgment. He is enterprising and progressive in his methods of carrying on his work and has reaped the maximum of profit from his efforts.

To Mr. Larson and his wife the following children have been born: two died in infancy; Catherine O., born in Sangamon County, June 30, 1882; John, born in Menard County March 15, 1884, was accidentally shot while out hunting and died from the effects, December 18, 1905; Emma, born in Menard County, May 22, 1886, wife of H. W. Renfrow, a contractor and real estate dealer of Springfield, and they have one child, Leo W.; Clarence W., born in Dewitt County September 30, 1889, at home; Lillie E., born in Dewitt County April 5, 1894, a member of the Berlin High School Class of 1911. All have received good educations and have been well fitted to assume the duties of life. Mr. Larson and his wife were both reared in the Swedish Lutheran Church and the family are all interested in church work. Miss Kate is an

active member of the Presbyterian and Mrs. Renfrow of the Christian Church.

Mr. Larson has been one of the leading Swedish-Americans in his community. In politics he has always been an advocate of the principles of the Republican party. He is a public-spirited and useful citizen, interested in the public welfare and progress. He has brought his land to a high state of cultivation and has a very pleasant home. He keeps a good grade of stock and has found that this policy pays in the long run.

LAUTERBACH, John.—Every line of industrial activity has its representative at Springfield and in Sangamon County, for this is a central location, with unexcelled transportation facilities, in addition to which there exists here a large and healthy demand for commodities of all descriptions. One of the prosperous business men of the county is John Lauterbach, a brick manufacturer. Like so many of his fellowtownsmen, Mr. Lauterbach is a native of Germany, having been born February 5, 1840. He is a son of John and Margaret Lauterbach, both natives of Germany. The parents came to America in 1844, landing in New Orleans, whence they came by wagon to Sangamon County. For two years the father worked at whatever employment he could secure that promised to yield a living for his little family, but the hardships were too much for him and he died in 1846. The brave mother, however, struggled along, bringing up her son John, who was the only one of her five children to survive. Mrs. Lauterbach died in 1891.

John Lauterbach attended the little subscription schools of Springfield, and early had to seek employment to help his mother. This was first found in the slaughter house, when he was twelve years old. There he learned the butcher's trade, working at it until he was thirty-two years old, when he turned his attention to the manufacture of bricks. Finding this a profitable business, he has since been engaged in it, and has furnished brick for a number of the stately piles that make Springfield so beautiful a city, including the State House. He also furnished the brick for the fair grounds, the rolling mills, several school buildings and other important structures, the quality of his product being such as to command an excellent market.

Mr. Lauterback was married in Springfield, Ill., February 24, 1863, to Margaret Young, born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Adam Young. He came to Illinois at an early date, being one of the pioneers, and died in 1899. He had served in the Civil War and was a well known character. Mrs. Lauterbach died in February, 1903, and her remains were interred by the side of three of her eleven children, and one grandchild. Eleven children were born to them, those living being: Margaret, wife to Herman H. Straustaffer, a farmer; Mallie, wife of Oliver Dunn, a carpenter; J. E., a grocer of Springfield; George W., a teamster; Fred, a partner of J. E. in the grocery business; Ada, wife of William Bauer, a contractor and builder; Clarence living at home, and Katherine Boener. There are thirteen grandchildren in the famliy.

The Lutheran Church holds Mr. Lauterbach's membership, and he is an earnest supporter of its creed. He has always voted the straight Democratic ticket and believes in the principles of that party. For fifteen years he served as a member of the old fire department, and has borne his part in saving property and preserving the lives of those in danger. He owns eighteen acres of land within the city limits, near the cemetery, that is worth $500 per acre.

A sturdy, upright, honorable man, Mr. Lauterbach displays many of the distinguishing traits of his countrymen, being industrious and thrifty. He has worked up from nothing into his present state of affluence, and has every reason to be proud of having accomplished so much within the span of a lifetime, hampered by early poverty and lack of training. His family is a fine one, and he takes great pleasure in their progress and affection and that of his grandchildren.

LAW, Mathew.—Among the native-born residents of Sangamon County, who are members of pioneer families, Matthew Law deserves a prominent place. He was born September 30, 1839, son of Benjamin and Jane (McCleece) Law, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Benjamin Law was a farmer and one of the early settlers of Lanterman Settlement, in Springfield Township, where he lived until 1840, then moved to the farm now occupied by his son, in Clear Lake Township, where he died in 1878, his widow surviving until 1893 and dying on the home farm. There were three sons and seven daughters in the family, and six children now survive: Mathew and his twin brother, Mark, the latter of whom lives in Springfield; Thomas, a farmer of Sangamon County; Mrs. Rebecca Harwood, of Minneapolis; Mrs. Jane Lovelace, who lives with her brother Mathew; Catherine married Henry Haynes, of Springfield.

Mathew Law secured his education in the public schools of Sangamon County and early began to help with the work on the home farm, which he has continued to the present day. He owns forty acres of fine land in Clear Lake Township, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He is a prominent member of the Old Settlers' Association and is a public-spirited, useful citizen. He is a Republican in politics and cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He belongs to a family that has been prominent in Sangamon County history and affairs for more than eighty years, and whose members have always stood for the best interests of their communities. He was personally well acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, of whom he has some interesting recollections. Mr. Law is unmarried.

LAW, Thomas.—One of the oldest settlers of Sangamon County, now residing there, is Thomas Law, who accompanied his parents to Clear Lake Township in 1836. He was born in Tennessee, September 23, 1831, a son of Benjamin and Louisa J. (McCleese) Law, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Indiana. The father was a farmer by occupation and came to Illinois in an early day. He lived in Clear Lake Township a few years, then moved to a farm west of Springfield, but in 1852 returned to Clear Lake Township, where he purchased a farm and spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife had nine children, of whom five now survive, namely: Thomas, of this sketch; Mathew and Mark, twins, living on the home farm; Rebecca, widow of Henry Harwood, living in Minneapolis; Catherine, wife of Henry Harnes, of Springfield, and Mrs. Louisa J. Lovelace, living on the home farm with her brothers.

Mr. Law received a somewhat meager education in the country schools near his father's home, and in boyhood helped his father with the farm work. In the spring of 1891 he moved to the farm of 155 acres on Section 6 of Cooper Township, which he now owns, and where he has since carried on farming successfully. He has generally improved the condition of his land and buildings, and is held in high esteem by his neighbors and acquaintances. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church and he is a Republican in political views. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs and has given his approval and assistance to many worthy causes. Mr. Law was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, and when the latter was living in Springfield hauled wood to the city for his use.

Mr. Law was married in Springfield, October 16, 1861, to Louisa J. Gibson, a native of Sangamon County, born March 14, 1840, whose father, Samuel Gibson, a native of Virginia, was an early settler of Sangamon County and there carried on farming until his death. His wife was a native of Indiana and they were parents of twelve children, of whom two sons and four daughters now survive. Eight children were born to Mr. Law and wife, of whom four survive, namely: Clara, wife of William Laglo, a farmer of Cooper Township; Abigail, wife of Owen Jones, a farmer of Mechanicsburg Township; Samuel, of Oklahoma, and Frank, living at home with his father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Law have fourteen living grandchildren, in whom they feel reasonable pride. They have witnessed radical changes in Sangamon County during the past seventy years and are able to recount many interesting anecdotes of the early days. The parents of both were members of the band of hardy pioneers who paved the way for higher civilization and for the present prosperity and well-being of Sangamon County, and were identified with the best interests of the people.

LAWLEY, James P., who for more than thirteen years has held the office of Postmaster of Glenarm, Ill., has long been identified with the public, agricultural and business life of this part of Sangamon County, and is an honored veteran of the great Civil War. Mr. Lawley was born in Ball Township, Sangamon County, December 10, 1845, a son of William B. Lawley. William B. Lawley was born in Tennessee, June 24, 1811, and came to Sangamon County in 1828, settling on a farm in Ball Township, on which the remainder of his life was spent, and where he died March 23, 1877. He married Sarah M. Ducan, who was born in North Carolina, September 6, 1821, and came with her parents to Sangamon County in 1828, her father born in 1800 in North Carolina and died in Christian County, Ill., in 1860. Grandfather Lawley was born in 1777 in Virginia, the son of a Revolutionary soldier who lost his life while serving in the Continental Army.

James P. Lawley received his education in the country schools of Sangamon County and remained at home until eighteen years of age, working on the farm for his father until his enlistment September 9, 1863, at Vicksburg, Miss., in Company E, Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Capt. S. M. Shoup. He served two years and eight months, being mustered out at Montgomery, Ala., and receiving his final discharge and pay April 24, 1866, having been transferred from his regular company to the Fifty-eight Illinois Regulars in August, 1865. During his long service he received several wounds and participated in the battles of Guntown, Tupelo, Oxford, Nashville, Spanish Fort, Fort Blakeley, and many minor battles and skirmishes, always proving himself a brave and faithful soldier and gaining an excellent record. After the termination of his services to his country, he returned to the home farm, but one year later went to Christian County, Ill., where he remained six years. He then returned to Sangamon County, and from 1877 until 1896 was engaged in agricultural pursuits there, at the end of that period removing to Glenarm, where he entered the grocery business and October 1, 1897, was appointed Postmaster of the place, an office which he has held to the present time.

Mr. Lawley is a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Odd Fellows, and his wife affiliates with Court of Honor No. 1338 and the Royal Neighbors. His religious connection is with the Cotton Hill Christian Church, and he has always been a supporter of the principles of the Republican party. Mr. Lawley is an energetic and enterprising business man, an efficient and conscientious public official and a good and public spirited citizen. His strict integrity in all matters has won him the respect and confidence of his community, and he has made as good a record for himself during times of peace as he did during the dark days of the Civil War.

On December 9, 1869, Mr. Lawley was married in Ball Township, to Nancy J. Jones, who was born in Sangamon County, January 10, 1851, daughter of William and Martha A. (Lillard) Jones, natives of North Carolina, the former of whom died in Christian County in November, 1858, and the latter in Glenarm, in 1898. Eight children were born to Mrs. Lawley's parents, namely: Temperance, Tabitha, James T., Colvin W. and Nancy J., who are all living, and Robert A., Sarah E. and an infant, who are deceased.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawley there have been born two children: Nora A., born in Christian County, May 10, 1871, died September 12, 1872, and was buried in the Christian Church cemetery; and Robert W., born in Christian County, Ill., January 24, 1874, was married December 26, 1897, to Ellen Shoup, in Springfield, Ill.; where they now reside, and they have had one child, James E., born in Springfield, February 15, 1903.

LAWSON, James, a retired farmer living in Springfield, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and has lived in Sangamon County most of the time since his service in the army. He was born in Pike County, Ohio, February 11, 1847, and is a son of Paschal and Lucy (Munce) Lawson, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. Paschal Lawson moved to Ohio in an early day and there carried on farming until 1870, then came to Sangamon County and engaged in farming near Sherman, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives.

During his boyhood James Lawson worked on his father's farm in Ohio and attended the country schools of the neighborhood. He served one year in Company H, One Hundred Seventy-sixth Volunteer Infantry, enlisting in 1864, and being mustered out at Nashville, Tenn. He had taken part in no battles but had faithfully performed any duty required of him. Soon after the close of the war Mr. Lawson came to the vicinity of Springfield and carried on farming there until 1906, when on account of poor health he was compelled to retire from active pursuits, and then purchased his present comfortable home at 1223 North Nineteenth Street, which he has since occupied. He has been industrious and thrifty and success has attended his efforts in all his undertakings.

Mr. Lawson was married in Lincoln, Ill., August, 3, 1876, to Miss Rosina Shockey, daughter of Nelson and Susan (King) Shockey, a native of Missouri. Her father was a native of Maryland and her mother of Pennsylvania. The parents were early settlers in Missouri, where the father carried on farming, and there his death occurred, while the mother died in Broadwell, Logan County, Ill. Four sons and four daughters were born to Mr. Lawson and his wife, and seven children now survive: Gertrude, wife of Loren Taylor, a stationary fireman living in Springfield; Louis, a farmer; Isadell, wife of William Swalley, of Springfield; William; Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Standage, of Springfield; Lester and James H., of Springfield. One daughter, Eunice I., is deceased. There are eight grand-children in the family.

In political views Mr. Lawson is a Republican. He is interested in public affairs and ready to support any measure he considers will be of benefit to the community where he lives. He has the reputation of being honest and upright in his dealings and is esteemed and respected for his many good qualities.

LAWSON, John.—The history of many of the farmers of Sangamon County records successes, for the land there yields an abundant profit upon the investment of time and money. A number of men who have tried farming elsewhere recognize this, and leave old homes to come there to devote themselves to the cultivation and improvement of their properties. One of the men who is honored as an upright citizen and good farmer is John Lawson, of Section 18, Williams Township. He was born in Tennessee, July 11, 1832, a son of Paschal and Lucy (Robbins) Lawson, both natives of Tennessee. The parents moved to Piatt County, Ohio, in 1832, settling on a farm, where they remained until 1850, then came to Illinois, locating near Broadwell, in Logan County, not far from the Sangamon County line. There the father farmed until his death which occurred in 1882. His wife had died three years before on the same farm. There were eleven children in the family nine of whom were sons, and of all these but four survive.

John Lawson was educated in a log schoolhouse in the country districts of Ohio, and then attended only in the winter time. He tramped through the heavy snows to secure the knowledge he so craved, and before and after school and in the summers worked on his father's farm. With the rest of the family, he settled in Logan County in 1860, but seven or eight years later went to Missouri. After a year there he returned to Logan County, but later came to Sangamon County and bought twenty acres on Section 18, Williams Township. This land he devotes to specialties. He attends the Methodist Church, of which he is a member, and votes the Republican ticket. He is proud of the fact that he knew Abraham Lincoln, and recalls many pleasant memories of the great man.

The first marriage of Mr. Lawson occurred in Piatt County, Ohio, in 1858, when he was united with Eliza A. Rickard, born in that State, whose father came to Illinois at an early day. After a short stay, he went to Arkansas, where both he and his wife died. By trade he was a blacksmith. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson had five children, three of whom are now living: Richard, of Montana; Isa, wife of Henry Slavin, of Peoria; and William, of Springfield. Mrs. Lawson died in 1874. On October 15, 1875, Mr. Lawson married Nora Hannon, born in Christian County, Ill., September 3, 1852. Her father was born near Louisville, Ky., but came to Illinois in pioneer days, settling in Christian

County, where he farmed until his death. There were thirteen children in the family, all of whom are deceased with the exception of Mrs. Lawson and two others. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson became the parents of twelve children, eight of whom are living: Flora, wife of Ray Birks, of Nebraska; Rosie, wife of James Lawson, of Colorado; Fannie, wife of William Burke, of Nebraska; John, of Augusta, Ill.; Thomas, of Minnesota; James, of Athens Ill.; Orville and Ray, at home. There are twenty grandchildren and four great-grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Lawson has lived to see his children grow up and is proud of the fact that so many of them are engaged in farming, for he believes that this line of work is the most natural. Having been a farmer all his life, he appreciates the possibilities of the work, and also prefers that his off-spring should lead the free lives possible in the country, removed from the temptations of city influences. Having lived in this part of the State for so many years, he remembers and appreciates the many changes which have taken place there, and looks forward to others which he believes will come to pass. His faith in the future of Sangamon County is unbounded, and he is interested in all matters pertaining to its further advancement.

LAWYER, John W. (deceased), who settled in Sangamon County in 1850, was well known in Mechanicsburg Township, where he carried on farming for a quarter of a century. He was a veteran of the Civil War and never fully recovered from sickness incurred during that struggle, in which he served one year. He was a conscientious, public-spirited citizen, a good neighbor and devoted to his home and family. He was born in Ohio, in 1825, a son of Benjamin Lawyer, also a native of Ohio, where both parents died on a farm.

After receiving his education in the country schools of his native State, Mr. Lawyer worked on the farm for his father until coming to Illinois. He carried on farming in Mechanicsburg Township until his death, which occurred in 1875. He enlisted, in August, 1861, in Company A, Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being mustered in at Camp Butler, and at the end of a year was discharged on account of disability. He was sick for some time after his return home, but finally became able to resume the care of his farm. He was a member of the Methodist Church and in politics was a Democrat. He had a reputation for uprightness and integrity and was always ready to do his full duty in every relation of life.

Mr. Lawyer was married (first) in Ohio, to Bessie Sinneth, a native of that State, and of this union four children were born, all of whom are deceased, and the mother died soon after coming to Illinois. He was married (second) to Miss Nancy Davis, of Taylorville, Ill., a native of Christian County, and the two children born of this union are both deceased. Mr. Lawyer's third wife was Martha M. Blue, born in Paris, Ill., in April, 1830. Her father, a native of Indiana, became an early settler in Mechanicsburg Township Sangamon County, and there carried on farming until his death. He and his wife were parents of five daughters and one son of whom the only survivor is Mrs. Lawyer. Six children were born to Mr. Lawyer and his third wife, of whom the only one survivor is William H., a contracting painter and decorator living in Mechanicsburg. Mrs. Lawyer owns a comfortable home in the village of Mechanicsburg and is well known and much esteemed in the community. She is a member of the Christian Church. Though she is in her eighty-first year, she retains a keen interest in affairs and events about her and greatly enjoys the companionship of her family and friends.

LAX, Prosser M. (deceased).—In every community there are certain men who, by reason of their aptitude for business detail, thoroughness of purpose and broad-gauged policy, take a foremost part in all progressive movements. Such a man was the late Prosser M. Lax, of Springfield, identified with the city's best interests, in both a financial and public way. He was born at Jacksonville, Ill., July 9, 1862, a son of Edward C. and Hattie (Prosser) Lax, the former born in England and the latter in Jacksonville, Ill. The father was an old settler of Jacksonville, having come there from England. He early identified himself with the grain interests of the locality, and was extensively engaged in this line until his death. Dr. Prosser, the maternal grandfather of Prosser M. Lax, was one of the first physicians of Jacksonville, and was the son of a Revolutionary soldier.

Prosser M. Lax was educated in the public schools of Jacksonville and the college of that city. His first business experience was secured in handling furniture, and when he located in Springfield, in 1886, he embarked in the same line and became a leading business man, carrying on a flourishing business until 1898. He then entered upon another field of endeavor, that of handling real estate and insurance. He was quite as successful in this line and was still thus engaged when he passed away in February, 1908, in the very prime of life, and in the midst of useful activity.

On December 21, 1887, in Springfield, occurred the marriage of Prosser M. Lax and Cora B. Barkley, born in the city October 15, 1866, a daughter of General J. H. Barkley, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work. Three children were born of this union; Helen Prosser, with the Franklin Life Insurance Company; Louise C., attending high school, and Barkley Edward, with the McKinley Interburban System.

Mr. Lax was a member of the Illinois National Guard, serving as a commissioned officer under General Barkley, with rank of Quartermaster Sergeant. He was one of the first mem-

bers of the Business Men's Club of Springfield. Fraternally he belonged to the Knights of Pythias and was Grand Chancellor at one time. He was also Quartermaster General, with title of Colonel, under General Barkley in the Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias, being one of the most popular members of Percival Lodge. His religious affiliations were with the Congregational Church. While a stanch Republican, he never desired to attract public notice, preferring to exert his influence in a quiet, unassuming way.

It is safe to say that during his mature life no measure for advancement of the city's interests were advocated, that did not receive his hearty support. He never spared himself when time or money were needed to help others, and those who were unfortunate knew where they could find a warm and ready sympathy. His employes were devoted to him, appreciating the fair treatment they received. His business associates agreed that they never had to deal with a man whose outlook was wider, or whose keen sense of honor was more rigidly sustained in business operations.

LEADABRAND, Henry (deceased).—In naming the representative citizens of Sangamon County, Ill., the biographer finds that many of the best and most useful men that the county has had have been natives of Germany. The Fatherland has furnished the State and county with many good agriculturists, men in whom have been bred the sturdy, sterling qualities which have meant so much in the development of various sections, and who have spent long, useful lives in faithful, energetic labor. Henry Leadabrand, who was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits in Section 3, Ball Township, was born in Germany, in the city of Berlin, January 20, 1820, a son of Jacob and Christina Leadabrand, farming people of that country.

Henry Leadabrand was reared to the life of a farmer, and his education was secured in the public schools of his native country, where his father served a term in the army. After leaving school he served for a time as a hostler, but later engaged in farming, and in 1846, realizing that he could find a better field for his labor in the New World, he came to the United States. He made the trip in a sailing vessel, the journey covering a period of fourteen weeks, and while on board ship he met the lady who later became his wife. He first located in New York, but later removed to Ohio, where he resided four years, and finally settled in Sangamon County, Ill., where the rest of his life was passed, his death occurring in Ball Township August 18, 1899.

Mr. Leadabrand was married in New York, in November, 1846, to Christina Coalstead, who was born in Germany in 1822, a daughter of John Coalstead, who came from Germany to New York in 1846, her three brothers, John, Michael and Jacob Coalstead, coming two years later. To Mr. and Mrs. Leadabrand were born the following children: Mary, born October 14, 1848; Joseph, April 10, 1850; Peter, November 20, 1852; George, January 22, 1856; Anna, June 18, 1854; Albert, February 3, 1859; Marie, February 17, 1862; William, July 6, 1864; Philip, July 30, 1866; Henry, November 9, 1880; Tobias, September 3, 1881; Emma, December 11, 1882; Charles, February 8, 1885; Tresie, July 1, 1888; and Jacob, March 10, 1891.

In his political faith, Mr. Leadabrand was a Democrat, and was always faithful in his adherence to the principles of that party. He was a Catholic in his religious belief. Mrs. Leadabrand now resides on a 1040-acre farm in Ball Township, on which her husband spent so many years. The family is well known in this part of the county and its members are popular and highly esteemed as some of Sangamon County's best citizens.

LEAMONS, John, a veteran of the Civil War, now living retired from active life at Mechanicsburg, Ill., where he has resided many years, was born in Highland County, Ohio, May 1, 1836, a son of Isaac and Jane (Murray) Leamons, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. The father, a flour miller by trade, moved to Ohio as a young man and for many years conducted a mill in Highland County, spending the remainder of his life in that State. He and his wife had three sons and one daughter, of whom the daughter and one son are deceased.

As a boy John Leamons learned the trade of miller with his father, for whom he worked until his marriage, in 1859. He received a common school education in the schools of his native county and began to work young. After his marriage he engaged in farming, which he carried on four years. During the Civil War he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred Eightieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving to the end of the war and being at different times under the command of Generals Schofield, Sherman and Thomas. He started with Sherman on the famous March to the Sea but was turned back and participated in many important battles and minor skirmishes. He was mustered out at Charlotte, N. C., receiving his final discharge at Columbus, Ohio.

Soon after the close of the war Mr. Leamons brought his family to Mechanicsburg and there for thirty years conducted a saw-mill. For some years past he has been retired. He was an active and enterprising business man and achieved fair success. He owns a beautiful home in the village and other property in the neighborhood. He is liberal in religious views and the family are members of the Christian Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Leamons was married June 19, 1859, to Mary J., daughter of Adam Miller, who was born in Highland County, Ohio, April 21, 1840. Adam Miller was born in South Carolina, of German parents, and his wife was born in Ohio of Scotch parents, her maiden name being Sarah James. Mr. Miller moved from his na-

tive State of Ohio with his mother, and there carried on farming until his death, his wife also dying in Ohio. The grandmother of Mrs. Leamons lived to the unusual age of one hundred and four years. Adam Miller and wife were parents of six daughters and seven sons, all of whom are deceased.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Leamons, of whom the following five now survive: Milton, clerk in the employ of Robert Alvey, of Mechanicsburg; Walter, a farmer of Mechanicsburg Township; Bert, an engineer in the West; John, book-keeper for the Coronado Coal Company, residing in Mechanicsburg; Ellen, widow of John Reed, lives with her father. Mr. Leamons has six grandchildren. He is well known in the community, where he carried on an important enterprise so many years, and is universally regarded with esteem and respect.

LEHNEN, John P.—Long years of earnest effort well directed usually result in ultimate success, and this is the case of John P. Lehnen, of No. 910 Osburn Avenue, Springfield, widely known in mining circles. He was born in Prussia, Germany, March 29, 1845, being a son of John P. and Margaret (Becker) Lehnen. The father was a farmer, who came to America in 1882, his children having come prior to this. Upon his arrival, he located in Springfield, where he lived until his death a short time afterwards. His wife died in Germany and he married again, his second wife surviving him and making her home in Springfield. There were three sons and four daughters in the family, of whom five survive in addition to Mr. Lehnen, namely: Joseph and John, of Springfield; Margaret, wife of John Ensch, of Springfield; Katherine, wife of John Harris of Pennsylvania, and Mary, wife of Ernest Sheffler, of Springfield.

The education of John P. Lehnen was obtained in Germany, he working on his father's farm and learning the trade of a miller. By the time he had completed his apprenticeship, Mr. Lehnen entered the German Army and after his three years' service came to America, sailing from Havre, France, to New York. From that city he came direct to Springfield to engage in mining, which line of endeavor has engrossed his attention ever since. For the past five years he has been with the Lincoln Coal Company, of Springfield. Prior to that he worked in various mines of the locality. For four years the family have lived at the present residence, which Mr. Lehnen owns, in addition to other city property. He built the first house on Osbourn Avenue.

On January 16, 1878, Mr. Lehnen was united in marriage in this city with Catherine Hisdorf, born in Prussia, Germany, June 15, 1860, a daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Schneider) Hisdorf. The father was a maiufacturer, who never came to this country, he and his wife dying in Germany. He had two sons and two daughters, but Mrs. Lehnen is the only one living. Mr. and Mrs. Lehnen had seven children, but only two are now living: Fred who is connected with the Edward F. Hartman Printing Company, and Marie, who is in the employ of the Illinois State Register.

Mr. Lehnen is a member of the Western Catholic Union. His son is also a member of the W. C. U., the Catholic Order of Foresters, Mozart Social Club, and is Secretary of the Bookbinders Union. Mrs. Lehnen and daughter belong to the Court of Honor. Both children are musicians, being accomplished singers. They are devout Roman Catholics and belong to SS. Peter and Paul parish. In politics Mr. Lehnen is a Democrat, but has never aspired to office.

LENGENFELDER, Andreas.—Many of the more progressive farmers of today are devoting themselves to raising large crops from a smaller acreage than was formerly deemed necessary. Experiments have proven that it is better in every way to bring a small farm to the highest state of cultivation than indifferently to farm a large one, and Andreas Lengenfelder has one of the best pieces of property in his part of the county, to prove the truth of such a statement. He is conveniently located on Section 15, Cooper Township, where he owns thirty-one acres, every inch of which is made to produce a crop, according to thrifty German methods, for Mr. Lengenfelder was born in that country, April 3, 1867, a son of Conrad and Margaret (Seibert) Lengenfelder. They were farming people, who never left Germany, the father dying in 1882, but the mother survives, being seventy-nine years old. Andreas Lengenfelder had two brothers, Albert and William, but both are now deceased.

Growing up in Germany, Andreas Lengenfelder worked for his father until he was twenty-two years old, when he gave his country a three years' service, and then came to the United States, arriving in New York in 1892, and passing through Castle Garden. From that city he came direct to Springfield and spent two years, but then went to Bates, Ill. After six months there, he came back to Springfield and spent the following five years there. He then returned to Germany on a two months' visit, following which he once more came to Springfield. A short time later he went to Christian County, and spent two years at Blackburn Station, but in 1900 settled on his present farm.

On April 16, 1898, Mr. Lengenfelder was married in Springfield to Miss K. Jerrer, born February 12, 1869, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Jerrer. The parents were born in Germany, the father in 1842, and still surviving, and the mother died in 1870. Mrs. Lengenfelder has three sisters: Anna, Elizabeth and Katherine, all living in Germany, while Mr. Lengenfelder had the following brothers and sisters: John, William, Albert, Elizabeth, Margaret, Regina, Barbara, of whom one sister and two brothers are living in America. Mr. and Mrs. Lengenfelder have had two children:

Anna aged twelve years, and Carrie, aged five years.

Mr. Lengenfelder is a Republican. The Lutheran Church holds his membership. He is a reliable, hard-working, practical farmer, and is widely known and universally respected.

LENHART, Valentine, a successful farmer of Section 4, Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, is well known as a public-spirited and useful citizen, and stands well in his community. He was born at Strasburg, Germany, November 1, 1834, a son of George and Catherine (Eversold) Lenhart, both natives of Germany and the former a weaver by trade. The father followed his trade in his native country until his death. He and his wife had three sons and one daughter, and the only two children now surviving are Valentine, of this article, and George, living near Decatur, Macon County.

In youth Valentine Lenhart learned the trade of weaver from his father, and meantime attended the public school of his native place. Later he engaged in the weaving business on his own account, and when about twenty years of age emigrated to the United States, sailing from Havre and landing at New York City after spending sixty-nine days on the voyage. He came at once to Springfield, where he arrived August 15, 1854. His first occupation there was candy-making, which he followed nine years, then purchased land and engaged in farming, in which he was fairly successful. He has lived on his present place the past six years, and has a comfortable and well-situated residence. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church and in politics is a Democrat.

Mr. Lenhart was married in Springfield, September 16, 1858, to Miss Annie Roedamly, who was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, June 16, 1835, and whose parents never left their native land. Of the nine children born to Mr. Lenhart and wife the following now survive: Henry a farmer of Sangamon County; David; Sam, living in the West; Elizabeth, wife of George Blakely, a sketch of whom appears in these pages; Catherine, widow of Matthew Blakely, of Sangamon County; Annie, wife of Charles Stanfield, living in the West.

LENZ, Albert David.—German training cannot be surpassed, and for this and other reasons those born in the Fatherland receive a welcome whenever they settle in any locality. Sangamon County is fortunate in having so many of these thrifty, reliable men among its residents, and one of them is Albert David Lenz, born in Prussia, Germany, February 7, 1882, son of John and Wilhelmina Lenz, both of Prussia. The father was a farmer and never came to America. In religious belief he was a Lutheran. He and his wife had children as follows: Frederick, Albert D., Paul, Julius, Emil, Amelia; Paulina, wife of Augustus Ott; Martha, Minnie and Marie.

Albert D. Lenz was educated in Germany, and when only six years old began working on his father's farm, continuing thus until twenty-four years old. He then came to this country, landing in 1906, and first worked in Milwaukee, but after spending a short time in a machine shop, came to Springfield. This was in 1907, and he went at once to work in the boiler works, remaining there a year. Following this he spent two years in New Hampshire working as a machinest, but returned to Springfield in the early part of 1910, and entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad. He bought two houses he resides. In November, 1910, he accepted the position of janitor of the German Lutheran Church, and still holds it.

On February 17, 1906, he was married in Springfield, by the Rev. Frederick Brandt, of the German Lutheran Church, to Emma Skoda born in Germany, March 30, 1890, daughter of John Skoda, both he and his wife being natives of Germany. Mrs. Lenz was the only child of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lenz have two children: William B., born December 23, 1907, and Minnie, born December 23, 1909. In politics Mr. Lenz is a Republican, and belongs to the German Lutheran Church. He is one of the progressive young German-Americans of Springfield and his present success only indicates what may be expected of him in the future.

LENZ, Frank Joseph.—In looking over the records of Springfield, once the home of such men as Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, the biographer is impressed by the number of young men now engaged in upholding the city's prestige in the business world. They seem to be able to forge ahead and to attain success long before they have rounded out two score of years. It is necessary, in these days of fierce competition, that this be true. The exacting demands of a business life wears a man out, and unless he reaches success in his very prime he will not be able to attain it. One of the live, keen young business men of Springfield, who certainly has every reason to be content with what he has accomplished, is Frank Joseph Lenz, born in Buckhart, Sangamon County, August 22, 1873, son of Valentine and Bertha (Geier) Lenz, both natives of Germany. The parents came to America in youth, meeting in Springfield, where they were married. They then began farming near Buckhart and Breckenridge, thus continuing for years, until their retirement to Springfield, in 1902. They now reside in their comfortable home at No. 1002 South Fourteenth Street. The father is a Democrat and a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The children born in this family were: Albert, boiler maker with the Marine Boiler Works, of Toledo, Ohio; Frank Joseph; Henry, who lives in the vicinity of New Berlin, Ill.; Valentine, with the Illinois Watch Works; Edward, with Lochman Brothers, jewelers, and one deceased.

Mr. Lenz attended school at Cascade, Ill., until he was about seventeen years old, when he left to work on his father's farm. He continued with his parents until he attained his

majority, then left to enter the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company as boiler-maker. He thus continued for five years, when he left the company to engage in the same kind of business on his own account. During these five years, he worked at Fort Wayne for the Vandalia Railroad Company, and also at Toledo, Ohio. His knowledge of the work is intimate and he is a very efficient man.

Having been reared a Catholic, Mr. Lenz is one of the most consistent and liberal members of the Church of the Sacred Heart. He also belongs to the Western Catholic Union, and can be depended upon to do whatever work is asked of him in connection with it. In politics he is a Democrat. He is one of the leading young business men of Springfield, honest, straightforward in all his dealings, and has many friends among his associates.

LENZ, Valentine, a retired farmer living at 1002 South Fourteenth Street, Springfield, Ill., carried on agricultural operations in Sangamon County thirty-five years, and is well known and highly respected there. He was born in Baden, Germany, April 2, 1845, and received his education in his native country, remaining at home on the farm of his parents until he was eighteen years of age. He is a son of John and Rachel (Schussler) Lenz, both natives of Germany, the father born in 1800 and the mother in 1807. They spent their entire lives in Germany, where the father died in 1853 and the mother in 1867. John Lenz was a man who was much esteemed by all who knew him, for his many fine qualities of mind and heart and his high character. Valentine Lenz had three sisters and a brother who came to America in 1853, and all are deceased. One brother, who was born in 1830, is still residing in Baden.

In 1867 Valentine Lenz emigrated to America and came direct to Sangamon County, Ill., locating on a farm in Cooper Township, where he lived twenty years. He then moved to Cotton Hill Township and lived there fifteen years, after which he retired and located at his present comfortable home, where he has resided the past nine years. He was an energetic and able farmer and became very successful in this line. He is a Democrat in politics and served as School Director in 1890. He is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to Sacred Heart Parish.

Mr. Lenz was married, in Springfield, Ill., April 17, 1877, to Bertha Gier, who was born in Germany, December 13, 1854, daughter of Francis James and Margaret Gier, the former born in 1810 and the latter in 1828. Both Mr. Gier and his wife spent their entire lives in Germany, where he died in 1875 and she in 1860. Three brothers of Mrs. Lenz came to America in 1873. Six children were born to Mr. Lenz and his wife, of whom five survive, namely: Albert, born January 20, 1882, is a boilermaker and lives in Ohio, married to Pearl St. John; Francis, born August 22, 1883, is in business in Springfield; Henry W., born July 15, 1887, is a farmer and lives near Quincy, Ill.; Valentine, Jr., born April 2, 1891, is employed in the Illinois Watch factory; Edward Leo, born October 15, 1895, living at home, is a messenger in the employ of the Hamann Printing Company, of Springfield. Mr. Lenz is actively interested in the general welfare and prosperity and is the friend of progress. He has witnessed many changes and improvements in Springfield and Sangamon County since he has resided here. He belongs to the Loyal Americans and his wife to the Catholic Foresters. Many changes and improvements have taken place since Mr. Lenz came to Sangamon County. He has witnessed the building of the State and Federal Buildings, and all improvements in the city.

LEONARD, Edward F. (Vol. I, p. 333.)

LEUTENMAYER, Maximillian, an honored veteran of the Civil War, who has worked hard most of his life, is now living retired, at his comfortable home at 525 West Reynolds Street, Springfield. He is an honest, upright citizen, of good standing with his neighbors, and is well known in the city, where he has resided since 1854. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 3, 1842, son of Joseph and Agatha (Stoater) Leutenmayer, both natives of Germany. The father was born October 30, 1817, and died in September, 1882, and the mother was born February 1, 1820, and died October 30, 1906, at the age of nearly eighty-seven years. The parents emigrated to America in 1854, landing in New York December 28th, and during the following year located in Springfield, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father of Joseph Leutenmayer served in the Russian War, under Napoleon, and all the ancestors were natives of Germany.

The early boyhood of Maximillian Leutenmayer was spent in Germany, where he attended school until coming to America with his parents. He completed his education in the latter country and lived with his father on a farm until he enlisted for service in the Civil War. He was fond of outdoor life and sports, and became very useful to his father in carrying on the farm.

On September 30, 1861, Mr. Leutenmayer enlisted in Company B, Tenth Illinois Cavalry, under Captain Hitt, and served three years and four months, being mustered out at Brownsville, Ark., December 30, 1864. He proved himself to be a brave and faithful soldier, who performed his every duty. Among the many battles in which he participated were Prairie Grove, Little Rock, Saline River, and many skirmishes. He captured Captain Todd and two men who were with him, about October, 1862, and is justly proud of this feat. Captain Todd was a cousin of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln. In a skirmish at Niagua Creek, October 20, 1862, they killed four Rebels and lost but one man of their company. Mr. Leutenmayer is a mem-

ber of Stephenson Post G. A. R. and is highly esteemed by his comrades.

Upon leaving the army Mr. Leutenmayer returned to Springfield and engaged in driving a team for a mill and later worked for various other concerns. For twenty years he was employed at Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was an industrious worker and has retired from business life. In politics he is a Republican, although he takes no very active part in public affairs. He is a devout Catholic and belongs to SS. Peter and Paul's Church in Springfield. He is a man of public spirit and takes great interest in the welfare of the community, being always ready to do his share to promote any worthy cause which comes to his notice.

The marriage of Mr. Leutenmayer took place at Springfield, August 4, 1870, when he was united with Miss Eloese Hagedorn, who was born in Germany, April 27, 1849, daughter of Philip Hagedorn and his wife, natives of Germany. Three children were born of this union: Albert, born August 15, 1871, foreman of the Illinois Central roundhouse and a resident of Paducah, Ky., married Louise Regner, and they have two children, Hazel and Charles; Adolph, born September 1, 1873, assistant engineer for Reisch Brewing Company of Springfield; Frances Agatha, born December 31, 1877, is in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company.

LIGHTFOOT, Gabriel M.—Pioneers of Sangamon County can appreciate the remarkable changes effected during the past half century, as can many others who were born before the county was fully settled. Prior to 1850 much of the county was a wilderness, with the sod unturned and giant trees covering the land along the water courses. It was the work of the early farmers to develop this land, clear it of timber and plant it to productive crops. One of the native sons of the county who belongs to a pioneer family, is Gabriel M. Lightfoot, born January 18, 1846, a son of Philip and Margaret S. (Lightfoot) Lightfoot. Philip Lightfoot was born in Alabama, while his wife was born in Kentucky.

Philip Lightfoot was a physician, who came to Sangamon County in pioneer days, but after a few years' residence there, went to Morgan County. He had been a school teacher in Sangamon County, but after going to Morgan County, practiced medicine in Manchester and Murrayville, later going west. After some time, during which he continued his practice, he returned to Illinois, buying a practice at Roodhouse. Still later he was in practice at Winchester, but eventually returned to Murrayville, where he died in January, 1906. Although eighty-three years old at the time of his death, he was still in active practice. He and his wife had seven children, three of whom survive. The Lightfoot family originated in Virginia where some of its members still reside.

Gabriel Lightfoot went to school in the little log cabin of his neighborhood. He, with the other pupils, sat on slab seats, their feet resting on a floor built from puncheons. A huge fireplace heated the room in winter, but in summer it was very warm, the only air and light coming from the door hole. Books were a luxury, and the teachers often were mere boys themselves, and yet these primitive schools have turned out some of the smartest men Illinois has ever known. Mr. Lightfoot has been a farmer all his life, operating in various parts of the county. His son owns four acres of land which is devoted to small fruit.

The marriage of Mr. Lightfoot occurred in the old Central Hotel of Springfield, in September, 1876, when he was united with Henrietta Davis, born in Pike County, Ohio, February 6, 1848. Her parents were born, reared and died in Ohio, coming of old pioneer families of that State. Mr. and Mrs. Lightfoot have had children as follows: Henry, at home, is a cement worker; John, deceased; Anna M. married Charles Gray and they live at Rochester. They have an adopted son, Eugene.

Mrs. Lightfoot is a member of the Methodist Church and is one of its most efficient and earnest workers. Mr. Lightfoot was a small boy when Mr. Lincoln was first elected president and lacked a few years of his majority when the president was assassinated. Some of his most pleasant recollections are of this great man, and his stories of the times when the nation's martyr was a resident of Springfield are intensely entertaining. While not entering into the public life of the township, Mr. Lightfoot has always had its best interests at heart, and is proud of the progress of his county. He has borne his part in its development and can always be relied upon to support all measures looking towards the securing of good government and moral uplift. In his various transactions he has proven himself to possess strict integrity, and his business associates, as well as his friends, count on him as a man whose word is as good as his bond.

LINCOLN, Abraham. (Vol. I, pp. 337-338.)

LINCOLN, Robert Todd. (Vol. I, p. 338.)

LIPPINCOTT, Charles E. (Vol. I, p. 339.)

LISTMAN, John.—Looking back over a long and well-spent life during which he served well in many capacities, John Listman, of Springfield, may well be satisfied with what he has accomplished. Brick manufacturer, policeman and hotel man, he has experienced many changes in his business career and has accumulated a property that insures his old age from want and provides him and his family with all of the necessities and many of the luxuries of our now complex existence. He was born in Germany, in 1834, and, coming to the United States in 1858, brought with him the sturdy qualities of his countryman which work for ultimate success. Landing in New York City, he came direct to Springfield. Although he had secured a good German education, he was ignorant of the English language, but, having gained

strength and vitality on his father's farm in his native land, his services were accepted in the brick yards at Springfield, where he worked during the summer months, and in the winter he made shoes. During 1860 and 1861 he worked as a shoemaker at Auburn, Ill., but returned to Springfield in the latter year, resuming his alternating occupations of brick making and shoemaking. In 1865, while on a visit home, he brought his two sisters back with him, and a year later sent for his parents.

In 1870 Mr. Listman was married, in Burlington, Iowa, to Anna Katrina Bernhart, a frugal, industrious German girl, who made him an excellent wife and bore him seven children: John, of Springfield; Emma, Mrs. George Anderson, of Springfield; Frank, Henry C., Katherine B., Mamie and Alice, all of Springfield, the three last named being at home.

Mr. Listman was appointed to the police force in 1879 and was a very efficient and capable officer. In 1883 he bought the Club Hotel, changing its name to that of the Central Hotel. Under the efficient management of Mr. and Mrs. Listman, this hotel gained a well-merited reputation for excellent cooking and homelike quarters. In 1895, however, they sold, moving to No. 900 North Twelfth Street, which remains the family residence. Although not connected with any religious denomination, he believes in church work, and contributes liberally towards it. He has not associated himself with any party, believing in exercising his discretion in casting his vote. In his opinion it is the man and not the platform that is important. Genial, kindly in disposition, a splendid business man, Mr. Listman has been successful in every way, and is one of Springfield's most representative men.

LITTLE, Samuel N., senior partner in the Little & Sons Livery Company, Corner of Fourth and Adams Streets, Springfield, was born in Fleming County, Ky., in February, 1811, and was brought by his parents to St. Clair County, Illinois, in the spring of 1818. The following year (1819) his father came to Sangamon County, locating in what was afterwards known as Little's Point, three miles southwest of the court house, on what is now known as the Wiggins Farm. He raised one crop and in 1820 brought his family and settled, living there until his death, January 1st, 1848. This was the home of Samuel N. Little until the autumn of 1881, when the family moved into the city.

On January 29, 1843, Mr. Little married Eliza M. Morgan, daughter of Daniel and Mary Morgan, early pioneers of Illinois. To this union there were six children, three sons and three daughters, also an adopted daughter: William H., Gershom J., Sanford H., Mary E., Harriet C., Minerva C., and Francis Z. Little. The three sons were engaged in the livery business with their father, who established the business in 1851. Mrs. Little died March 15, 1902.

William H. Little was born March 16, 1845. He married Cordelia Perkins and was afterwards killed in a railroad wreck on the Chicago & Alton Railroad near Chicago on August 17, 1873. He was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Ill. Sanford H. Little died on June 4, 1900.

Gershom J. Little, the surviving son, was born February 19, 1847, in Sangamon County. He read medicine and graduated from Rush Medical College of Chicago in 1868. He practiced only a few years and then went in business with his father. Mr. Little has been twice married, his first wife being Nellie A. Crafton, a daughter of Edward Crafton, to whom he was united January 2, 1867, but who died in February, 1868. He next married Margaret E. Conner, a daughter of Edward L. Conner, this event occurring October 27, 1874.

To Mr. and Mrs. Little two daughters were born,—Nellie Louise, who died in infancy, and Georgia M., who was born September 9, 1883. She attended St. Agatha's School from the time she was a small child until she graduated. On October 15, 1903, she was married to Glenn Davis Smith, of Chicago, who is now engaged in the automobile business on South Fourth Street. They reside with their parents at 523 South Sixth Street, Springfield, Ill.

LITTLEJOHN, James, of Divernon, Ill., who for many years carried on coal mining in this State, has now retired from active life and has erected a comfortable home in the village. He was born in Reckerton, Scotland, December 3, 1830, son of William and Jane (Gibson) Littlejohn, natives of the same place. The father was born January 12, 1805, and the mother January 31, 1804, and both died in their native town, he in 1880 and she in 1882. He came to America to visit his son James, but soon after returned home. He was a coal miner and spent his entire active life in this occupation. Eleven children were born to him and his wife, nine sons and two daughters, and but two of these children survive, James, of this sketch, and one daughter Jannie, wife of Joseph Hynds, a farmer of Oklahoma.

As a small boy James Littlejohn attended the schools of his native town, and at the age of nine years began working in the mines there, remaining in that occupation until 1869, the date of his emigration to the United States. He went first to Braidwood, Ill., and engaged in mining there. He continued until 1898, when, his health failing, he removed to South Wilmington and lived there until 1903, the date of his coming to Divernon, where he built a fine two-story residence, which he now occupies. He has made many friends in the vicinity and has the good-will and esteem of all who know him. In politics he is a Republican and he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, being ever ready to further any good cause and worthy object with which he is made acquainted.

Mr. Littlejohn was married at Killiwenen, Scotland, August 21, 1858, to Miss Mary Ferguson, a native of that place, and daughter of

James and Barbara (Conin) Ferguson, also born there. The father was a weaver by trade, and he and his wife were parents of two children, Mrs. Littlejohn, born August 1, 1836, and a son, both of whom are deceased. Eleven children were born to Mr. Littlejohn and wife, of whom five sons and four daughters now survive, namely: William, a miner, living at home with his father; Janny married William Walker, an electrician living in Chicago; George, in charge of a mine at Thayer, Ill., where he lives, married Margaret Kinnenharm; Mary, widow of Joseph McLaughlin, lives in Chicago; James is a miner and lives with his father; Isabella married William Smith, a brick-mason residing at Joliet, Ill.; John is a miner, lives at Divernon, and married Jenny Buckley; Finley, a miner living at Divernon, is a member of Divernon Baseball Team, and married Stella Welch; Grace married William Thomas, a miner of Divernon. There are twenty-one grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in the family.

LITTLER, David T. (Vol. I, p. 341.)

LITTLETON, Walter Franklin, of Springfield, a conductor in the employ of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad Company, was born at Cobden, Union County, Ill., July 5, 1862, son of Thomas William and Nancy Ellen (Bean) Littleton. Thomas W. Littleton was born in Tennessee and when a small boy accompanied his parents to Illinois. His father, Ephraim Littleton, was a pioneer in Union County, and settled near Western Saratoga, where he died. Thomas W. Littleton was reared on a farm, receiving a common-school education, and when thirty-five years of age became employed on a railroad, as engineer, car inspector, and in various other capacities. He died in Centralia, Ill., in 1893, and his wife died on the farm near Cobden, in December, 1880. Their children were: Walter F.; Olive died at the age of twelve years; Phena, Mrs. H. P. Rendleman; Iola, Mrs. Martin Cavaness; Cora, Mrs. John Neville; Rosie, Mrs. Charles Clemmie; William, deceased; Gertie, Mrs. Coe Melvin.

When seven years of age Walter F. Littleton began his education in a log schoolhouse in Union County, and lived on a farm until he was seventeen years of age, then learned the blacksmith trade at Murphysboro, Ill., three years after leaving home becoming employed as a brakeman for the Illinois Central road from Centralia to Cairo, Ill. He worked in various capacities on the railroad until 1894, the time of the big railroad strike, when he was out of work. From 1895-98 he was freight conductor for the Chicago & Alton Railroad, then became connected with the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad, working for them until 1903, when he went to work for the St. Louis & Southwestern road, returning to the employ of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis road in May, 1909. He is an experienced and able conductor, a man of honesty and good habits, and stands well with his associates. He is well known in railroad circles and has a large number of friends.

Mr. Littleton was married, in Evansville, Ind., in March, 1886, to Miss Mattie M. Short, of Evansville, and they had children as follows: Edna Augusta; Freddie and Charles, deceased; Beulah; Marguerite, deceased. Mr. Littleton is not a member of any church. He is a Republican in politics and fraternally is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the O. R. C.

LITTREL, William (deceased).—The virtues and good qualities of a man are oftentimes not fully appreciated until he has passed from this life. Deeds which were little noticed during his lifetime, spring into prominence after his demise, and reflect credit upon his kindness of heart and singleness of purpose. Especially has this been true in the case of the late William Littrel, of Springfield, who during a long and useful life showed forth in his actions the faith he early professed when he joined the communion of the Methodist Church, and his memory is enshrined, not only in the hearts of his immediate family, but in the thoughts of those with whom he was brought into contact in both a social and business way. Mr. Littrel was born in Jefferson County, Ky., March 22, 1848, a son of Perry and Mary (Conroy) Littrel, farming people, who came to Springfield at an early day, participating in the history of those times and assisting in developing the city. Mr. Littrel passed away December 24, 1890, and his remains are interred in the beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery.

After a boyhood spent with his parents, Mr. Littrel started out in life for himself, becoming one of the best known men in his line in Sangamon County. Through a thorough knowledge of his work and his keen, sagacious business methods, Mr. Littrel became one of the prosperous men of Springfield, dying in the very prime of life, honored by all who knew him. He was a Methodist and a Democrat, but never cared for public office. His marriage occurred in Springfield June 30, 1870, to Nancy Miller, born on a farm in Coshocton County, Ohio, March 30, 1850. The family came from Ohio to Springfield, in 1868, and this city has since been the home of Mrs. Littrel. A brother of hers, David Miller, owns and operates a fine farm about fifteen miles south of Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Littrel became the parents of the following children: Frank, Mrs. A. C. Anderson, Mary Elizabeth, Nancy, married and residing in Chicago; Cora Ida and Ellen, the latter living with her mother in Springfield. Mrs. Littrel has a beautiful home at No. 1418 East Monroe Street.

The life of a man who spent his time attending to his own business and living up to his standards of Christianity, points a moral that the rising generation will do well to heed. He left a sufficient fortune to provide for his dear

ones and place them beyond the necessity of worry. While he was taken away at a time when he was just beginning to feel able to enjoy the good things of life, he did not spend his brief span of years in vain, but has left behind the example of a well-spent life.

LOCHRIDGE, Robert Henry, an energetic and successful farmer of Section 5, Auburn Township, Sangamon County, Ill., was born in the county, January 17, 1850, son of John Milton and Jane (Nuckolls) Lochridge, who lived on a farm in Chatham Township. The family were early settlers of Sangamon County, and the grandfather of Robert H. Lochridge. John Lochridge, was born in Virginia. He was married, in Kentucky, to Margie Killough, and in 1826 they moved to Owen County, Ind., and thence to Sangamon County, where they arrived October 20, 1838. To them were born eight children, all deceased, except Mrs. S. Steele, of Indiana.

John Milton Lochridge was born in Montgomery County, Ky., January 15, 1814, and in 1837 came to Sangamon County, Ill., where he purchased a farm. He became one of the leading farmers and representative men of the southern part of the county. He was married, July 2, 1840, to Miss Jane Nuckolls, and to this union were born five sons and three daughters, and four of these children survive: the three daughters died in infancy; John William died December 17, 1905; James Monroe, a soldier in the Civil War, now lives in Auburn; Andrew H., retired and living in Auburn; Robert H.; Charles E., a farmer living near Amelia, Tex. John Milton Lochridge was an industrious and thrifty farmer and at the time of his death owned 340 acres of fine land. He was often elected to township offices, and served several terms as a member of the Board of Supervisors. He was a Republican in politics. He acquitted himself ably and honorably of all the duties of public and private life and was one of the most honored and trusted men of his day. He lived to see many changes take place in the county and township, being a resident of the county from 1837 until the date of his death, November 9, 1905. His widow survived him but a short time and passed away December 24, 1905.

An ancestor of Mr. Lochridge, his great-grandfather, John Lochridge, was a soldier in the Revolution, taking part in the Battles of Guilford Court House, Cowpens, and many others, and in later life drew a pension for his services. He lived in Virginia and was married there. Since the family came to Sangamon County they have been actively interested in measures of public interest and contributed their share to the progress and development of the community in which they have lived. They have been active in church and religious matters, helping in the building of churches and schools, and have always been identified with the uplifting and educating of the people. John Milton Lochridge and his wife lived in Sangamon County over sixty-five years, happy and contented, and in their later years were surrounded by their children, who had settled on neighboring farms.

The younger days of Robert H. Lochridge were spent on the farm where he was born, he attended the district school and helped with the work on the farm, beginning to follow the plow at the age of eight years. He remained on the farm until twenty-two years old, then was married, May 3, 1871, to Miss Ellan Hough, who was born in Lewis County, N. Y., July 22, 1853, daughter of Horace and Emily (Rich) Hough. She has no recollection of her mother, who died when she was a child. After their marriage Mr. Lochridge and his wife settled on a farm in Ball Township, where they lived until 1884, then sold out and moved to Kansas, but returned in 1887 to the scenes of his boyhood days and settled on a farm in Section 5, Auburn Township. He improved the land and erected a beautiful home.

Mr. Lochridge is a member of the I. O. O. F. and his wife belongs to the Rebekah Lodge. He now has 160 acres of land in a high state of cultivation and raises a good grade of stock. For the past five years he has made a specialty of the Duroc Jersey hogs. He shipped 56 head of these hogs raised by him, receiving $9.55 per hundredweight, May 3, 1910, and these hogs averaged a weight of 300 pounds.

One child blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lochridge, Emily Daisy, born December 9, 1876, who was married, June 4, 1896, to Benjamin F. Lewis, a native of Auburn Township. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have two children: Robert Lochridge and Benjamin Wilbur, born respectively, July 21, 1905, and May 17, 1910. They reside on the home farm of the parents. Mr. Lochridge and his wife and daughter are all active members of the Presbyterian Church of Auburn, and Mrs. Lochridge belongs to the Ladies' Aid Society. Mr. Lochridge is a stanch Republican and has always voted for the suppression of the liquor traffic. He has never used tobacco or liquor in any form and is a man of good principles and high character.

LOEB, William.—Springfield is proud of the fact that it is a musical center and that it appreciates the efforts of its musicians. One who has long been associated with musical matters in the Capital City and given of his best to its advancement and pleasure, is William Loeb, composer and organizer. He was born in Hemsbach, Baden, Germany, June 24, 1841, and, coming from the land of music, there is no wonder he excels in the art. He is a son of William Loeb, Sr., and his wife, Anna Katherine (Young) Loeb, both natives of Germany. The elder Mr. Loeb came to America in 1848, bringing his young son with him. The trip was made by way of New Orleans, whence the family came to Springfield, and there the father found ready employment as a blacksmith. He made that city his home until his death, which occurred in 1852, when he was in the midst of his career of

useful endeavor. Short as was his time there, though, he helped to found the Lutheran Church, of which he was an earnest member.

William Loeb, Jr., was brought up in Springfield, learning his father's trade, at which he worked, but his musical genius soon began to express itself, and he abandoned his trade to teach music, making a specialty of the violin. His interpretations of the masters and of his own compositions on this instrument are truly remarkable.

On February 20, 1865, Mr. Loeb was united in marriage to Emelia Bock, a native of Saxony, Germany, daughter of Carl Frederick and Wilhelmina (Schmidt) Bock, who came from Germany to Wisconsin at so early a day that the Indians were still numerous there. There they followed farming with considerable profit. Thirteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Loeb, eight of whom survive and all of whom have more or less a musical talent: Adam Frederick, married; Henry; William; Mrs. Anna Judgens; Charles; Adolph married to Margaret R. H. Ziegler, daughter of William Ziegler, formerly of Lancaster, Pa., is a professor of music; Albert is married to Emma Thornburgh, daughter of J. W. Thornburgh; and Mrs. Clara Hartman. All are residents of Springfield and among the city's most highly esteemed people.

Mr. Loeb is a member of the order of Modern Woodmen of America. A Lutheran in religious faith, he belongs to the German Church of Springfield, and his work in connection with its music makes him especially valued there. He is a pleasant, kindly man, devoted to his profession, and with many warm, personal friends in the community who are attached to him, both because of his genius and on account of his many excellent qualities.

LOGAN, Stephen Trigg. (Vol. I, p. 343.)

LOGAN, Rev. Thomas Dale.—The need of the age is a spiritual awakening, bringing with it a deeper religion, patriotism, honor, and a love of truth. Material possessions are very well in their place, but they should not be permitted to usurp the more important things of life. Character, truth, honor, justice, love, faith—these are the things of real worth beside which the value of the world's wealth fades into insignificance. The need of the hour is to get things in right proportion again, to cease permitting the material to crowd out the spiritual, but ungrateful, indeed, is the work of those who are trying to bring about such a change. Thomas Dale Logan, who has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Ill., for nearly a quarter of a century, is one who has labored long and faithfully in this great work. He was born January 29, 1851, in Pittsburg, Pa., a son of John T. and Henrietta L. (Bryan) Logan.

John Logan, the paternal grandfather of Dr. Logan, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and died when John T. was but two years old. The paternal grandmother, Mary Kennedy, was the daughter of James and Jane (Maxwell) Kennedy, and a member of an influential family of Lancaster County, Pa. The maternal great-grandfather, George Bryan, was a member of the First Continental Congress in 1765, President of the Executive Council of Pennsylvania in 1778, Justice of its Supreme Court from 1780 to 1791, and the author of a law for the Abolition of Slavery in 1779. His son, also named George, was Secretary of State for Pennsylvania, and his wife, Maria Mayer Steinman, was descended from a prominent German Moravian family in Bavaria.

John T. Logan was born in Baltimore, Md., October 1, 1809, and in his youth learned the hardware business in Lancaster, Pa., whence he went to Pittsburg in 1829. He engaged in business there in 1831 under the firm name of Logan & Kennedy, and the firm still continues (in 1910) under the name of the Logan-Gregg Hardware Company. Mr. Logan was active in business and religious affairs in Pittsburg, and in that city his death occurred April 17, 1871. He was married March 17, 1842, to Henrietta L. Bryan, born at Harrisburg, Pa., July 5, 1814, and she died in Pittsburg, December 17, 1897.

The childhood of Thomas Dale Logan was passed at the family home in Allegheny (now a part of Pittsburg), Pa., and his preparatory schooling was secured in Newell Institute, a private school. He graduated from Lafayette College in 1869, at the age of eighteen years, and in 1874 graduated from the Western Theological Seminary. He taught school at the Newell Institute during 1872, and was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Allegheny of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in April, 1873. On leaving the theological seminary in April, 1874, he supplied the Second Presbyterian Church of Meadville, Pa., for six months, and was called to the pastorate of that church and ordained by the Presbytery of Erie, January 20, 1875. He was released from that pastorate in September, 1888, and on October 7, 1888, began his labor in the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, where he was installed November 13, 1888. Dr. Logan was baptized and brought up in the faith of the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, and united with the Brainerd Presbyterian Church at Easton, Pa., in 1867, while attending college. He transferred his membership to the North Presbyterian Church of Allegheny until being ordained to the ministry. He was Clerk of the Presbytery of Springfield for thirteen years, Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions of the Presbyterian Synod for Illinois for twelve years, and a member of the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church of 1881, 1891, 1896 and 1908. He is a Republican in political views, but is bound by no party ties, being absolutely independent in his choice of a candidate. On graduating from LaFayette College, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and three years later the degree of Master of Arts, and in 1894 he re-

ceived from the same college the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

On March 22, 1877, Dr. Logan was married at Meadville, Pa., to Caroline B. Mahoney, born at Meadville, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Harrison) Mahoney. Four children have been born to this union: Howard, Elizabeth Harrison, Marjorie Sybilla and Elsie Caroline.

LONERGAN, John (deceased), was a resident of Springfield, Ill., for many years. He was an upright and useful citizen, and interested in the progress and welfare of the city. He came to Springfield in 1854 and during his life there witnessed many changes and improvements. He was a devout member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and in politics was a Democrat. He had formed many friendships and was genuinely mourned by his family and friends. He was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1823, and his parents died in Ireland. He was educated in his native country and worked on his father's farm as a boy, being occupied in farming until his emigration to America in 1854. He spent ten weeks on the ocean voyage and landed in New York, where he remained but a short time before locating in Springfield, which was his home until his demise. He worked at various kinds of employment, but mostly at gardening, and his first employer was Judge Logan. He was a diligent and careful worker, and took pride in the excellence of the work he accomplished.

Mr. Lonergan was married in Springfield, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, to Miss Margaret O'Grady, born in County Limerick, Ireland. Her parents died in Ireland, and when Mrs. Lonergan came to America she spent six weeks on the voyage. Five children were born to Mr. Lonergan and his wife: Bridget, wife of Thomas Finnegan, of Springfield; Anna died in 1906; Thomas, of Springfield, married Catherine Murray; Mary, unmarried; John W., of Chicago, Ill. Miss Mary Lonergan was born in Springfield, and has spent her entire life in that city. She now owns the home where she resides, at 222 Union Street. She is well known and has many friends.

LONG, Alexander P.—To look back over a long and useful career with the realization that the years have not been spent in vain, but have been productive of material and spiritual advancement, is a satisfaction to any man. Springfield has a number of reliable, worthy men, who, when their appointed tasks have been finished, have settled there to spend their money and give the city the benefit of their experience and foresight. Such a man is Alexander P. Long, whose residence in Springfield has identified him with many of its substantial interests. He was born in Huntingdon County, Pa., May 1, 1833, a son of John and Rebecca A. (Parks) Long, the former born in Adams County, Pa., in November, 1806, and the latter in New Jersey, in November, 1812. The father was a stone mason. The paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. John Long was married in Huntingdon County, Penn., where he resided until 1847, then moved to Bedford County, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1868, when he was sixty-two years of age. His widow survived him until 1891, when she passed away in Erie, Pa., She and her husband had three sons and four daughters.

Alexander P. Long attended the country schools of Bedford County, following which he farmed for ten years there, and then entered the employ of the Huntingdon & Broad Top Railroad, where he remained for seven years, becoming foreman. In 1862, however, he was badly injured, a locomotive blowing up, and for eight months was forced to remain away from work. After he recovered he was given a position as engineer of the same road, and filled it for two years, leaving to enter the employ of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company as engineer. During the following sixteen years he acted as engineer for this road, but then removed to Springfield with his family, which has since been his home. There for four years he was engineer on the Wabash Railroad, then entered the Deffenbaugh Planing Mill. After four years there, as engineer, he became engineer for the Vredenberg Planing Mill, and acted in that capacity for ten years, when he retired. Mr. Long is a member of True Americans and the B. L. E., Lodge No. 117, of Erie, Pa. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is one of its liberal supporters.

On June 3, 1856, Mr. Long was married in Hollidaysburg, Pa., to Louisa Welsh, born in Baltimore, Md., July 21, 1834. Her parents moved from Baltimore to Franklin County, Pa., in 1841, and there remained until they died. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Long: James B., engineer for the Wabash Railroad, living in Springfield; Clara M., Superintendent of a refuge home in Honolulu; Lillian, wife of Samuel Young, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Mary E., wife of William Ammann, of Cordova, Ala.; George M., engineer inspector of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, living in Chicago; Ritta, living at home; Rebecca, wife of Ernest Talmage, of Syracuse, N. Y., and William E., deceased. There are fifteen grandchildren and one great grandchild in the family. Mr. Long is widely respected by the many friends he has made during his residence in Springfield. He has succeeded in his work and has influenced many for good during his association with men.

LONG, Fred W., a life-long resident of Springfield, Ill., is a self-made young man, who is well-known and popular throughout Sangamon County. He is active in the councils of the Democratic party. He has served in various public offices and has given the public efficient and satisfactory service in every case.

Mr. Long was born in Springfield, June 10, 1875, and is a son of Charles H. and Louisa Long, both natives of Germany, the former born December 25, 1838, and the latter November 23, 1840. The father engaged in business in Springfield as a grocer and seed-merchant, and built up a successful enterprise.

Fred W. Long passed his childhood in Springfield and attended Trinity Lutheran Parochial School, and Trapp Public School, and supplemented his education with a course in Springfield Business College. Upon leaving school he entered the employ of his father as clerk, later becoming bookkeeper for The John Bressmer Company. He afterwards became a traveling salesman in the employ of Frank Wiedlocher, a wholesale flour merchant, and displayed considerable business ability and enterprise, winning the confidence and approval of his employers in each position and gaining valuable experience.

Mr. Long's public career began in December, 1898, when he became Deputy County Clerk, in which position he served eight years, and from December, 1906, to December, 1910, filled the office of Chief Deputy Sheriff. His prospects seem to be very bright, as he is held in high esteem wherever known and has had a very fair opportunity of proving his fitness. He has always discharged his various duties with conscientious precision and care, and his honesty and integrity are unquestioned. Since January 1, 1911, Mr. Long has been Claim Adjuster for the Springfield Consolidated Railway Company, the Springfield Gas Light Company, and the Springfield Light, Heat and Power Company. Mr. Long has always been a Democrat in politics, and is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He is a member of the Elks, Chamber of Commerce and Business Men's Association, and for five years served as Financial Secretary of the last-named organization. He also served at one time as Delegate from the Retail Clerks' Union to the Federation of Labor.

Mr. Long was married in Springfield, September 15, 1896, to Miss Clara B. Keller, born in Jersey County, daughter of Amos W. and Emma Keller. Four children have blessed this union: Clara Anna, born October 24, 1897; Emma Louisa, November 1, 1898; Erma Elizabeth, April 19, 1900; Catherine, August 30, 1904. Mr. Long owns some real estate in Springfield besides other property.

LOOMIS, Webner E.—Forty-nine miles northeast of London, England, is the city of Braintree, and it has been the site successively of British and Roman people, laws, customs, religions, etc. In the time of King John, Braintree had become a market place for woolen cloth. The early religious pilgrims halted there to rest. The persecuted Flemings, in the days of Queen Elizabeth, fled to and became residents of Braintree. Other people settled in the place; new ideas and thinkers developed, so that with the Reformation, Braintree became a hotbed of dissent and non-conformity. Burning at the stake was often used as an "argument" against the alleged heretics. Fox's "Book of Martyrs" tells of John Loomis (then spelled Lomas), with four women, being burned at the stake, on the same day, at Canterbury, "and who, while the fire was flaming about their ears, did sing psalms, whereat the good Knight, Sir John Norton, being there present, wept bitterly at the sight thereof."

Joseph Loomis, who is believed to have been a grand-nephew or some near relative of the foregoing John Loomis, fearing a like fate for himself and kin, left Braintree with his family and those of his married sisters, for London, and from there, on April 11, 1638, they put to sea on the ship "Susan and Ellen," for North America, where they hoped to enjoy better religious freedom, and arriving at Boston on the 17th day of the following July. In 1639 Joseph Loomis moved with his family and settled on land that he bought February 2, 1640, and known as an island during high water in the river at Windsor, Conn., and in the same year built on the land his dwelling house, which stands today as the oldest homestead in America in the perpetual possession of the descendants of its pioneer builders.

Joseph Loomis traced his ancestry back clearly to his great-grandfather, Thomas Lummyas, who is shown by the church records to have died at Thaxted, England, in 1551. The Loomis name and ancestry is traced back to Bolton, County Lancashire, prior to the Norman Conquest, and is of Anglo-Saxon origin. Joseph Loomis was the father of eight children, whose descendants, as contained and named in the latest genealogy of the family, are 13,000 different persons born a Loomis, besides 4,800 maternal ancestors were born of that name. Of these 1,000 had military records and many others were skillful scientists or professionals. In 1868 Dr. Mahlon Loomis invented a machine with which he sent wireless messages between stations eighteen miles apart, which involved the main principles later used by Marconi, and on which he secured a patent, July 30, 1872, but neither the United States Congress nor capitalists realized its utility and importance before his death.

Webner E. Loomis traces his ancestry to Joseph Loomis through his fourth child, John, who was for fourteen years a member of the General Court (or legislature) of Connecticut, and held other offices of public trust until his death September 1, 1688.,

Among the descendants of the son of John Loomis, whose portraits appear in one of the illustrations of this volume, is the scientist, Prof. Elias Loomis (No. 244), graduate of Yale in 1830, its tutor in science 1833-35; professor in the Western Reserve College 1837-44, and of the University of New York, 1844-60; also employed by the United States Government 1840-45 in determining difference of longitude

between New York City and other cities. He was the first to ascertain the velocity of electricity. Over 500,000 of his books were used in the schools and colleges of the United States and also translated and taught in other countries. By Prof. Loomis' continued effort he assisted in the establishment of the United States weather bureau, systematized its work and wrote its main guide book. His article on "Contributions to Meteorology," was published by the Government in 1886. He was professor of natural philosophy and astronomy of Yale College from 1860 to August 15, 1889, when he died, bequeathing $300,000 to promote astronomy.

John Mason Loomis (No. 245), Colonel of Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, commander of the Fourth Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, died in October, 1900, leaving upwards of $1,000,000, to which his sister added $500,000, to be applied in founding the "Loomis Institute," on the grounds of the old Loomis Homestead at Windsor, Conn. Dr. Alfred L. Loomis (No. 246) was the first to use open-air treatment for certain diseases, was a professor in the University of New York, and physician to Bellevue Hospital. Gen. Cyrus O. Loomis, was commander of the Loomis Battery in the War of 1861; Francis B. Loomis, was Assistant Secretary of State; Jarms and Erastus Loomis, were given medals by the United States Congress for heroism in the War of 1812; and Ichabod Loomis was a soldier in the War of the Revolution.

Another descendant of John Loomis was the Hon. A. Loomis (No. 243) of Little Falls, N. Y. He wrote a portion of the State Constitution of New York (1846), and assisted in the preparation of the Code of Procedure as adopted by the Legislature of New York in 1847. He originated and, after a struggle of thirty years, had adopted, an amendment to the New York Constitution requiring a vote of the people on expenditure of State moneys. He was Judge of different courts in New York, a member of the Legislature of that State, a member of the United States Congress, and filled with ability other offices of public concern. His brother, Horace Loomis, the grandfather of our subject, resided in Salisbury, Herkimer County, N. Y., where he married Julia Tuttle (No. 240), of which family are Bishop Tuttle of St. Louis, Mo., James Tuttle, D. D., deceased, for many years a pastor in Minneapolis, Minn., and others.

Horace Loomis moved from Salisbury, N. Y., in 1838, with his wife and children: Thaddeus Levi, William Burrill and Horace Julius. He purchased land and built his home in Section 1, Town 9 North, Range 3 West, which is about one and one-half miles east of the village of Chesterfield, Macoupin County, Ill., at the beginning of the south end of the then prairie, which extended from there, without the intervention of a tree or anything else other than the tall grasses in their season, to the present site of the city of Chicago. He pursued dairying, with 120 cows, and farming, hauling his products to St. Louis, Mo. He died December 20, 1850, his widow passing away in 1864; both lie buried in the Loomis Cemetery on a part of the original home farm. William B. Loomis (No. 236), father of Webner E., was born in Salisbury, N. Y., April 28, 1829. He married Mary A. Eldred (No. 237), who died October 5, 1854, daughter of William and Ruth (Brace) Eldred (No. 241). Her father and mother came from Herkimer County, N. Y., in 1822, and bought and located on a farm two and three-fourths miles west of Carrollton, Ill. The Eldreds trace their ancestors back to one of the brothers of King Eldred, of England, who was known to be successful in his battles against the Danish intruders on English soil. The word Eldred means "terrible," and the part the members of the family have taken in the battles in England, in the Indian wars and the Wars of the Revolution, of 1812 and 1861-65, proves them to have been well named or properly defined. The Eldreds and Braces came from England about 1640.

The Braces are usually educators and public-spirited men. Of John Brace of Litchfield, Conn., Harriet Beecher Stowe said: "He exceeded all teachers I ever knew in the faculty of teaching composition: much of the inspiration and training of my early days consisted not in things I was supposed to be studying, but in hearing, while seated unnoticed at my desk, the conversation of Mr. Brace with the older classes." His son, Charles L. Brace, was celebrated for his great work of philanthropy among the children of the poor of New York City and in other countries, as well as a traveler and author of note. He died in Switzerland. The mother of Ruth (Brace) Eldred was a member of the Bushnell family, and a near relative of Horace Bushnell, the eminent theologian of Litchfield, Conn. It was in honor of this family that the city of Bushnell, Ill., was named.

To the marriage of William B. Loomis and Mary A. Eldred there were born: Mary Lucy, who died in infancy; Webner E., born November 11, 1851; and Leverett Wilbur, born February 8, 1853. (Illustration.) At the center of the top of the cut is the Coat of Arms of the Loomis family; joining it on its left side and lower corner is the dwelling house where the brothers, Webner E. and Leverett W., were born, together with the grounds and buildings, which was their and their father's home until leaving it in May, 1865, to reside in Minneapolis, Minn. Near above dwelling house was the mill (No. 21) in which were ground corn and wheat, and also logs sawed into lumber. No. 20 is the schoolhouse, as first attended by the brothers, on Section 6 of above township. The picture down to No. 85 tells much of what Leverett W. Loomis did to occupy his time from one year and nine months old to about eighteen years of age. At five years of age he was his

father's steam engineer of the mill while sawing logs, and, during that time, seeing that the expert engineer of the mill could not ascertain or repair an injury to the cylinder end of the piston, he pointed it out and directed its repair. About two weeks after he began to learn the jeweler's trade (1870) at Carrollton, Ill., noticing that the proprietor of the store (a jeweler) was unable to construct a double-faced business clock for a customer, Leverett W. made the clock and it rendered satisfactory service for over twenty-five years before requiring repair. He then made the works of a small watch, but such work proving too simple to interest him, he took up the making and mounting of lenses, also electricity, chemistry and other scientific studies as suited his purpose. His first lens was the main one used in a transcript instrument of his own make (No. 91), followed by a telescope with a 2½-inch lens (No. 93), and then that of 6-inch objective of Feil material-achromatic clock movement telescope (No. 98), valued at several thousand dollars, which he gave to Blackburn College, at Carlinville, Ill., in 1885. He then made the objective of two different miscroscopes, the second one (No. 100) of which, being borrowed by a friend, was exhibited unknown to Mr. Loomis, before several miscroscopic bodies, including the National Miscroscopic Society, in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1885, and where it received the highest praise of any exhibit there.

While a pupil in a country school, near Carrollton, L. W. Loomis began to make electric machines to help illustrate lessons in philosophy. During the remainder of his life he made many different machines of the electric class. He began business in 1874 as a jeweler in Carrollton, Ill., where he built up the largest business in that locality. A photograph of his store (1896) is No. 124 of the cut. He was a Democrat in politics and extremely liberal in religious views. He died April 6, 1896, leaving two daughters, Mabel (No. 238) and Myra (No. 239) as his only surviving children. His genius had been recognized in this country and in Europe, and it may be well said that his death was a loss to the whole world.

Webner E. Loomis at six years of age began to work in the garden, mill and on his father's farm, attending school in its terms, and so continued until moving to Minneapolis, Minn. Upon the death of his father in June, 1867, he returned to and became a member of the family of his uncle, Horace J. Loomis, then residing on his farm about one mile southeast of Chesterfield. There Webner E. worked on the farm, attending the village schools during the fall and winter, and at every opportunity earnestly studied histories, special works, encyclopedias, periodicals, and the best in newspapers as found at his uncle's, the village library, and at the neighbors' houses. He became a student in Blackburn University (now College) in 1870, and by carrying on extra studies, succeeded in graduating in June, 1873, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, having earned his way by farm work and teaching. His uncles, Horace J. and Thaddeus L., persuaded him to study law, securing a place for him with the late U. S. Senator, John M. Palmer, whose office in Springfield, he entered in October, 1873, being admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court on January 8, 1876.

Mr. Loomis possesses unusual ability for discovering defects and construing the law or procedure that come under his investigation. He showed in a legal hearing for his client that the city of Springfield had been imprisoning, without legal right, violators of certain ordinances, and new ones had to be enacted to cure the defects. He showed that the form of notice making nonresident defendants parties to suits in chancery, as used in Sangamon County for some thirty-five years, was void, and his corrected form has been used ever since. He also discovered that the ordinances fixing and collecting water taxes or rates were illegal and they were amended. He put a stop to prosecutions without trial by a jury under the Vagabond Act. Upon the failure of the Springfield Savings Bank, the terms of the special charter of the bank proved a puzzle in a demurrer to a bill in chancery brought by its creditors against the corporation and its stockholders, able members of the bar took part in the discussion. Mr. Loomis waited and made the last argument to the court in the matter, in which he was fully sustained in an appeal of the case to the Superior Court. One of the members of an able firm of lawyers in an adjoining county came into Mr. Loomis' office and laid down an abstract of title to 1400 acres of land in Missouri, saying that the best lawyers in Kansas City, St. Joseph and St. Louis, Mo., had examined the abstract and pronounced the title a good merchantable one, and that he agreed with them; but Mr. Loomis found over sixty material flaws in the title, some of which caused much time and expense in correcting.

Mr. Loomis, as a trial lawyer, has accomplished some remarkable successes, and is equally resourceful in the control of civil suits, but never takes his client's case into court if it can by any manner be fairly adjusted without recourse to trial. Mr. Loomis has a large collection of works on parliamentary law, and, in a series of articles published in a periodical a few years ago, he gave definite and accurate definitions of "constitution," "by-laws," "regulations," "rules," and other words and phrases.

Mr. Loomis has traveled extensively in this country and abroad, visiting England, Belgium, Luxemburg, Germany, Switzerland and France. His store of knowledge enables him to do much as a critic, with word and pen, concerning the works of the artist, teacher, law-writer and inventor. He steps higher, into the great problems of astronomy, and has written instructively on the subject. His article entitled "Big Thought Fields," as published in the "Illinois State Register," December 24, 1911, has at-

tracted wide attention and caused Mr. Loomis to receive many flattering compliments, among which is that of President David Felmeley, saying: "I do not believe that I have seen in equal space a more thorough-going article on the importance of the study of astronomy." He influenced his brother to give the telescope to Blackburn College in preference to others, and has built the Loomis Observatory at Springfield and placed therein the 7½-inch telescope. He recently placed the whole in trusteeship for the benefit of the public.

Mr. Loomis has been a member of different fraternal societies, but gives most attention to Masonry. He does not approve of the general effect of any ritual. He asserts that such has been used to retard civilization more than any other agency. He has never married, but resides with his nieces, Misses Mable and Myra Loomis, in the city of Springfield. He is quiet and unpretentious, and is engaged so much with his labors in high and useful fields, that he is not as well and favorably known as he deserves, yet he has many friends who entertain for him the warmest regard because of his personal worth and his mental and professional accomplishments.

LOPER, Harry T., a successful business man of Springfield, Ill., has been a resident of the city for the past thirty years and has been identified with various enterprises there. At present he is the owner and proprietor of the Lyric Moving Picture Theater, located at 223-225 South Fifth Street, and in this connection has built up a profitable business. Mr. Loper was born in Greenfield, Greene County, Ill., September 24, 1860, son of John T. and Susan E. (McBride) Loper. The paternal ancestors were early settlers of Illinois and the father a well-known farmer of Macoupin County. The mother, a native of Illinois, descended from an old Kentucky family. Harry T. was the only child of John T. Loper and his wife. After receiving a good common school education in his native town, he learned the trade of painter, at which he worked for some time, and later became connected with preparing histories of various Illinois counties.

About 1880 Mr. Loper located in Springfield, where his first business enterprise was conducting a restaurant on Sixth Street, where the Postal-Telegraph Company's office is now located. He subsequently removed his business to East Washington, between Sixth and Seventh Streets, where he was located five years, then moved to Dwight, Ill., and became proprietor of the Hotel "Mozon." In 1893 Mr. Loper opened a restaurant at his present address, which enterprise proved successful and was continued until the restaurant was destroyed by riot August 14, 1908. When public sentiment was aroused against the colored prisoners, in 1908, lynching was agitated. The Sheriff increased his force of deputies, but excitement grew. He then called upon Mr. Loper as owner of a large touring car, deputizing him to take the prisoners out of the city, away from the excitement. As a loyal citizen, believing it was best to avoid mob law, Mr. Loper complied with the Sheriff's request. This infuriated the mob and rioting began. The mob first attacked Mr. Loper's place of business and then his automobile. The history of the events that followed is related in the general history of the county.

When Mr. Loper rebuilt his place he had it fitted suitably for a theater, having conducted the same since January, 1909. He has learned to understand what will please his patrons and has endeavored to give them the best value for their money he is able to secure. The productions given are among the best in the city and the manager has a reputation that is gratifying and wide-spread.

Mr. Loper was married in Springfield in 1886, to Mary J., daughter of Morris Power deceased. Four children have been born of this union of whom three survive: Marie; Russell P. is in the employ of the Appleton Company of New York City and Henry A. Mr. Loper is much interested in public affairs and in the welfare of the community, and is considered an upright, useful citizen. He is a Republican in political views and fraternally is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and has belonged to the Illinois National Guard since 1888, now having rank of Major and Chief Commissary Second Brigade.

LORD, John Henry, a prominent citizen of Springfield, Ill., is well known in railroad circles, having worked thirty-one years in various lines of railroad work. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, May 27, 1860, son of Philander Augusta and Margaret Ann (Oliver) Lord. The father was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, and is now retired from active life. The mother was born in Mechanicsburg, Ill., March 1, 1832.

John H. Lord received his education in the public schools of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and after leaving school engaged in mechanical work, which he continued three years, then began working for a railroad company and filled various positions before securing his present one, that of District Passenger Agent for the Illinois Central Company. He is well qualified for the work under his charge, having been so long engaged in similar occupations, and understands thoroughly every detail of it. He has always been enterprising, industrious and energetic, making his own way in the world by ability and ambition. He is a Republican in politics, and for the past twenty years has been a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is not a member of any church, although a frequent attendant, and his parents attended the Christian Church.

Mr. Lord was married, at Chestnut, Ill., July 28, 1881, to Miss Laura, daughter of George W. and Caroline (Skeene) Harcourt, who was born at Indianapolis, Ind., June 9, 1857. Two children have blessed this union: Clara Idola, born October 26, 1882, and Vernon

Harcourt, born June 3, 1890. Mr. Lord owns the family home at 922 North Fourth street, Springfield, as well as property in the State of Mississippi.

LORTON, Albert Perry, one of Sangamon County's most distinguished citizens, who for many years has been prominently identified with the educational, religious and official interests of the village of Auburn, Ill., is a member of an old and honored family and a direct descendant of a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Mr. Lorton was born October 13, 1848, in a log cabin on Lorton's Prairie, three miles east of Whitehall, Greene County, Ill., a son of Thomas Johnson and Mary Elizabeth (Crabtree) Lorton.

Robert Lorton, the great-grandfather of Albert P. Lorton, was born February 15, 1747, and was married to Tabitha Gamaway, who was born in Buckingham County, Va., May 14, 1763. The children of this couple whom the record shows as living in 1844 were: John, born in October, 1780, who came to Madison County, Ill., in 1800, and held a commission under the Government to teach the Indians; Robert A., born September 11, 1782; Thomas, born December 9, 1784; William, born in April, 1786; Joseph, born April 25, 1788; Mary, born December 9, 1790; Henry; Sarah, born December 11, 1799; Mordecai, and Susannah. Robert Lorton emigrated from his native State to Kentucky and thence to Bond County, Ill., in 1822, and later removed to Greene County, where he died May 16, 1833, his widow surviving him until August 15, 1838, and most of their children and grandchildren were at the bedside of each. Robert Lorton was one of the pioneers of this section of the State, coming here when the land, the wild animals and the wilder men were still unconquered, and doing his full share in building up his community and advancing the cause of civilization. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and his record, as it is on file, is hereby given:

Washington, D. C.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Bureau of Pensions.

Record Division 3—525 G. C. K.
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R File 6454 Robert Lorton.
Rev. War. Soldier of the Revolutionary War.
Information as contained in his (or widow's) application for pension on file in this Bureau.

Date of enlistment, February, 1776; length of service, 2 years; rank, private; officers under whom service was rendered, Captain John Martin; state, 4th Virginia.

Date of enlistment, February, 1780; length of service, 6 months; rank, private; officers under whom service was rendered, Colonel Adam Stephen, ——— Holcomb; state, Virginia Militia.

Battles Engaged In: Trenton, 1776; Brandywine and Germantown.

Residence of Soldier at Enlistment: not stated.

Residence at Date: not stated. Bond County in 1822.

Age at Date of Application: Born February 15, 1747, died May 16, 1833, in Greene County, Ill.

Soldier Married: in Buckingham County, Va., August 15, 1779, to Tabitha Gamaway, born May 14, 1763, died August 15, 1838, in Greene County, Ill.

Children: (alive in 1844) John, born October, 1780; Robert, September 11, 1782; Thomas, December 9, 1784; William, April, 1786; Joseph, April 25, 1788; Mary Nance, December 9, 1790; Henry, born August 4, 179—; Sarah Chapman, December 11, 1799; and Susanna Panky.

(Signed) J. T. Davenport, Commissioner.
(Copy)

Robert A. Lorton, the paternal grandfather of Albert Perry Lorton, was born in Henry County, Va., September 11, 1782, and as a young man came to Illinois in 1806, but returned to his native State soon afterwards, and from there enlisted for service in the War of 1812. Later he went to Kentucky, and emigrated thence to Illinois in 1821, settling in Greene County, where he built the second log cabin north of Apple Creek, on what is known as Lorton's Prairie, east of Whitehall. His elder brother, John, had come to this section in the spring of 1821 and Robert A. followed him in the fall of the same year. He died at Mt. Auburn, Ill., in April, 1869. Mr. Lorton was married to Mary Johnson, who was born in Kentucky, and to them there were born the following children: John, William B., Thirsy, Thomas Johnson, James, Maria, Jackson, Roderick R. and Amelia, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Thomas Johnson.

The maternal grandfather of Mr. Lorton, Jacob Crabtree, was born in Wilson County, Tenn., February 15, 1801, and there married Martha Baily, who was born in the same county May 22, 1804. They emigrated to Illinois in 1832, settling in Morgan County, but soon thereafter removed to a farm he had entered three miles west of Manchester, and there spent the remainder of their long and useful lives, the farm now being the property of their son, W. A. Crabtree. Both Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree were of old Revolutionary stock.

Thomas Johnson Lorton, father of Albert Perry Lorton, was born February 13, 1821, at Old Ripley, Bond County, Ill. In young manhood he engaged in farming and developed five farms from the raw prairie. In 1844 he went to Texas and voted for Polk and Dallas at Little Rock, Ark. He and his wife now reside at St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Lorton having attained the advanced age of ninety years. Thomas J. Lorton was married (first) to Mary Elizabeth Crabtree, who was born in Wilson County, Tenn., October 23, 1822, and to this union there were born children as follows: Wililam Sylvester, born July 20, 1847, was a soldier of the Civil War, and died at St. Louis, Mo., March 15, 1906, and

was buried in the Federal Cemetery Grave No. 12,051, his family now residing at Houston, Tex.; Albert Perry; James Jackson, born January 2, 1851, died at Harvel, Ill.; Jacob Wesley, born March 22, 1853, died at Mexico, Mo., January 16, 1903; Martha Jane, born March 20, 1855, died March ——, 1856, at Mt. Auburn, Ill.; Robert A., born February 2, 1856, died October 11, 1883, at Raymond, Ill.; John Oscar, born September 1, 1858, living at Roodhouse, Ill.; and Joseph, born August 10, 1860, died in September of the same year. The mother of the foregoing children died August 20, 1860, and on February 25, 1862, Mr. Lorton was married to Phoebe Hutton, by whom he had the following children: Sarah, born December 25, 1862, died May 18, 1893, at Higbee, Mo.; Thirsy Jane, born August 11, 1864, died February 9, 1892, at Honey Bend, Ill.; George Washington, born October 21, 1866, living in St. Louis, Mo.; Alice, born February 22, 1869, living at Carlton, Ill.; Edward, born January 16, 1872, died at Highbee Mo., October 18, 1889; Benjamin, born June 1, 1874, living in Carlton, Ill.; Henry Otis, born January 3, 1877, died at Roodhouse, Ill., October 26, 1896; Grace, born May 3, 1881, living west of St. Louis, Mo.; Mary Emily, born September 16, 1883, died February 28, 1884, at Raymond, Ill.; Freddie, born August 16, 1885, died February 3, 1888, at Higbee, Mo.; and Thomas, born January 7, 1887, died July 13, 1887, at Raymond, Ill.

Albert Perry Lorton was two years of age when his parents removed to Mt. Auburn, Christian County, Ill., and he spent his early life on a farm, securing his education in the common schools. When twelve years of age he started to work out, receiving $12 per month, which at that time was considered very good wages for a boy. On February 22, 1868, he came to Auburn, where he has resided to the present time, at first engaging in the grocery business for a period extending over five years, and now being engaged in the insurance business. For twenty-four years he has been local correspondent for the "*Virden Reporter*," a local newspaper published at Virden, Ill. He has been closely connected with the official affairs of this section for an extensive period, having served as City Marshal of Auburn for four years, Superintendent of Streets for eight years, a like period as Police Magistrate. He represented Auburn Township on the Board of Supervisors and was Chairman of that body when the State Fair was located at Springfield, signing the deeds transferring the property of the county to the State and taking an active interest in all the work at that time. He has been a Justice of the Peace for nine years, is now serving his third term in that office, has been a Notary Public for the same length of time, and for many years was a member of the County and Senatorial Democratic Committees. In March, 1870, Mr. Lorton joined the Advent Christian Church, has since served as Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary, and is now Trustee of the Southern Illinois Advent Christian Conference and Trustee of Sanderlin Academy, a colored college located at White, Tenn. Mr. Lorton is well known in fraternal circles, having, December 27, 1871, joined the Ark and Anchor Lodge No. 354, A. F. & A. M., located at Auburn, Ill. He has served as Worshipful Master for several terms, has filled all the offices in the lodge except Tyler and Treasurer, and his present term as Secretary will round out thirty-four years in office in this lodge. He is now High Priest of Auburn Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M., and Thrice Illustrious Master of Auburn Council No. 90, R. S. M.

On September 29, 1874, Mr. Lorton was united in marriage with Rebecca Williamson, Rev. A. S. Calkins officiating. To this union two children were born: J. Crawford, born at the Williamson homestead May 15, 1876; and Floyd Orlando, born two miles south of Curran, Ill. J. Crawford Lorton was married April 19, 1899, at St. Louis, Mo., by Rev. W. W. King, to Delia Higgins, who was born December 8, 1877, at Pawnee, Ill. Floyd Orlando Lorton was married at Clinton, Ill., by Rev. S. E. Black, to Zola May Gates, who was born May 15, 1880, at Nilwood, Ill., and to this union there has been born one child: Albert Perry Lorton, Jr., who was born August 18, 1906, at the home of his grandfather in Auburn, Ill.

LOVING, John H., one of the most practical farmers and stock-raisers of Sangamon County, and owner of an excellent farm on Section 10, Chatham Township, was born in Missouri, June 5, 1874, son of Eli and Jane (Sullivan) Loving. The family history is given at some length in the sketch of the father, Eli Loving, which appears in a preceding section of this volume.

When about four years of age John H. Loving accompanied his parents to Illinois, and lived on a farm near Waverly, Morgan County, two years, after which the family removed to Sangamon and settled in Talkington Township. He spent his boyhood on a farm and attended the district schools, and at the age of sixteen years began working for neighboring farmers by the month. He has spent his life in agricultural pursuits, for which he has great liking and ability, and about 1898 rented a farm of eighty acres in Loami Township, where he remained one year, then rented another eighty-acre farm for a year, and in 1900 rented 120 acres of land of Peter C. Campbell, in Chatham Township. In 1904 he rented 160 acres on Section 10, Chatham Township, the following year operated 240 acres and in 1906 added 160 acres. For the past four or five years he has operated 400 acres of land on Section 10, putting in each year a large corn crop, to which purpose he devotes from 120 to 250 acres, averaging about 200 acres. In the year 1910 he planted 170 acres of corn, forty acres of oats and forty of wheat, and left 160 acres of pasture.

Mr. Loving has for years given special at-

tention to raising hogs, and each years ships about five carloads of stock from his farm, selling his product direct to the markets in Chicago and St. Louis. In conducting the large acreage under his charge Mr. Loving has to keep all the details of the work thoroughly in mind and has made a special study of the best method of rotating crops in order to secure good results, the best kind of stock for dairy purposes and for the market, and other problems along agricultural lines. He is a successful farmer and a self-made man, beginning with a comparatively small farm and undertaking larger enterprises as he felt prepared to do so. He is a public-spirited citizen and always ready to lend his assistance in any project which has in view the betterment of the community. In politics he follows the fortunes of the Republican party, but, though frequently solicited to accept public office, steadily refuses to do so, leaving such matters in the hands of those who are willing to assume the responsibility, and voting for measures he considers will be of general benefit. Fraternally he is a member of the M. W. A. Camp, No. 848, of Loami, and in religious matters is a member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Loving was married, February 15, 1892, to Miss Minnie McLaughlin, who was born in Loami Township, August 17, 1876, daughter of Christopher McLaughlin, a native of Kentucky, who came to Sangamon County as a boy and became one of the prominent citizens in the county. He now resides in Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Loving are parents of two sons: Earl, born December 15, 1892, at home, and Lloyd, born November 10, 1905.

LOVING, Levi.—The Loving family has been prominent and respected in Sangamon County, since some years prior to the middle of the nineteenth century, and the maternal grandfather of Levi Loving, was one of the earliest settlers of the county, having settled on Sugar Creek, Auburn Township, as early as 1818. Both families have furnished many useful and public-spirited citizens, who have always been ready to promote the best interests of their communities, and many of them still reside in the county, though a number have become successful in other States. Levi Loving is a native of Sangamon County, born east of the village of Auburn, in the township of that name, January 1, 1846, a son of George W. and Eliza (Wimer) Loving, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Illinois. As a young man George W. Loving moved to Kentucky and was there married, at Greensburg, his first wife dying in Kentucky, left three sons, of whom Wilson, born about 1830, lives in California.

George W. Loving emigrated from Kentucky to Sangamon County, and there married, as his second wife, Eliza Wimer, who bore him eight sons and two daughters: George, a farmer living near Sutton, Neb.; Levi, the second son; Christopher, of Davenport, Iowa; Andrew, a farmer living near Birmingham, Iowa; James, of Davenport; William, a farmer of Iowa; Albert, of Keokuk, Iowa; Ulysses, a farmer living in Loami Township, Sangamon County; Caroline, wife of Robert Glasco, the oldest child, now sixty-eight years of age, living in Keokuk, Iowa; and another daughter. The father of Mrs. Loving reached the venerable age of ninety-six years, dying in Auburn Township, where a large part of his life had been spent, as he came there about 1818, settling near Sugar Creek. G. W. Loving died at the age of seventy-eight years, as the result of an accident, in 1880. His father had been a drummer boy in the Revolutionary War and led the regiment after his right hand had been cut off at the wrist, being a brave and determined young man. This wound was bound up and eventually healed, and he died at the age of eighty-eight years, near Richmond, Va.

The boyhood of Levi Loving was spent in Auburn Township and he attended the subscription schools of the neighborhood. In those days it was a common thing for a person wishing to teach school to solicit pupils in a neighborhood, and, having the promise of enough to form several classes, taught in the primitive buildings then used for such purposes or at the homes of some of the pupils. When Mr. Loving was about fourteen years of age his parents moved to Morgan County, where he was married, December 7, 1866, and the following day started with his bride for Jefferson County, Mo., and lived several years about ten miles south of Fairfield, that county. In 1880, on account of having sustained a loss by fire, Mr. Loving returned to Illinois and took charge of a big flouring mill at Waverly for six years. In 1886 he moved to Lowder, Sangamon County, remaining there about twenty years. In 1906 he moved to Sudduth Park, where he remained four years and carried on general farming with good results.

Mr. Loving was married, December 7, 1866, to Miss Jane Sullivan, who was born near White Hall, Ill., October 12, 1848, daughter of Jerry Sullivan, who was a native of Tennessee and in an early day settled in Illinois. Mr. Sullivan enlisted in the One Hundred Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and died of measles, at Eastport, Miss., in 1864. His remains were brought back to Illinois and buried in what is known as the Wimer Cemetery, at Auburn, which is located on the farm settled by Mr. Loving's maternal grandfather. Besides Mrs. Loving the following children of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan survive: Adam, a farmer of Jersey County, Ill.; Herbert, of Jacksonville; Winfield Scott, of Louisiana, Mo.; Mary, widow of Larkin Christman, living in Texas; America, wife of Francis Lomax. The mother of these children died January 12, 1872.

Mr. and Mrs. Loving became parents of the following children: two who died in infancy; Etna, wife of David Weems, living near Shelbyville, Mo., was born in Iowa, June 12, 1869;

Lilly, born March 30, 1872, married Lewis Birkle, and they live on a farm near Virden, Ill.; John H., a sketch of whom appears in this volume; Mary E. and John H. are twins, born June 5, 1875, the former the wife of Oscar Williams, living on a farm near Waverly; James M., born February 17, 1878, is in charge of the Sudduth land interests, lives in Sudduth Park and has full control of large stock and farming business.

Mr. Loving has for the past few years operated 400 acres of land on Section 11, Chatham Township. He has spent a large part of his life in the county and can well remember the time when his father's farm was largely covered with prairie grass, which grew as high as the head of a man on horseback. There were but few improvements in the neighboring country and he has witnessed the rapid development of fertile farms and the building up of important enterprises in Sangamon County with great interest and pleasure. He has voted the Republican ticket since attaining his majority and since 1861 has been an active member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Loving is well acquainted in Sangamon County and has many warm friends, among whom he is most popular.

LUCAS, George T. (deceased).—The Old Dominion furnished the very backbone of the nation, and her sons were among the hardiest pioneers of the more western States. Illinois owes much to these men, who penetrated the fastnesses of the Prairie State and stamped upon its development those sturdy virtues which make for moral, as well as material, advancement. Among the men to whose energy and foresightedness Sangamon County is indebted, is the late George T. Lucas, for many years one of the substantial farmers of Cooper Township. He was born at Harper's Ferry, Va., July 7, 1835, a son of Henderson and Elizabeth (Buckles) Lucas, of Virginia. The parents were farming people, living and dying in Virginia. They had two daughters and one son, all now deceased.

George T. Lucas spent his boyhood days in Virginia, working on a farm and attending school. In 1863 Mr. Lucas came to Sangamon County, settling in Cooper Township, where he farmed until his death, May 6, 1909. During the great struggle between the North and South, he served according to his principles, and was a brave soldier and good man. The Methodist Church held his membership, and his widow also belongs to it. As a Democrat, he exerted considerable influence politically, but did not desire public office.

On August 22, 1865, he was married, in Sangamon County, to Sarah A. Miller, daughter of John Miller, born in Virginia, who married a Sangamon County girl. Mr. Miller died when Mrs. Lucas was a child, but her mother survives, at the age of eighty years, and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Waters. There were four daughters and two sons in the Miller family: George, of Rochester; Harriet, wife of Daniel Waters, a farmer of Sangamon County; Edward is a farmer; Mrs. Lucas; Eliza, wife of John Baldwin of Rochester, and Alice, wife of Samuel Prather, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas became the parents of three children: John, at home; Mary, married, and Jessie, at home. Mr. Lucas owns a fine farm of fifty acres on Section 6, Cooper Township, and is in comfortable circumstances. The record made by Mr. Lucas was one of which his family may well be proud. Never one to thrust himself forward, he did his duty as he saw it, according to the creed he professed, and died as he had lived, a Christian gentleman.

LUCAS, Reuben, of an old and honorable English family, was born in Warwickshire, England, May 15, 1861, a son of Thomas and Eliza (Wilkinson) Lucas, both also natives of Warwickshire, the father born in 1803, and the mother in 1804. He died December 2, 1877, and she in 1880. The father was a gardener and he and his wife had five sons and five daughters, namely: Abel was killed July 6, 1877, at the age of thirty-one years; Ann, widow of Joshua Perks, whose husband died recently, lives in Canada; Eliza, wife of Daniel Marshall, of England; Emma, widow of John Walker, of England; Charles, of England; Harriet, wife of David Weighan, of England, Joseph, also of England; Reuben Lucas, whose name heads this sketch; Thomas, a farmer of Wyoming; Hannah, wife of Henry Dunkley. The parents of these children spent their entire lives in England.

Mr. Lucas received a good education in the common schools of Warwickshire, and after leaving school worked for a time in a brick yard near his home. Later he engaged in mining and has been identified with mining interests, practically all his life. He came to America with his wife and children in 1884, and located at Dawson, on September 3, of that year. In 1886, he took up his residence at Starne, where he remained until 1892, then accepted a position with the Jones & Adams Coal Company, taking up his residence in Springfield, where he purchased his present home.

He was married in the Episcopal church at Foshell, a small village near Warwickshire, England, by Rev. Harry Alfred Williams, November 13, 1881, to Sarah Elizabeth White, born at Black Horse Lake, England, May 30, 1863, daughter of Henry and Ann (Nicklon) White, both natives of England, the father born at Black Horse Lake, January 6, 1836, and the mother July 19, 1841. Mr. White has been in mining business all his life, and in November, 1884, he brought his family, including his wife and Mrs. Lucas, to the United States. He first located at Dawson and in 1899 removed to Riverton, where he now lives retired, at the age of seventy-five years, his wife being seventy years old. Thirteen children were born to

them, six sons and seven daughters, and nine children now survive, as follows: Susanna, wife of Arthur Tyler, of Round Prairie; Mrs. Lucas; Henry, of Riverton; Mary Ann, wife of Benjamin Harrison, of Riverton, who is engaged in farming; Clara, wife of Albert Elliott, a farmer of Canada; Zachariah, of Riverton; Alice, wife of John Hamrick, of Riverton; Harry and Richard, of Riverton. Frances died recently.

Mr. Lucas and wife had six children, of whom four survive: Eliza, born in England, March 19, 1882, married John Shannon, and they have two children—Lillie and Johnny; Thomas Henry, born in England August 28, 1883, died September 28th of the same year; Harry, born September 21, 1884, in England; Frank, born at Starne, Ill., March 18, 1887; Ann, born February 11, 1889, wife of John Hansen, of Springfield; Thomas, born January 12, 1892, was killed at Starne, July 6, 1893. Harry and Frank live at home. Mr. Lucas is interested in public affairs and in the welfare of the community and is a Republican in politics. While living in Starne he served fifteen years as School Director. He is a member of Crystal Light Lodge, of the Episcopal Church and of the Royal Circle. Mr. Lucas has been successful in life and owns a pleasant home at 1201 Bengel Street, Springfield, besides nine valuable city lots.

LUECK, Herman.—One feature of Springfield that contributes towards its material prosperity is the location there of men of substance, who have retired from the activities of business, but are able, because of their leisure, to give more time and attention to civic affairs. One of the retired capitalists of this city is Herman Lueck, one of the German-American residents of Sangamon County. Mr. Lueck was born September 23, 1845, a native of Germany, where his parents were also born. He is a son of Frederick and Frederica (Seigan-Hanger) Lueck, the former born January 15, 1815. By trade the father was a tailor, and he came to America in 1867, locating in Baltimore, where he hoped to establish himself in his line of business, but, not finding conditions favorable, came to Springfield, which has since been his home. Although he is now ninety-five years of age, he enjoys good health and is one of the honored residents of the city. He served his regulation time in the German army, as did his son Herman.

Herman Lueck was educated in his native land and was taught the tailoring trade, at which he worked until the family emigration to America in 1867, and for a short time in Springfield. Then he obtained employment with the Wabash Railroad Company, and continued with them until his retirement. All his life he has been animated by a desire to do his full duty, and his efforts have been rewarded with more than the usual measure of success.

On June 9, 1876, Mr. Lueck was married, in Springfield, to Pauline Alexander, born in West Prussia, May 9, 1847. Her father came to America and direct to Springfield, where he resided until his death, in 1909. The mother had passed away in Germany. Three children survive of the five born to Mr. and Mrs. Lueck: Arthur R.; Albert F., an electrician, and Josephine, wife of William Schnepp, a shoe merchant of Springfield. Mr. Lueck is a Democrat, but has not been willing to allow his name to be used on the party ticket. For many years he has been one of the liberal supporters of Trinity German Lutheran Church, and is highly esteemed in it, as he is throughout Sangamon County.

LUPTON, Julius W.—The Illinois farmer, be he enterprising and energetic, is usually loath to transfer the control of his operations to other hands, even when he has reached the age that men in other lines of endeavor would consider advanced years, but when he finally does relinquish his hold upon active labor and retires to his residence in the city, he makes one of the substantial, solid citizens of his new community, and as such is a welcome addition. Among the wel-known retired agriculturists of Pawnee, Ill., is Julius W. Lupton, who for many years was engaged in tilling the soil of Sangamon County. He was born in Hampshire County, W. Va., February 6, 1849, a son of Jonah and Maria (George) Lupton.

Jonah Lupton was born January 3, 1805, and his wife May 15, 1807, both in Hampshire County, and were married in April, 1828. They remained there until October, 1854, when they removed to Ohio, later going to Indiana and finally to Illinois, settling in December, 1854, at the present site of New City, where for five years Mr. Lupton carried on operations on rented land. He then removed to a property one-half mile south of Pawnee, which is a part of the land owned at present by his son Julius, and there the couple lived until their deaths, that of the father occurring October 19, 1890, and that of the mother in December, 1902, and both are buried in Horse Creek Cemetery near Pawnee. The children of Jonah and Maria Lupton, all born in Hampshire County, W. Va., were as follows: Hannah, born December 13, 1829, died in Shelby County, Ill., August 26, 1903, married James J. Lupton, also deceased, by whom she had these children, of whom the first three survive—Ira J., Lucy, Walter E., Samuel Newton, Clara C., Tillbury, Jessie, and one who died in infancy; Rebecca, born September 11, 1831, died September 26, 1893, unmarried, in Sangamon County; Mercy, born January 5, 1833, died August 31, 1903, unmarried, in Shelby County; Job S., born November 11, 1841, died unmarried at Memphis, Tenn., of measles, while in the Union army, March 19, 1863; and Julius.

Julius W. Lupton received his education in the public schools of Pawnee, Ill., and until 1883 resided on a farm adjoining the homestead. In that year he moved to the Seeley farm, which he operated until 1905, and then came to Pawnee to spend the remainder of his life in retire-

ment. Mr. Lupton has been very successful in his agricultural efforts and owns the home farm of 197 acres, nine and one-half acres of land at the edge of Pawnee, and a section of land in Arkansas. He has always been a lover of home and family and is kind and generous in disposition, sharing his competence with those in want who have not been so successful as he. He is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his fraternal connections are with the Modern Woodmen and Loyal Americans. He has been prominent politically as an ardent supporter of Republican principles, and for many years has been serving in his present office of School Director.

Mr. Lupton was married in Pawnee, Ill., September 14, 1875, to Louisa Smith, who was born in Chatham, Ill., April 23, 1854, and died January 27, 1910, in Pawnee, being buried at Horse Creek Cemetery. Her father, Alexander Smith, was an early settler of Sangamon County, who came from Tennessee and engaged in farming. Leaving home one day to attend to a business matter, he did not return, and was never thereafter heard from. Mrs. Lupton's mother was a Miss Lochridge, who died in Chatham, Ill. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lupton, of whom Bessie G., born November 28, 1889, near Pawnee, died September 11, 1891; Cora Irene, born near Pawnee, March 20, 1877, married William R. McTaggart, December 26, 1900, and now lives in Pawnee, having two children—Irene, born March 31, 1902, and Esther, born September 8, 1904; and Amos Sherman, born April 12, 1881, now engaged in the hardware business in Pawnee, married Maud Henshie, and has one child, Glenn, born February 4, 1906.

LUTRICKS, John, Jr. (deceased).—The loss of a dear one is hard to bear, but when he is snatched away in the very prime of life, it is sometimes difficult to understand why the best are taken. In his earnest, steadfast life, which, short as it was, was willed with good deeds and kindly impulses, the late John Lutricks Jr. taught a lesson of honest living, and left behind a memory tenderly cherished by his family. He was born in Germany, March 9, 1865, and inherited many of the sterling virtues of his countrymen. He was a son of John Sr. and Kate Lutricks, natives of Germany, where they carried on farming.

John Lutricks Jr. went to school in Germany and there learned the carpenter's trade, later coming to the United States. Upon arrival in Springfield, he immediately secured employment as a carpenter, and so efficient did he prove that he soon began to take contracts for himself, eventually becoming well known as a contractor. He was a Catholic and in political convictions was a Democrat, but his ideas did not run in the direction of political preferment.

Mr. Lutricks was married in Springfield. Mrs. Lutricks has lived in Springfield for the past thirty years, and all her interests are centered there. Mr. and Mrs. Lutricks became the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, Eva, Eddie and Elmer. Mr. Lutricks died at the family residence No. 821 South Eleventh Street, in February, 1900. His remains were tenderly laid in rest in Calvary Cemetery. The family is highly respected in Springfield, and Mrs. Mary Lutricks owns considerable property in the neighborhood in which she resides.

LUTYENS, Henry, M. D.—Probably there is no profession that has advanced so rapidly in the last several decades as that of medicine; many discoveries have been made, new appliances have been invented, and many theories long honored as correct have been found wrong; and the doctor of today who would keep abreast of the times must be in constant touch with the pulse of the medical world. Henry Lutyens, M. D., a successful physician and surgeon of Sangamon County, Ill., whose chosen field of practice is the city of Farmingdale, was born in Gardner Township, Sangamon County, March 26, 1876, a son of Herman and Margaret (Raman) Lutyens, natives of Germany. Herman Lutyens came to America in 1866, settling first near Tallula, Menard County, Ill., where he was married about 1869, and began farming near that town. His death occurred near Peoria, Ill., in 1908.

Henry Lutyens attended the district schools of Gardner Township and remained on his father's farm until he was eighteen years of age, when he began teaching school at Old Berlin. For two years he served as Assistant Principal there, and in 1899 entered the Dixon Business College, after leaving which he returned to the home farm and remained until 1901, when he entered the Valparaiso College of Pharmacy. Graduating in the class of 1902, he in that year entered the American College of Medicine and Surgery, at Chicago, where he took a full three years' course and graduated with the class of 1905. On June 29th of that year he was given a certificate by the State Board, and at once established himself in practice at Farmingdale, Ill. During the year 1909 he took a post-graduate course, and also spent one year as interne at St. Augustine Hospital, in Chicago. The Doctor has a fully equipped office, fitted up with all the newest and most modern appliances, and also has a large laboratory, where he compounds all of his own prescriptions. He is a careful student, a kind and gentle physician and steady-handed surgeon, and his subscription to all the leading medical journals keeps him well versed in the inventions and discoveries of the day. By strict attention to his practice, willingness to answer calls at all hours and in whatever weather, and unbounded skill, he has won the confidence and esteem of the people with whom he has been associated, and his practice is correspondingly large.

On June 21, 1910, Dr. Lutyens was married to Miss Jessie Norfleet, who was born in Sangamon County, Ill., the daughter of T. M. Nor-

fleet, a former resident of Dixon, Ill., where her mother now resides. Mrs. Lutyens is an active member of the congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church.

LYON, Euclid F.—The farming interests of Sangamon Countw are of sufficient importance to engross the attention and demand the energies of some of its best citizens, who appreciate the dignity and value of agriculture. Some of these modern farmers are becoming wealthy from their land, and deserve such a reward for their years of hard work and untiring devotion to their property. One of these men is Euclid F. Lyon, of Illiopolis Township, born in Springfield Township, November 19, 1848, a son of Harrison D. Lyon. The latter was born in Shelby County, Ky., in 1815, but came to Sangamon County, in 1834. His father was Hanson Lyon, born in Loudoun County, Va., July 28, 1789, a son of Zachariah Lyon, a soldier under General Wayne during the American Revolution, who was wounded in the Battle of the Brandywine. Zachariah Lyon was born April 10, 1748, a son of John Lyon, born in Connecticut about 1690. The latter moved to Maryland about 1720. He was a descendant of John Lyon, who came from England in 1636, with several other members of the family. They chartered a vessel when they came over and named it the "Lyon," as all on board were of that family.

Harrison D. Lyon married Mary E. Hickman, born in Shelby County, Ky., May 13, 1823, and brought to Sangamon County by her father in 1833. They settled in Mechanicsburg, where the father, William Hickman, lived for many years. He was born in Virginia, a son of James Hickman, a Revolutionary soldier, who participated in the Siege of Yorktown, and was one of those who escorted Cornwallis to Richmond. As far back as has been traced the Lyons and Hickmans were farmers.

Euclid F. Lyon is a very successful farmer and has resided on his present place for thirty-three years, now owning 330 acres in Illiopolis Township, five miles southwest of the city of that name. There is a comfortable ten-room house, fitted up with modern conveniences which is the family residence, surrounded by a well kept lawn filled with pines. Mr. Lyon has an excellent orchard of fourteen acres, devoted to apple trees. He specializes on raising blooded Shorthorn cattle, and takes great pride in his strain. His farming has been successful because he has known how to conduct it.

Mr. Lyon was married February 20, 1878, to Henrietta Mester, born in St. Louis, February 20, 1856, daughter of Herman Mester. Mr. Mester was born in Germany, September 5, 1828, and died July 28, 1894, while his wife was born in the same country in 1836. He came to America in 1849, settling in St. Louis, and he and his wife, who had come to that city in 1855, were married in that year and the following year came to Sangamon County. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon are the parents of children as follows: Mary, born January 13, 1879, married William Muir, February 7, 1904; James H., born October 2, 1880; Homer died in infancy; Annie D. born June 6, 1885, married William Ford, February 25, 1906, and has two children—Henrietta, born August 4, 1908, and Willard, born April 17, 1911; Henry W. born April 27 1887, married July 27, 1910, Mary Kinnahan; and Herman, born August 7, 1891.

Mr. Lyon has been a Mason for twenty years, and belongs to the Methodist Church, while his wife is a Lutheran and belongs to the Court of Honor. In past years he was a strong Democrat and served as School Director for nearly thirty years. During the Centennial year (1876) he served as guard at the exposition in Philadelphia. An excellent farmer, a good business man, and one who understands existing conditions and how to take advantage of opportunities, Mr. Lyon has established himself as a man of ability, and at the same time has made his influence felt as an upright, honorable Christian, whose word is as good as his bond.

MACDONALD, John.—Fortunate indeed is the man who can trace his family history down through a long line of honorable ancestors, and one in Springfield who is proud of this record is John MacDonald, engineer and machinist. He was born in Perry County, Ill., December 14, 1857, a son of Hugh and Mary Ellen (Mulkey) MacDonald, both of Warren County, Ky. On the paternal side of the house, Mr. MacDonald's ancestors came from Scotland, as the name indicates, settling in Virginia. Later they removed to Kentucky. Francis MacDonald, an early ancestor, was a companion of Daniel Boone, and one of the latter's gifts to him now in the possession of John H. MacDonald, is a cane made by Mr. Boone from the horn of a deer killed by him. Francis MacDonald, great-great-grandfather of John H. MacDonald, settled in the blue grass regions of Kentucky. His son, Ward MacDonald, went to Warren County, Ky., south of Bowling Green, and there Hugh MacDonald was born.

The ancestor on the maternal side, Eric Mallaka, came to America from Sweden in 1650, settlement being first made in Pennsylvania. Later removal was made to Virginia, then to Tennessee, and finally to Kentucky. Representatives of the Mulkey family held the lessor offices in their communities, and were hard-working, industrious people. Members of this family were in the Revolutionary War. Philip Malka preached George Washington's funeral sermon. At that time he, his son and grandson were clergymen, and preached on the same day from the same pulpit. The name has been gradually changed to its present form.

Hugh MacDonald and Mary Ellen Mulkey were married in Warren County, Ky., later moved to Perry County, making the trip in 1850, and this was the date of the family settlement in Illinois. Afterwards they returned

to Kentucky, where Mrs. MacDonald died, being buried in the family graveyard now the site of the county poor farm. After the death of his wife Mr. MacDonald returned to Illinois, later going to Missouri, and dying at Cape Girardeau, in 1867.

Mr. MacDonald is particularly proud of the fact that his mother's family was connected with the ministry from the seventeenth century. His maternal grandfather, Rev. John Newton Mulkey, was born near Tompkinsville, Ky., and commenced preaching at the very early age of sixteen years, continuing in the ministry until his death, in 1882, at Glasgow, Ky. He married Nancy Lough and moved to Perry County, Ill., about 1856. During his ministry of forty-five years, he preached about 10,000 sermons and baptized about that number of persons into the faith of the Methodist Church. At present his two sons, Rev. B. W. S. Mulkey, of Kansas, and Rev. E. F. Mulkey, of Texas, are sustaining the family reputation for rearing preachers.

At the time of his father's death Mr. MacDonald was left alone, and being only ten years old, his struggle was a difficult one. He always had an ambition to study, and in the intervals of earning his living attended school in his district, then went to Mt. Vernon High School, and finally to Eureka College. After finishing he taught school for one term. His inclinations, however, led him to enter the employ of a railroad as fireman, becoming an engineer. Coming thus into direct contact with his fellow employes, he saw the necessity of concerted action. Leaving the railroad for the mines, in 1896, he organized the Brotherhood of Hoisting Engineers, and for three years was national chief. He has been identified with a number of labor movements, and has always had the interests of his fellow workmen at heart. In 1881 he came to Springfield, and left there to go to East St. Louis, in 1892, but returned to Springfield in 1893. In 1899 he went to Athens, Ill., thence to Taylorville, in 1908, but in 1909 returned to Springfield where he is now residing. Fraternally he belongs to the Maccabees, Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. The First Methodist Church, of Springfield, holds his membership. In politics he is a strong Republican.

Mr. MacDonald was married at Pinckneyville, Ill., October 3, 1878, to Sadie Farmer, daughter of James F. and Temperance (Judge) Farmer, pioneers of Illinois. The grandfather was a hero of the Mexican War. Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald have had children as follows: Ora Blanche, born November 26, 1879; Frank Roundtree born January 27, 1883; Temperance Vance, born July 8, 1889, and James Hugh, born August 16, 1897. Although occupied with his work and the cares attendant upon his exertions with reference to labor movements Mr. MacDonald has found time to make an exhaustive study and ancient history, until he has become an authority upon the subject, and is frequently called upon to settle vexed matters relating to it. He is broad-gauged, keen-minded and energetic, and has the welfare of the common people at heart. Such a man, descended from heroes and ministers of earlier days, is destined to be a leader of his kind, from the dangers and oppressions which now harass them.

MAGGENTI, Joseph (deceased).—As long as the State House at Springfield stands the name of Joseph Maggenti will be preserved by the people of Illinois, for it is to his artistic skill that credit is due for the statues which adorn this building. Mr. Maggenti was an artist of more than ordinary ability, and his work is an excellent monument to his genius. He was born in Italy, January 30, 1845, and received his education in both businecc and art in his native country, which he left about 1865, coming to the United States in that year. For one year he resided at New York City, and then, learning of the opportunity offered in Springfield, he came there, arriving in 1866. From that date until his demise, August 13, 1908, that city was his home.

After finishing his work on the State House, he established himself in a fruit and confectionery business, and for years his store received a liberal patronage from the people of Springfield. He was a reliable, honorable business man, and one who endeavored to give fair and honest returns for the custom given him. His business cares, however, did not blunt his artistic perceptions, which found expression in the beautiful family residence at No. 325 West Washingeon Street.

Mr. Maggenti was married in Springfield to Mary Lillian Lucchesi, daughter of John and Catherine Dorsey Lucchesi. Like Mr. Maggenti he was employed on the State house, having done some of the finest of the stone cutting work. Mr. and Mrs. Maggenti became the parents of three children. The eldest, Mary, married Felix P. Scalzo and they have one daughter, Lillian, Joseph E. married Anna Ryan, who died December 28, 1905, leaving one daughter Mary Catherine, and he is in the health department of Springfield, under Dr. George M. Palmer; and William A., who was in business with his father, resides at home with his widowed mother.

Mr. Maggenti was a Woodman. In religious faith he was a Catholic and was a member of St. Agnes' Church, as are all the family. His political convictions made him a Democrat. The family are all artistically inclined, and their home shows evidences of their refinement and good taste. Mr. Maggenti is deeply mourned, not only by his immediate family, but also by the many friends who knew and appreciated his many virtues.

Mrs. Maggenti's parents were born in Europe, the father in Tuscany and the mother in Ireland. Both came to America when they were children. He learned the art of sculpture in Italy and assisted Mr. Maggenti in his work on the state capitol. He worked on a great

many large buildings in the United States, first in New York, then in other states. He spent five years on the State House of Illinois, then went to Iowa, where he spent three years on that State Capitol Building, then went to Chicago, where he retired and lived there until his death April 21, 1891. His widow died July 14, 1906. He was a Democrat, and belonged to the Roman Catholic Church as did his family. By this union there were eleven children, six daughters and five sons, and those living are three sons and five daughters.

MAHER, William James (deceased).—Illinois for years has been regarded as the Mecca for those who long to wrest from its fertile soil the wealth lying dormant there. People flock there from all over the country and from foreign lands, and if they but exert themselves, the Prairie State does not fail them. One of the stalwart, reliable, substantial farmers of this Commonwealth, now passed to his last reward, was the late William James Maher, for years a farmer of La Salle County. He was born in Ireland, April 10, 1826, and was there reared to manhood. There his parents made their home, passing away firm in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church. The ambitious young Irishman, however, was not contented with conditions in his native land, and in young manhood emigrated to the land beyond the sea, where he found a temporary home at Searsmont, Maine. There he found employment as a tanner and lived until he came to La Salle County, where he bought a farm. This was his home until the time of his death on July 21, 1888. At this time he was recognized as one of the most prosperous farmers of his township, and although he did not care for public office, he was an influential Democrat. Reared in the Catholic Church, he gave to it his service and support, and died in its faith, being buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Ottawa, his widow being laid by his side after her death in 1910.

On September 20, 1860, Mr. Maher was married in Searsmont, Maine, to Catherine Kyle, born in Sligo County, Ireland, September 12, 1836, daughter of Patrick Brown and Mary O. (Donall) Kyle. The following children were born to William Maher and wife: Agnes, born May 15, 1864; Dora, born June 15, 1868; Catherine, born May 4, 1868, and William, born April 26, 1870. Mrs. Maher died April 16, 1910, at the home of her daughter Miss Agnes Maher, No. 312 East North Grand Avenue, Springfield. During his long life Mr. Maher showed forth in his daily actions the effect of honest living and religious training, and exerted a powerful influence for good in his community. While not himself a resident of Springfield, for years his widow lived there and won warm personal friends for her kindly Christian disposition and kindly manner. Miss Agnes Maher is a most estimable lady, whose standing in the community is well known.

MAHONEY, James Anthony, chief train dispatcher of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad, at Springfield, which position he has held since the spring of 1910, has been connected with this road for a decade, beginning as a helper on section work. From that humble position he has risen to his present one through faithfulness and sheer ability. He was born at Clarksdale, Christian County, Ill., September 26, 1881. Attending the public schools of his native place until he was eight years old, his studies were interrupted by the family removal to Streator, Ill., where he finished them, leaving school at fifteen years of age. At this tender age he entered the employ of the old Jacksonville & Southeastern Road, now the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad, and learned telegraphy in his odd moments, installing an instrument in his own home for this purpose. His ambitions were gratified by appointment as operator and agent at Marion, Ill., whence he was later sent to Glen Carbon to act for the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis and St. Louis & Northern. He was then sent to Mt. Olive as day operator and assistant agent, and in 1898 was stationed in Springfield as operator and billing clerk for the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Road. He was then with the Chicago & Alton Road as operator and bill clerk. At the end of ten months he went with George W. Chatterton, proprietor of a jewelry establishment and opera house. However, Mr. Mahoney felt he was better fitted for railroad work, so returned to the employ of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Road as train dispatcher, and received a deserved promotion to his present responsible position.

Mr. Mahoney is a son of the late Thomas Mahoney, born in Ireland, who came to the United States in young manhood. Landing in New York City, he came direct from there to Springfield and helped in building the Wabash Railroad and the Chicago & Alton Railroad. Locating in Springfield, he was connected with railroad work until his death, in 1905. He married Johanna Lynch, born in Ireland, who came to Litchfield, Ill., where she lived until her marriage. There were nine children in the family, six of whom survive: Delia, Mrs. J. M. Anderson, of St. Louis; Mary, Ella, Edward; Agnes, Mrs. N. E. Mann, deceased; Thomas, of Streator, married Effie Stieff; James A.; and two died in infancy, Margaret and Ellen.

Mr. Mahoney was married in Springfield, June 21, 1908, to Florence Courtney, of Waverly, Ill., daughter of Carl C. Courtney. Mr and Mrs. Mahoney are members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. In politics he is a Democrat, and fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is an energetic, responsible young man, whose ambitions have always guided him to strive for higher places, and he has never failed to meet the expectations of his employers.

MAHR, John (deceased).—The late Henry Mahr, who was a prominent farmer of Cotton

Hill Township, Sangamon County, left an honorable record as a citizen, and had a number of friends who sincerely mourned his loss. He endeavored to do his full duty in every relation of life and was well known as a man of industry and integrity. He was a native of Germany, born November 11, 1845, a son of John Mahr and wife, who spent their entire lives in his and their native land. After receiving an education, he followed the usual custom of his country and began learning a trade. He became an expert carpenter and worked at this trade until coming to America in 1871. He continued at his former occupation after reaching the United States, spending the first twelve years in Connecticut. About 1883 he came to Sangamon County, having decided to engage in farming, and purchased thirty-five acres of land in Section 8, Cotton Hill Township, which is now the property of his widow. He improved his farm in various ways and operated it the remainder of his life. He was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Mahr was married in Connecticut, April 12, 1887, to Minnie Garlo, a native of Germany, born August 10, 1856, daughter of August and Elizabeth Garlo. She was brought to America by her parents, who eventually settled in Sangamon County and engaged in farming, and both are now deceased. They had five daughters and one son, all of whom still survive. Six children were born to Mr. Mahr and wife, all of whom survive, namely: Ida, the oldest, wife of Herman Koontz, a farmer of Cooper Township; Louis, Henry, Elizabeth, Lena and Mary, all at home. Mrs. Mahr is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Mahr died February 1, 1907, and his widow has since then devoted her time and attention to the care of her children and the management of the farm, in which tasks she has proven herself a good mother and an excellent business woman.

MAISEL, John, now living retired from active life in Springfield, Ill., is one of that city's useful and well-known German-American citizens. Mr. Maisel has lived since 1881 at 1301 Monument Avenue and has been retired for several years. He was born in Bavaria, July 13, 1846, son of George and Margaret (Mulceor) Maisel, both natives of Germany, the latter born in 1809. The father was a farmer and he and his wife spent their entire lives in Germany. They were parents of five children, of whom one survives besides John, Margaret, wife of John Glass, a shoemaker living at College and Edwards Streets, Springfield. John Maisel was reared on a farm and worked for his father until he was eighteen years old, receiving his education in subscription schools. He then learned the trade of stone-cutter, at which he worked seven years.

In 1870 John Maisel set sail for the United States, landing in New York in June. He came direct to Springfield, Ill., and worked a short time at gardening, then entered the employ of George M. Brinkerhof, for whom he drove a team thirty-five years. He then worked two years for the Oak Ridge Cemetery Company. He lived for a time on Reynolds Street, moved from there to Elliott Avenue, and then located at his present home, where he has lived thirty years. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church and in politics is a Republican. He is a man of friendly disposition and genial manner and has many acquaintances and friends. He belongs to Capital Tent No. 1, Knights of The Maccabees.

Mr. Maisel was married, in Springfield, May 11, 1876, to Miss Amelia R. Zimmer, who was born April 29, 1851, daughter of Peter and Rosa Zimmer. The mother died when Mrs. Maisel was but two weeks old. Her parents had ten children of whom three are living, those besides Mrs. Maisel being: Rosa, Mrs. Harrison, of Nebraska, and Charles, living on a farm northwest of Springfield. Eleven children were born to Mr. Maisel and his wife, of whom the following survive: George, a teamster; Lizzie, married Max Ahnert, a florist of Springfield; Carrie, married W. S. Dwyer, a polisher for Racine-Sattley Company; Mary, wife of Arthur Hirschle, a druggist at Sixth and Monroe Streets; Charles, a cigar-maker employed at the Julius Master factory at Ninth and Washington Streets; Fred, and William, employed at the Illinois Watch Company factory. Mr. Maisel and his wife have two grandchildren, Ruth Maisel, born in 1901, and Hilda Maisel, born in 1906.

MAISENBACHER, John Fred.—German stock has furnished a great bulk of immigration to America, and owing to their family kinship with us, they have been readily assimilated. These immigrants possess unusual economic virtues that lend themselves readily to merging into the American stock. We need their labor, their economic endowments of industry, thrift and skill, and it is safe to say that without them this land never would have developed as it has. Their children, born with the parents' virtues and fostered and expanded under more favorable conditions, are to be found occupying positions of trust and responsibility in both public and business life. One of the essentially self-made men of Springfield, and one who is an excellent exponent of the second generation of German-Americans, is John Fred Maisenbacher, born in that city, March 18, 1858, a son of Mathias and Margarette (Myers) Maisenbacher, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. After marriage the parents came to the United States, in 1848, landing in Philadelphia. From there they came that same year to Springfield, and there the father obtained employment in the railroad shops of the Wabash Company, continuing thus for twenty-three years. He then embarked in business for himself, but later retired, dying in 1884, while his widow survived him until 1903. There were ten children in the

family, six sons and four daughters, of whom four sons and one daughter are now living. The father was a Democrat and a German Lutheran.

When he was only fourteen years old John F. Maisenbacher left the Fourth Ward School he had been attending, to work as a barber, but later entered the watch factory, which has given employment to so many young men. After eleven years spent in this line of work, he embarked in his present enterprise in 1883, and has since then built up a large trade.

On April 16, 1877, Mr. Maisenbacher was married in Springfield, to Pauline Girard, born in Pittsburg, Pa., daughter of Clements and Anna (Jaqueth) Girard, natives of France. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Maisenbacher, six survive: Joseph F., of Lancaster, Pa.; Charles F., with the Springfield Watch Company; Mary, who was a music teacher, married Frank Mueller, of Springfield; Leon is with his father in business; Edward, of Lancaster, Pa.; and Voltairine, unmarried and at home, is a music teacher and art teacher. Mr. Maisenbacher is a Democrat but has never had any aspirations towards public office. He was a charter member of the S. K. of A. In religious views he is very liberal, believing in perfect freedom for all in these matters. He is perhaps the best type of the progressive German of today that is to be found in Springfield, and can always be counted upon to give of his time and means to further any object calculated to prove of general benefit.

MAJOR, George.—So many of the veterans of the Civil War have passed over to the other side to answer to the last roll call, that those surviving are held in special veneration by those who now enjoy the results of the patriotism of "The Boys in Blue." Nowhere do these relicts of a great struggle enjoy more honor than in Sangamon County, and among them is George Major, a farmer of Clear Lake Township, residing near Riverton. He was born in Chester County, Pa., December 7, 1827, being a son of William and Catherine (Grubb) Major, natives of Montgomery County, Pa.

In 1860, George Major came to Sangamon County, and soon thereafter sent for his father and mother, who located in Clear Lake township, dying there. He was very poor, arriving with but twenty-five cents in his pocket, after having walked a part of the way. Upon his arrival in Springfield he had the good fortune to meet a man who said that his name was Todd, and that he was the father-in-law of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Todd was very kind, giving Mr. Major employment in his mill, and paying him the first wages he earned in Sangamon County. Later he was employed in a mill at Osbernville, and also at the old Hickox Mill in Springfield, while just previous to the outbreak of the war, he was conducting a mill on the river near his present home. In close sympathy with the Union cause, Mr. Major felt that his place was at the front, enlisting in 1862, in Company C, One Hundred Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving with it one year, when he was transferred to Battery A, First Illinois Artillery. After he had served with the latter organization a year, it was captured, and he was transferred back to his old regiment. Being taken sick, he was in Jefferson hospital for eight months, then was placed on guard duty. Among other engagements, he participated in the Siege of Vicksburg and Battle of Corinth, as well as many others of importance. He was a gunner in the battery and Corporal in the infantry, and was mustered out at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., in 1865.

At the close of the war Mr. Major returned home and resumed milling, thus continuing about three years, when he purchased a farm of sixty acres, since which time he has been a farmer and a buyer and shipper of cattle and hogs. His farm now consists of eighty acres, which is in excellent condition, and he has refused fancy prices for it. Some of this land is comprised in the original entry made by him soon after coming to the county, and its remarkable increase in value is largely due to his work upon it. In addition to his farm he owns several lots in Riverton.

Mr. Major was married in Springfield, in 1868, to Phoebe (Boyd) Major, she having married brothers, the first of whom died in Andersonville Prison. She was born in Indiana and her parents went to Kansas and died there. She was the widow of Mr. Major's brother at the time of her marriage to him. By her first marriage Mrs. Major had one son, Harvey Major, who now is operating the farm for his step-father. By the second marriage of Mrs. Major there were three children: Carrie, wife of James Hoyland of Danville; Jessie at home, and Lula, wife of Lollard Pemberton, of Riverton.

In politics Mr. Major is a Democrat. He remembers Abraham Lincoln very well, and often conversed with him. While advanced in years, this energetic farmer takes an active interest in local affairs, superintends his farm, and oversees his business matters. Having done his full duty, both as a soldier and a private citizen, and having been an excellent son, a kind husband and devoted father, he realizes that he has rounded out a successful life, and is content with what he has accomplished.

MALONEY, Jerry James, a successful merchant of Springfield, is a native of the city and belongs to a family that has been prominent in Sangamon County for many years. He was born March 30, 1879, and is a son of William and Mary Elizabeth (McGillick) Maloney, the former born in Troy, N. Y., December 28, 1852, and the latter in Ireland, December 17, 1853. William Maloney was for ten years connected with the County Sheriff's office, and served ten years as Chief of Police of Springfield. He was a well-known and influential citizen and had many warm personal friends. His death occurred in

Springfield, March 21, 1909, and his loss was genuinely mourned by all who knew him.

The boyhood of Jerry J. Maloney was spent in Springfield and he attended St. Mary's School. He learned the trade of wood worker, which he followed for some years, and later engaged in business on his own account. He is a man of good judgment and business ability and has met with gratifying success. He has a reputation for honest business methods and fair and straightforward dealings.

MALONEY, John Douglas.—The agricultural interests of Illinois are represented by men whose progressive ideas and advanced methods have placed them in the front rank and helped to make the State of Illinois the best in the Union. What is true of the State in this regard, holds good in Sangamon County, the center of the Great Corn Belt of the World, and among the men who have there attained an enviable success is John Douglas Maloney, who resides on Section 11 of Woodside Township. He was born in Morgan County, Ill., June 2, 1861, a son of John and Catherine (Ryan) Maloney, both natives of County Tipperary, Ireland, who emigrated to America, landing in New York, whence they came to Morgan County. A few years later they removed to Logan County, and both died in Lincoln, the father in 1869, and the mother in 1871. They were parents of several children, of whom the following survive: Jerry V. and Michael, of Lincoln; Margaret, of Springfield, and John Douglas.

The subject of this review was called upon to mourn the loss of his mother at the age of ten years, his father having died two years prior, and when left an orphan made his home with his uncle, Patrick Ryan, in Morgan County. His educational advantages were limited and his school days were spent at Little Hope School near his uncle's home. His grandparents all died in Ireland except his Grandmother Ryan, who died near Berlin, Ill. The young man was employed on the farm for his uncle until he was nineteen years of age, then decided to embark on life's voyage on his own account and "paddle his own canoe," coming to Sangamon County and finding employment near Chatham.

In 1884, Mr. Maloney decided to give up farming and embark in the arena of mercantile life, establishing a grocery store at Chatham, which he conducted two years, then moving to Glenarm, where he established the first grocery and general store. However, Mr. Maloney did not like the indoor life and in February, 1888, he sold his business and again took up agricultural pursuits, in which he has since been engaged.

Mr. Maloney was married in St. Bernard's Catholic Church, at Auburn, Ill., Rev. Father Finnegan performing the ceremony, November 17, 1886, to Miss Margaret Gorey, a native of Sangamon County, born March 22, 1867, daughter of Patrick and Margaret (Casey) Gorey, both natives of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Gorey came to America at different times, and she first located at Bloomington, Ill., and later came to Springfield, where they met. Their marriage occurred at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, at Springfield, June 8, 1863, after which they moved to Mechanicsburg, thence to Auburn and finally to Chatham, where they lived until the death of Mr. Gorey which occurred February 26, 1898. He was a farmer by occupation and his widow now resides with a son at Chatham. They were parents of five daughters and four sons, all born in Sangamon County, as follows: John P., Thomas J., James, William P., Margaret, Mary, Ellen, Alice and Sarah.

To Mr. and Mrs. Maloney have been born the following children: John P., born April 4, 1888; Charles E., September 29, 1889; Leo Francis, September 3, 1891; Marguerite C., July 10, 1893; Thomas A., May 24, 1899, all unmarried and living at home. The family are devout members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, of Springfield. Mrs. Maloney is a member of Court No. 68, Catholic Order of Foresters and also of the Ladies' Benevolent Association No. 967, and Mr. Maloney belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He has always stanchly supported the principles of the Democratic party in national interests, but in local affairs votes for the men and measures he believes will further the best interests of the people. He served during 1908-09, as Assessor of Woodside Township. Kindly, energetic, progressive, a good business man and a far-sighted farmer, Mr. Maloney is a man of whom his county may well be proud. He has already accomplished much in his active life and looks forward to doing a great deal more, for he is in the very prime of manhood. He has a most comfortable home, owns eighty acres of land in Rochester township, and besides this, farms 290 acres which he rents, the latter being located in Woodshire Township. Mr. Maloney operates a diary, keeping a herd of sixteen cows, and is extensively engaged in raising Percheron horses.

MALONEY, William (deceased).—In the death of William Maloney, which occurred March 21, 1909, Springfield, Ill., lost one of its prominent citizens, a man who always had the city's welfare in mind, and held various public positions through a long and useful career. He was a native of Troy, N. Y., where his birth occurred December 27, 1852, a son of Jeremiah and Mary (Allen) Maloney, the former a contractor by occupation.

William Maloney was brought to Springfield by his parents when but one year old, and there the remainder of his life was spent. His education was secured in St. Mary's Catholic School, and he was reared by his parents to principles of honor and integrity. As a youth he went to work as a brick molder, also becoming a brick mason by trade, and these were his chief occupations in an industrial line throughout his life. He was a Democrat in politics. Even as a young man his ability was

recognized and at different times during his long residence in the Capital City he served as Jailer, Turnkey, City Marshal and Chief of Police, displaying much ability in tracking criminals and preventing crime. He died in the faith of the Catholic Church, which he had attended all his life. In fraternal affiliations he was connected with the Woodmen and the Catholic Order of Foresters. Mr. Maloney was known throughout Springfield, and wherever known was most highly esteemed.

On May 25, 1873, Mr. Maloney was married to Mary E. McGillick, and to this union there were born seven children, as follows: Mrs. Margaret Handly, of Bloomington; Jerry, living at home with his mother; Mrs. Catherine Phillips; Mrs. Mary McGough; and Mrs. Ellen C. Murphy, all of Springfield; William Francis, married, of Chicago; Josephine and Ethel Maloney, living in Springfield. The family are all members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, of Springfield.

MAMBACH, William, a retired tailor of Springfield, was born in Cologne, on the Rhine River, Prussia, Germany, August 22, 1843, son of Joseph and Katrina (Hein) Mambach, natives of Germany. The father was a painter and decorator, and both he and his wife spent their entire lives in Germany. He served in the Franco-Prussian War. William Mambach was educated in the public schools of his native country, and after leaving school learned the trade of tailor, which he followed from the age of fourteen years until three years ago, when he retired.

November 8, 1866, Mr. Mambach landed in New York City, and soon after located in Chicago, where he worked two years at his trade. He then came to Springfield and worked three years for Messrs. Weldon & Wilkinson, tailors, after which he embarked in business for himself, being successful in this venture, which he carried on from 1871 until 1881. In the latter year he spent four months on a trip to his native country and on his return to Springfield began working for B. A. Zang, with whom he remained twenty years. In 1907 he gave up his position with Mr. Zang, and is now enjoying a life of quiet and ease in his beautiful home at 1514 South Eighth Street.

Mr. Mambach is a Democrat in politics and in 1908 served as a judge at the city election. He is a devout Catholic and a member of Sacred Heart Church. He was married in Springfield, November 5, 1870, to Miss Elizabeth Ganther, who was born in Germany, September 5, 1839, daughter of Henry Ganther, who came to America in 1865. Mr. Ganther died in New Jersey, in 1867, and his wife died in Germany. Mrs. Mambach died in Springfield, May 31, 1907, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery. She was a devoted wife and mother and was mourned by many friends. Mr. Mambach and his wife were parents of six children, of whom three survive: Mary, wife of Martin Rollinger, in cement business in Springfield; Anna, at home; William, a carpenter. Mr. Rollinger and his wife have two children, Carlotta, born March 5, 1907, and Ronald, February 20, 1909. Mr. Mambach is well known in Springfield as an industrious man, a skillful tailor and a good business manager, of strict honesty and integrity, and is highly esteemed by his many friends.

MANN, Henry T.—Among the names of the brave young men from Sangamon County who responded to their country's call when it was in dire need, occurs that of Henry T. Mann, now a farmer residing in the county, which has been his home for many years. This too brief biography will not fittingly testify to the honor in which he, as well as his associates in that mighty struggle, are held by their fellow countrymen. A grateful government does what it can, and the people, individually do the rest. Veterans are everywhere shown appreciation, and wherever they are found they make good citizens. The hard lessons of discipline inculcated in camp and on a battle field were not learned in vain. The returning soldiers applied them in civic life with most excellent results.

Henry T. Mann was born in Clear Lake Township, December 10, 1843, a son of Christopher and Anna R. (King) Mann, natives of Kentucky, born in 1816 and 1827, respectively. The father was a farmer, and came to Sangamon County somewhat later than his wife, who arrived the year of the big snow, in 1831. They met and were married, first settling on a farm owned by them, east of Riverton but several years later moved to Mt. Pulaski.

After a boyhood spent on the farm, during which time he attended school held in the primitive log building in his neighborhood, Mr. Mann was forced into early maturity by the outbreak of the war. When still a lad, he enlisted, June 1, 1861, in Company E, Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Carl Hecker. The regiment went into camp at Springfield, whence it was sent to Chicago, and was mustered into service at Alton. After participating in several skirmishes, Mr. Mann took part in the terrible battle at Perryville. Several more skirmishes intervened between that and the battle of Stone River, where there was a five days' fight. For the following six months the regiment was in camp, then was engaged in the bloody battle of Chickamauga, and fell back to Chattanooga, where breastworks were thrown up. Mr. Mann was also in the engagements at Missionary Ridge and Kenesaw Mountain, at Buzzard's Roost and Resaca. The regiment served under Generals Grant, Sherman and Thomas. Mr. Mann was finally mustered out August 17, 1864, after a long and hard service. Returning home, he began farming, and for the past thirty-two years has been at his present location, where he owns forty acres of very valuable land, devoting it to general farming.

Mr. Mann was united in marriage at Springfield, January 30, 1868, with Jenette Snodgrass,

daughter of William and Rachel Snodgrass. Mrs. Mann's parent's came from Indiana and Kentucky, locating in Sangamon County at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Mann became the parents of three children: Mrs. Albert Bashaw, whose husband engaged with the Franklin Life Insurance Company at Springfield; Marietta, wife of Crow Grubb, employed at the city water works of Springfield; Charles, employed by a telephone company, working all over the State.

In politics, Mr. Mann is a strong Republican, but has never been willing to go before the public as a candidate for office. He is a fine man in every respect and commands the warm appreciation and firm confidence of all with whom he has been brought into contact. His pleasant home is presided over by Mrs. Mann, a charming lady, who has been her husband's inspiration and efficient assistant for over forty years. The young people have grown up to be a credit to their parents, and wherever the name of Mann is found it represents solidity and upright living.

MANN, John H.—Many of the younger men of Sangamon County are content to devote themselves to farming, realizing the money to be made from specializing along agricultural lines. The days are past when a farmer worked merely for a living; now he is as much a business man as the grocer or banker, and the country is much more heavily obligated to him than to the others mentioned. One of the younger men of Sangamon County who are representative of the farming interests, is John H. Mann, residing on a fine twenty-acre truck farm on Section 29, Capital Township. He was born in Metcalfe County, Ky., February 14, 1870, a son of James and Mary E. (Goodman) Mann, both natives of Kentucky born in 1841 and 1849 respectively.

James Mann was a farmer in Kentucky, where he remained until 1883, when he moved to Ashland, Ill., locating on a farm, which continued to be his home until 1903. In that year he came to Sangamon County, making his home with his son until his death, May 28, 1905. His widow survives, and lives at Oakland, Cal., with her son Charles. There were eight sons and one daughter in the family, six of whom survive: John H.; Charles, of Oakland, Cal.; George, Frank, Daniel; Mary, wife of Arthur Pringle, of Oakland. Two other sons Edward and Will, died recently. Two brothers of the father, Marion and Jorney Mann, were soldiers in the Civil War. The Mann family is one of the old ones of Kentucky and its members have been connected with its history since early days.

The education of John H. Mann was secured in Ashland, where he attended the public schools. Later he alternated farming with learning the trade of printer. He never worked long at his trade, however, but as a young man was for a year in an office in Ashland, then operated a farm in the vicinity. He came to Sangamon County in 1890, being engaged in business in Springfield for ten years, but in 1900, the call of the soil became too strong for him and he came to live in his present home. He rents twenty acres, which he devotes to gardening, and his success has been remarkable, his product meeting with a ready sale.

Mr. Mann was married in Jacksonville, Ill., October 18, 1891, when he was united with Anna Ellen Martin, born near that city, in Morgan County, October 18, 1866 a daughter of Frank Martin, who was one of the pioneers of Morgan County. He carried on farming there until his death in 1899, his wife having died in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Martin had nine children, seven of whom are now living. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mann. They are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, to which Mr. Mann is a liberal contributor. In politics he is a Republican, but his busines cares have been too heavy for him to devote much attention to public matters. However, he is always abreast of the times, well informed on current affairs, and votes intelligently and faithfully.

Having devoted so much time to his work, Mr. Mann understands it thoroughly and follows it scientifically. He leaves nothing to chance in his operations, but carries out certain definite rules, and the results prove the wisdom of his actions. Shrewd, keen and enterprising, he is an excellent busines man, while his sterling honesty and uprightness of character have impressed themselves upon his associates and won him many warm, personal friends, whom he retains. His home is skillfully presided over by his wife, and their many friends always find a cordial welcome when they enter its hospitable doors.

MANN, Samuel A., a useful and industrious citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born in Monroe County, W. Va., May 15, 1837, and is a son of Alexander and Isabelle (Stevenson) Mann, both born in Monroe County, he December 13, 1802, and she in 1810. The father was a farmer and spent his entire life in his native State, as did his parents and those of his wife. He was a carpenter, as well as a farmer, and after leaving school his son Samuel worked at that trade with his father until the war. At the age of twenty-one years Samuel A. Mann enlisted in Colonel King's Battalion of Artillery, June 2, 1861, at Monroe County, Va., and served in the Confederate Army to the close of the war, entering under Captain Lowery. He took part in the Battles of Winchester, Fisher Hill, Strasburg, Fayetteville, Charleston, Deep Creek, Berryville (Va.), Shenandoah Valley, and many others. He did his full duty as a soldier in the cause he then believed to be just, but, in the light of later events and his more mature judgment, now feels deep regret that he was not fighting for the other side.

Mr. Mann was married, in Indiana, November 28, 1872, to Miss Sarah Jester, who was born in Iowa, October 2, 1849, daughter of John

Jester, a native of Delaware, who moved to Iowa when a boy, and is now living in Indiana. His wife died in Ohio, many years ago. Mrs. Mann's grandparents were natives of Delaware and Iowa and became prominent in the localities where they lived.

Mr. Mann has lived in Sangamon County, Ill,. since 1866, and at first worked at nursery business. He is esteemed by his associates and has a good reputation in the community. For several years past he has been employed in the trade of carpenter, at which he is a skillful workman. He is industrious and thrifty and has accumulated some property. He belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church and to a temperance society. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs and in politics is a Democrat. He and his wife became parents of six children: Ella, Daisy, Edgar and Frankie, deceased; Eva May, born in Indiana, August 14, 1873, married Richard Ashcroft, of Riverton, and they have three children, all living—Richard, Stacey and Jessie; Lulu, born in Springfield, May 24, 1880, married Fred Painter, of Springfield, and they have three children—Hazel, Maude and Merrill. The family home is 413 South Thirteenth Street.

MARLOWE, William, Jr., Secretary, Treasurer and Manager of the E. & W. Clothing Company, of Springfield, and one of the most enterprising business men of the city, was born there September 9, 1877, being a son of William and Henrietta (Smith) Marlowe, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Marlowe attended the public schools of Springfield until he was fourteen years old, when he began doing odd jobs, being anxious to prove his worth. When he was seventeen years old he entered the employ of I. Price, of Springfield, and for eight years continued with him, gradually being advanced until he spent a portion of his time representing the house on the road and the remainder as a cutter. Following this, he went with Capps & Son, of Jacksonville, as a cutter, and held other responsible positions with them. In December, 1903, he commenced work with the present firm. On March 20, 1908, the business was incorporated, with Mr. Marlowe as a stockholder, and he was elected to his present position February 1, 1909. He is essentially a selfmade man and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

On June 14, 1904, Mr. Marlowe was married in Springfield, to Ida Hein of that city, daughter of Hugo and Emma Hein. Mr. and Mrs. Marlowe are the parents of two children: Velma, born May 29, 1905, and Dorothy, born December 31, 1909. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and enjoys his fraternal connections. The energy of the young business men of today is appreciated by those older in the trade and their services are eagerly sought, so that those who had formerly relied upon Mr. Marlowe were sorry to lose him, although they rejoiced over his success. The firm of which he is so efficient a representative is rapidly forging to the front and controls a large trade, not only in Springfield, but in a wide territory contiguous to that city.

MARLOWE, William, custodian of the Supreme Court Building of Springfield, who resides in his own home at No. 1114 Rutledge Street, is one of the best known men in that city. He was born in Salt Hill Village, three miles from Windsor Castle and twenty miles from London, October 11, 1835, and is proud of his English birth. His grandfather, Thomas Marlowe, was a shoemaker of Eton, England, who made a specialty of boots for postilions. His wife was Ann Cole, and both died in England. They had three sons: William, George and James.

William Marlowe, Sr., was born at Eton, England, June 19, 1803, and became a gardener. He married Maria Sadler, of Cookham, Berks County. One day he, his father and his brothers, were standing on the banks of the Thames River, when they saw one of King George's private boats moored at a little fishing place called Black Potts, marked "For sale." They bought it and turned it into a house, adding a couple of rooms, and made it their home for years, and in it William Marlowe, Jr., was born. Here both the father and mother died, about 1846, when William Marlowe, Jr., was a small boy. There were the following children in the family of his parents: William; James, deceased; Maria, Mrs. Thomas Hickmann, of Du Quoin, Ill., and George, deceased.

When this little family was left without parents, relatives took them until something could be done for them. A little later, William became a page in the home of the rector, Rev. John Septimus Grover, who was made Vice Provost of Eton College. Although he did not go to school, William Marlowe, being an ambitious boy, studied at night, continuing as page in several homes, until 1862, when he started for America, landing in New York City. His destination was British Columbia, but when he reached St. Paul he decided to go to work in a harvest field, and later on a railroad, and saw the first train that entered St. Anthony. Still later, he went to East St. Louis to work in the Eads gun-boat yards, and then was on a steamboat running between St. Louis and St. Paul. He then worked for the Government at Leavenworth for a year, whence he came to Alma, Ill., to go into the Gastside Coal Company's mine. After a few years there, he went to Du Quoin to work in the mines. On April 16, 1868, he arrived in Springfield, and for a time worked in the mines. In February, 1881, Attorney General James McCartney appointed him janitor of his office, and in September, 1893, he was given his present responsible position. Owing to it he has had the honor of forming the acquaintances of many noted men, and, as he is very attentive and affable, has made many friends.

In September, 1872, Mr. Marlowe was married

to Henrietta Smith, of Springfield, daughter of Samuel and Julia Grace Smith, and they have the following children: George W., died at the age of nineteen months; William of this city, married Ida Hein and they have two children, Velma and Dorothy; James S., of Indianapolis, married Jessie Allison, two children, James D. and Marjory. Mr. Marlowe belongs to the Church of England, while his wife is a Presbyterian. He is a stanch Republican and fraternally is a Mason. Few men are better known than he, and he is regarded with affectionate friendship by men all over the State who have benefited by his kindly consideration.

MARSH, Frank Hewett, yard master of the Wabash Railroad Company is a man who has proven his worth, and is regarded by the company as one of the most efficient and capable men in their employ. He was born in Bloomington, Ill., December 28, 1866, son of Henry S., and Theresa (Bahr) Marsh. The father was born in Wheeling, W. Va., and there spent the first eighteen years of his life. He then came to Springfield, where he lived for forty years, thirty-five of which he was passenger engineer on the Wabash railroad. Following this, he was in the round house of that road for several years. His death occurred in 1892. In politics he was independent. His wife was a native of Germany, who came to the United States when thirteen years old, and she died in Springfield when fifty-six years old. She and her husband had children as follows: Eva married J. L. Horgett; Frank; Olbert; Cora married Arthur Mitchell, all of this city. The Marsh family originated in England, but many years ago located in the southern States, where they became wealthy planters. John Bahr, an uncle of Frank Marsh, acted as a substitute for his brother-in-law, Henry S. Marsh, during the Civil War, enlisting under General John McNulty and serving from 1861 to 1865.

Frank Marsh attended the public schools of Springfield from the time he was ten years old. Entering the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company, he was first engine caller, later telegrapher, and in 1898 was made yard master, and has held that responsible position ever since.

On August 26, 1886, he was married, at Urbana, Ill., to Miss Sophia Wallert, of that place, daughter of Christ Wallert, deceased. They belong to the First Christian Church. Fraternally Mr. Marsh is a Knight of Pythias and a Modern Woodman. He is active in politics, being a Republican, and is ever ready to lend his support to all measures looking towards the advancement of the county.

MARSHALL, Andrew J.—An example of what a young man may accomplish by economy, thrift, persistent effort and wise business judgment, may be found in the case of Andrew J. Marshall, a successful business man of Springfield, Ill., who has made himself substantial through exercising these characteristics and now maintains a reputation for substantiality gained through years of hard work. Mr. Marshall was born on a farm three and one-half miles southwest of Pawnee, Ill., June 30, 1867, a son of John J. and Martha (Lord) Marshall, who now reside in Oklahoma, where Mr. Marshall is engaged in farming and cattle-raising.

Andrew J. Marshall was but eight years of age when he became self-supporting, starting to work at that age for J. F. Lord, an uncle, who was engaged in farming near Glenarm, Ill., and received four dollars per month for his services, his duties allowing him a little time to attend school under teachers McIlwaine and Crowder. On coming to Springfield, at the age of seventeen years, he became a delivery boy for John Brewster, at twenty dollars per month, and attended school for some time in the city, and eventually was left his one-third share of a farm of eighty acres by his grandfather, Cy Lord, his sisters having an equal share in the property with him. By the strictest economy young Marshall had saved $1,000 by this time and took this money to purchase the interests of his sisters, and later sold the farm to invest his money in property at the corner of Eleventh and South Grand Avenue, in Springfield, on which was located an old frame building. He first started a butcher shop in this building, and now rents it. A new structure was erected in 1899, and is used as a barber shop. From time to time he has invested his holdings in real estate and now owns seven valuable store buildings in the capital city, and other valuable property, in addition to his modern home, at 1500 South Eighth Street, which he remodeled in the fall of 1910.

Mr. Marshall was married October 1, 1889, in Springfield, to Miss Lucy B. Rose, the daughter of Henry B. and Mary Rose, and one son has been born to this union, Robert, born in 1899, who is now attending school. The family are members of the First Presbyterian Church, and in political views Mr. Marshall is a stanch Republican.

MARSHALL, Elizabeth Viola.—It is truly said that the good mother lives again in her children for there are thousands of women all over the United States who are devoting themselves to their children. Not only is this true of those who have helpless little ones depending upon them, but also of those who have already seen their offspring grow to maturity. One of these excellent mothers who is setting an example younger women may well follow to their profit, is Mrs. Elizabeth Viola (Rountree) Marshall, of Springfield. She was born in Perry County, Ill., April 12, 1865, a daughter of Turner and Temperance Rountree, natives of Washington County, Ill. The father was a farmer in Perry County, Ill., where he took an active part in politics, always casting his vote and influence in favor of the Democratic candidates. Mrs. Rountree died July 19, 1889, while Mr. Rountree died February 28, 1904, and their remains are interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Mrs. Marshall was educated in the schools of Perry County, and remained at home, assisting her mother in the household tasks until her marriage, which occurred April 12, 1883, in Pinckneyville, the county seat of Perry County, Ill., to Mr. Marshall. Two sons were born of this marriage: Claud Lionel Marshall, born August 14, 1884, and Lloyd Chester Marshall, born February 9, 1886, both born in Perry County. The elder son is an electrician, while the younger is a traveling salesman for the Springfield Woolen Mills. Mrs. Marshall is a devout member of Stuart Street Christian Church, and is active in promoting its good works. She is proud of the fact that her grandfather, Allen Rountree, was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812. Mrs. Marshall has resided in Springfield many years and has made many warm friends there.

MARSHALL, Samuel Henry, a retired hotel man of Springfield, was connected with the old Central House, of which he was the owner, and which he conducted for many years under the name of the American House. When he was its host, it was a general stopping place for the noted statesmen who flocked to Springfield, making this hostelry their headquarters. Mr. Marshall was born September 13, 1846, at Abbottstown, Adams County, Pa., son of Henry Marshall, also a native of Pennsylvania, born about 1821, and died in 1901. He bought 140 acres in York County, Pa., near the Adams County line, and there his death occurred. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Farland, also of Pennsylvania. Her death occurred on the home farm in 1887, when she was seventy-two years old. She and her husband were Lutherans and he was a Republican. The children born to them were: Martha married Nathaniel Burkheimer and died three months after marriage on the home farm; Samuel Henry; Amelia, wife of George Dull, of Thomasville, York County, Pa.; Anna; Rush a farmer of Iowa; Herman died in 1902, in York County; Alice, of York County; and Henry, of Hanover. The family is of German origin, the Grandfather Marshall having been a native of that country.

Samuel Henry Marshall was a year old when his father moved to York County, and grew up on the farm there, attending the country school a portion of the year until he was sixteen years old. Until he attained his majority he remained upon the farm, but then went to York, where for two years he was interested in a bakery. Selling this, he bought a livery business and operated it for two years more. In 1876 he again sold, and for a short time bought horses for the market. Coming to Springfield at the close of that year, he entered the produce business on East Adams Street, but two years later moved to North Sixth Street. In 1879 he became proprietor of the Central House, operating it until the building was sold to make way for the present imposing business block which was erected on its historic site. Mr. Marshall then operated the Corrigan House on East Adams Street for nine years, changing its name to Marshall House. After he disposed of it, in April, 1909, the name was changed to the Brunswick House. Following this sale, Mr. Marshall returned to Pennsylvania for a visit. Upon his return he purchased his present home, and has since lived retired, having been thirty years in the hotel business, twenty years of which was spent in one place. He is a Lutheran in religious faith. Active in political affairs, he served as Alderman from the Seventh Ward during 1884 and 1885, and was efficient in that office.

Mr. Marshall was married in York, Pa., in 1876, to Miss Elizabeth Shellenberger, of York County, a daughter of Joseph Shellenberger. They had one daughter, Jessie, who died at the age of twenty-five years.

MARTIN, George B.—Sangamon County is noted not only for its agricultural interests, but also as the scene of varied mining activities, and some of the most prosperous of its citizens have devoted themselves to this branch of business. A representative man of Divernon, George B. Martin has achieved a wellmerited success. He was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, September 11, 1838, a son of John and Jeanette (Banks) Martin, natives of Glasgow and Ayrshire, the father born in 1811 and the mother in 1815. The father was killed by a locomotive just as he was leaving home to claim a fortune left him in the West Indies, in 1860. His widow survived him until 1869, when she, too, passed away in Scotland.

From the time he was eight years old Mr. Martin has earned his own living, but remained at home until twenty-six years old, when he came to the United States, landing in Portland, Me., April 8, 1865. After that he made a number of changes, going to Maryland and Virginia, where he lived for fourteen years. He then lived at Astoria, Fulton County, Ill., for two years, locating in La Salle in 1880. He spent some time in Wyoming, but in 1901 came to Divernon, which has continued his home ever since. All his life he has been interested in mining operations, and is markedly successful.

While he has given attention to his business, Mr. Martin has not neglected the religious side of his nature, but has sought to lead others into what he believes is the right path, and has preached in every place in which he has lived. While in Wyoming he built a stone church for the Congregationalists, but is now a member of the Presbyterian Church. While independent in politics, he is a strong Prohibitionist, and has done effective work for the cause. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, being the oldest member of that lodge in Divernon, having joined it in 1873, passed through all of its chairs and served as its Representative to the Grand Lodge

many times. He is also a member of the order of Red Men and is much interested in fraternal work.

Mr. Martin was married in Scotland, to Margaret McGee, on January 20, 1860. She was born in Ireland, August 9, 1839, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Cunningham) McGee, natives of County Down, Ireland. The father died in 1849, but the mother came to the United States in 1870, returning to Scotland in 1872, and dying in Ayrshire in 1874. The grandparents were all natives of Ireland, and there died, but Mr. and Mrs. McGee moved to Ayrshire in 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Martin became the parents of fourteen children, six of whom are dead. Hugh, born in Scotland in November, 1863, married Mary Hurd of Illinois, children—George, Annie (deceased), James, Joseph, Margaret, Alice, Mary, Harry and Hugh; James, born in Maryland, April 5, 1866, unmarried, has been a resident of California for five years; Mary, born in West Virginia, May 28, 1869, is a nurse and resides in California; George, a clergyman, born in West Virginia, June 17, 1871, married Mary Anderson, a native of Denmark, three living children—Donald, Harry and Ellen; Jeanette, born in Maryland, March 24, 1873, married Robert S. Simpson, of Scotland, now lives in Farmersville, Ill., where he is a mine superintendent, five living children—George, Ruth, Jeanette, Ottie and Charles; Charles, in the cement business in Divernon, born in Maryland, December 8, 1877, married and has one child, Annie Bell; John, born in Illinois, April 2, 1883, unmarried and living in North Dakota; Margaret, born in La Salle, Ill., September 15, 1880, married Victor Mercer, of Lamoille, and lives in North Dakota, where Mr. Mercer owns three-quarters of a section of land.

Mr. Martin is much respected in his community, where he owns considerable property, and has earned the confidence of his neighbors. He is proud of his family, as he has every reason to be, and of the progress he has made during his long and busy life.

MARTIN, Green W. (deceased), formerly one of the prosperous farmers of Cartwright Township, whose finely developed farm on Section 16, serves as a model for his neighbors, was born in Robinson County, near Springfield, Tenn., September 29, 1845, a son of Thomas and Marina (Glaser) Martin, both natives of Springfield, Tenn. There they grew up, were educated and eventually married. Four of their seven children were born in that city. These children were: Fannie, first wife of Dick Crenshaw of Pleasant Plains; Green W.; William who died about 1900; Nancy, wife of A. B. Purvines, a prosperous farmer of Cartwright Township; Molly, deceased; Azaro of Coffeyville, Kas., and Isaac, who died in infancy.

About 1851, the parents with the four children already born, came to Cartwright Township, renting a farm owned by Peter Cartwright, the famous circuit-riding preacher, and they lived. At that time, all of the timber land had been secured, and Mr. Martin not having faith in the prairie land would not invest in it, although at that time he could have purchased it for three dollars per acre. About 1858, he moved to Schuyler County, and in 1860, was killed by the premature explosion of a twelve-pound cannon that was fired off to celebrate Fourth of July, when Abraham Lincoln was candidate for the presidency. His widow went to Sedgwick County, Kas., where she passed away, September 28, 1871.

Green W. Martin was only six years old when he was brought to Cartwright Township, and although taken away when his father died, he came back to Pleasant Plains and began working on the farm of Augustus W. Hayes, continuing with him for two years, and rendering very efficient service. In 1870, he went west, stopping in Kansas to visit his mother. From there he went to Colorado Springs, and thence to Cripple Creek, where he mined with his brother Willian. They located the Summit mine, in what they named Globe Hill. Here they sunk a shaft 240 feet, striking rich pay ore, and then Mr. Martin sold his share for $41,000 spot cash to W. S. Stratton, who later became one of the wealthiest mine owners of Cripple Creek, the Summit mine proving to be one of the best opened up in that locality. Still later he went to Jasper County, Mo., settling there in 1879, near Carthage. Finally he returned to Pleasant Plains, and bought 160 acres on Section 16, Cartwright Township, settling down upon it. In 1876, Mr. Martin married Ollie Sampson, but she died in Jasper County, Mo., leaving one son, Thomas L., who is married, having two sons and two daughters, and is now residing near his father in Cartwright Township. The other two children of this first marriage of Mr. Martin's died in infancy. On December 19, 1892, Mr. Martin married in Cripple Creek, Emma Pleines, born in St. Louis, Mo., December 16, 1874, a daughter of Conrad and Emma (Muller) Pleines. These parents went to Denver in 1879, prior to the time when any trains ran to Leadville, so as that place was their destination, the trip had to be made by wagon. They remained in Leadville, a short time, but moved about, the father trying to locate a paying mine. Finally removal was made to Colorado Springs, and there the father died, December 19, 1899. His widow still resides in Colorado Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin settled down on their farm home, and began making the many improvements which now add to its value, including a very comfortable twelve-room house, substantial barns and necessary outbuildings. They became the parents of seven children: Mary O., born June 30, 1894, died July 12, 1909; Amy F., born June 7, 1897; Effie Leta, born January 9, 1899; Lula Bell born April 1, 1901; Ruth C., born December 31, 1903; Emma L., born December 9, 1904; Alice Green, born June 6, 1907, and Frank Conrad, born September 23, 1910.

Mr. Martin was very successful in his farming, and added to his holdings, buying in 1898, eighty acres on Section 17, Cartwright Township, on which he erected a good house and put in a good orchard. He was perfectly satisfied with his achievements, for he carried out the dearest wishes of his boyhood and young manhood becoming the owner of a farm in his chosen locality. He was a Democrat, politically, and fraternally was connected with the Masonic fraternity, Lodge No. 700, and the Odd Fellows of Pleasant Plains. He stood very high in the community, and was regarded as a representative farmer of the best class. Mr. Martin died February 12, 1911.

MARTIN, John Herbert, of Springfield, is a typical British-American citizen, interested in the advancement and progress of his community and doing his full duty as a member of society. Although not active in public affairs he is well informed on the issues of the day and especially as regards local questions. He is a native of Devonshire, England, born September 21, 1871, son of Samuel and Mary Rebecca (Rawlings) Martin, both also natives of Devonshire, the father born May 1, 1833, and the mother in June, 1835. Her parents died when she was a small child, and she was reared by an aunt in the city of London. Samuel Martin was engaged in copper mining and both he and his wife spent their entire lives in England, where he died in July, 1891, and his widow a few years later. They were parents of the following children: William, who was drowned; Elizabeth, wife of Jim Stickler, of England; John Herbert, of this notice; Charles Andrew, deceased; Sophia, deceased; William Edward, of England; Mary Ann and Emma, twins, the former wife of Jack Righton and the latter the wife of Joseph Armstrong, both of England; Annie M., wife of Ralph Righton; Jessie, wife of William Wilkenson; Ellen, wife of John Graham. The father of these children served for two years in Mounted Artillery H, Ninety-fifth Regiment of the English Army.

Mr. Martin received his education in the schools of Devonshire and Durham County, and learned gardening. He came to the United States and located in Springfield. He is a Democrat in politics and an Episcopalian in religious belief. For many years before leaving England he was prominent as a gardener and florist, and held office from April 10, 1893, to October, 1897, as Secretary of the Gerrow-Hebburn-Monkton and Hedworth Society, which corresponds to the agricultural societies of our own country. He has held the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, Vice President and President of the U. M. W. A., and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and Red Men organizations.

Mr. Martin was married in St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church, Durham, England, by Rev. Father P. M. Clark, in 1890, to Anna Cherry, who was born in Newfield, Durham, England, June 22, 1865, daughter of William and Isabel (Dickson) Cherry, the father born in Durham County, in July, 1820, and the mother born December 9, 1826. The father died in July, 1904, and the mother still survives. There were five children born to Mr. Cherry and wife, namely: William, Edward, George; Isabel, wife of Luke Foster, and Anna, Mrs. Martin. Five children were born to Mr. Martin and wife, only one of whom now survives, William Edward, born June 12, 1894, employed as foreman at the Illinois Watch Company plant.

MARTIN, Joseph W. (deceased), for many years a resident of Springfield, was born in Ohio County, Ky., not far from Owensboro (Daviess County), November 16, 1838, and was left an orphan at an early age. When nine years of age he came to Sangamon County, with an uncle, James Lynn. He attended the public schools of Ohio County, Ky., and Sangamon County, Ill., and was reared to farming, which he followed until he retired from active life and moved to Springfield. After his marriage he began farming on his own account, purchasing ninety acres of land in Buffalo Hart Township, Sangamon County, where he became successful and held various public and private offices of trust. He served on Grand and Petit Jury for years, and acted as guardian for several persons. He was a prominent and highly esteemed citizen and a liberal contributor to several churches. He was not a member of any church, but had a leaning toward Methodism. After locating in Springfield he attended the Presbyterian Church. He was public-spirited and enterprising, and in politics was a strong Republican.

Mr. Martin was married (first), September 11, 1864, to Miss Mary Jane Robison, daughter of John W. Robison, who died on the home farm July 8, 1888. He was married (second) September 11, 1895, to Mrs. Mary E. (Glose) Davis, daughter of Martin Glose, who was a well-known farmer of Logan County, Ill., and by his second marriage had two children. Mr. Martin moved with his family to Springfield, in 1903. By his first marriage his children were: Jesse, deceased; William H., Robert, Lena M., Ernest A. By his second marriage his children were: Alvine McKinley, died at the age of five years; George D., died at the age of eight years.

Mrs. Martin was born in Fulton County, Ind., October 12, 1857, and when a babe moved with her parents to Ohio. Later they came back to Indiana and, when she was eleven years old, to Sangamon County, Ill. She was married (first), at Lincoln, Ill., July 4, 1878, to James T. Davis, who was born east of Elkhart, Ill., and there reared to manhood. His father, Cyrus Davis, was wounded at Shiloh and died from the effects of the wound before reaching home. He was also a veteran of the Mexican War. James T. Davis died at Mt. Pulaski, Ill., November 24, 1890. He and his wife had four children: Maud, Mrs. Ralph McIlvaine, of Topeka, Kan.; Bessie, Mrs. Sidney Reid, of Springfield; Lois Nancy, Mrs. Clarence Unsbee, of Springfield; one child died in infancy.

MARTINAITS, George.—A number of the residents of Springfield have been attracted there by the coal mines, which yield profitable employment to those willing to run the risks and endure the hardships of the work. One of the men thus engaged is George Martinaits, an excellent citizen, living at No. 1212 North Eighteenth Street. He was born in Russia, December 26, 1884, a son of Dzmgmont and Anna (Pasloes) Martinaits, both born in Russia, he in 1844 and she in 1854. The father was a farmer who died in his native land in 1903, where his wife still lives, aged fifty-seven years. There were six children in the family: Charles, Mary, Martin, Elizabeth, Anna and Wilease.

Mr. Martinaits was educated in the schools of his native place, and from childhood assisted his father on the farm. In 1907 he came to the United States, landing at Philadelphia. For three months he was at Bethlehem, Pa., and then traveled over the country looking for a place that suited him. Finally, in 1908, he settled in Springfield, and this has since continued to be his home. He went to work at once in the mines. In religious faith he is a Catholic and politically a Republican. Mr. Martinaits has had the advantage of extended travel. Like so many of his countrymen, he speaks other languages, in addition to Russian and English, and is ambitious to advance still more. It is remarkable that these strangers from a foreign shore can come here and in so short a time become men of standing in their community.

MARX, Jacob.—In reviewing a city like Springfield, located in the center of the fertile Middle States, it is astonishing how many of its most prosperous men are of German birth. Coming here when the city, and even the State, was in the throes of evolution, these frugal, industrious, well-trained Germans became excellent Americans, and to them is due much of the present prosperity. One of these representative German-Americans is Jacob Marx, now retired, residing in his own home at No. 1015 South Twelfth Street. He was born in Treis, Germany, April 22, 1832, being a son of Jacob and Gertrude (Sanger) Marx, farming people of Germany, who never left their native land. They had nine children, four of whom survive. The father served bravely as a German soldier.

Brought up in his native land Jacob Marx served for nearly a year in the German Army. His father was taken sick, and to enable him to take care of the farm and family, the king gave him an honorable discharge. He decided that there was more opportunity for him in America, so sailed on May 9, 1857, landing at Quebec, whence he came direct to Springfield and went to work in a stone quarry, where he remained for a number of years, in the employ of Blains Stone Quarry. For two years he was in the employ of Spaulding Murray as a nurseryman and following this, was a gardener for some years. Then for eighteen years he acted as janitor of the Court House. The next ten years were spent by him in the Wabash shops, but a few years ago he retired to enjoy a well-earned rest.

On November 22, 1859, Mr. Marx was united in marriage at Springfield, with Margaret Placer, born in Germany, December 26, 1840. Her parents did not leave Germany, dying there. Mrs. Marx died March 22, 1892, having had fourteen children, six of whom survive: Margaret, wife of Adam Layendecker, of Springfield, she having died March 17, 1911; Joseph, foreman of the Schnepp & Barnes Printing Company; Veronica, wife of Jacob Layendecker; Catherine, wife of Henry Schmelter, a miner of Springfield; John, in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company; Pauline, at home, her father's housekeeper; Thomas, employed in the Wabash shops. There are twenty-five grandchildren in the family. Mr. Marx owns his beautiful home, as well as other property in Springfield, and is in comfortable circumstances. He belongs to the Church of the Sacred Heart, being a devout Roman Catholic. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never sought public honors. He is a stanch, loyal, true-hearted man, whose life has been spent in doing his duty, and he stands high in the estimation of his fellow men. Mr. Marx was personally acquainted with the great Abraham Lincoln.

MASON, Harry Howland, publisher of the "Pawnee Herald," one of the leading newspaper men of Sangamon County, has been instrumental in molding public opinion for many years, and is now numbered among the brilliant exponents of his profession in his part of the State. Mr. Mason was born near Saybrook, McLean County, Ill., December 18, 1874, a son of James Alfred and Lovenia Florence (McCollister) Mason. The father was born in Swansea, Mass., in 1836, and the mother in Ohio in 1850. The father was long prominent in the affairs of Tazewell County, having come west as a boy and worked his way up, and eventually became a prosperous grain merchant, but is now living retired in Delaven. He was a leader in the Democratic party for many years, and held many local and some county offices. Mrs. Mason comes of good old Presbyterian stock. She is a woman of rare executive ability and superior intelligence. The Masons figured in New England history from its earliest settlement. The grandfather on the paternal side was an officer in the War of 1812 and his wife won distinction by carrying a message on horseback, through storms and darkness, from the American Commanders, she being part of the time under fire.

Harry Howland Mason was educated in the public schools of Delavan, Ill., and was brought up with his four sisters, being the only son. His childhood was uneventful save as to incidents which occur to any active boy. From childhood he showed pronounced mechanical skill. Being apprenticed in a newspaper office, he worked as printer and reporter until 1903,

when he engaged in the publication of the "Pawnee Herald," and is still its publisher.

For fourteen years Mr. Mason served in Company K, Fifth Infantry, Illinois National Guard, passing from rank of private through all the non-commissioned grades, and finally being commissioned First Lieutenant by the late Gov. J. R. Tanner. While with the Fifth he was on active service in many tours of strike duty in the troublous times of the early 'nineties. In politics Mr. Mason is a Democrat. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and has held various camp offices. As yet he is unmarried.

A conservative man, Mr. Mason is slow to make friends and has few confidants, finding much pleasure in his books and writings. When he does admit anyone to his confidence, he retains such friendship indefinitely. For some years he has been recognized as a successful newspaper writer on daily papers and weeklies, and is particularly strong in his writing of political stories on a non-partison basis. Through his paper Mr. Mason has made a name for himself in Sangamon County, where his ability is recognized and appreciated.

MASSEY, John, one of Sangamon County's oldest and best-known citizens, and an honored veteran of the Civil War, now lives retired at his comfortable residence at 302 Logan Avenue, Springfield, Ill. Mr. Massey was born in Morgan County, Ill., December 25, 1844, son of Jenkins and Susan (Morgan) Massey, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Wells County, Ind. The parents were farmers and moved to Sangamon County when John was young, remaining there the remainder of their lives. They had seven children.

John Massey received his education in the public schools of Sangamon County, and has been a resident of that county since childhood, except for eight years spent in Logan County, when a young man. He was reared on a farm and lived with his parents until he reached manhood. He enlisted, April 29, 1864, in Sangamon County, in Company E, Fifty-seventh Illinois Infantry, under Captain Kenyon, serving to the close of the war. He was mustered out in Chicago, in July, 1865, having never been captured, but having had many very narrow escapes and having seen some very hard fighting. Mr. Massey participated in the Battle and campaign of Atlanta, in the Battle of Chattanooga, Sherman's March to the Sea, the Battle of Allatoona, and skirmished to Savannah, Ga., where he received a gun shot wound in the right wrist. He was with the re-enforcements for Grant at Richmond, where there was hard fighting, and was present at the burning of Columbus, S. C. He took part in the Grand Review at Washington, and had an excellent record as a brave and faithful soldier, ready to give his best for his country. He narrowly escaped capture at Allatoona, where his brother was wounded. He is a prominent member of the local G. A. R.

At the close of the war Mr. Massey returned to Sangamon County and engaged in farming, in which he became very successful, and in 1899 retired from more active labors. He is a devout member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Republican. He is an enterprising and representative citizen, ready to forward any public movement he believes is for the genral welfare, and actively interested in public affairs, although he does not care for public office. He is justly proud of his record as a soldier and his many friends appreciate his sterling qualities of mind and heart and his high character. He owns the home where the family reside, where they have lived since 1899.

Mr. Massey was married, at Lincoln, Ill., in 1870, to Sarah A. Johnson, born in Nicholas County, Ky., March 5, 1839, daughter of John T. and Sarah E. (Ham) Johnson, both natives of Kentucky. One child has been born of this union, James R. Massey, born April 24, 1876, who received his education in the public schools of Springfield, taught school for several years, and is now connected with the Hoenig Electric Company, one of the largest electrical contracting firms of Springfield or Central Illinois.

MATHENY, Charles R.—Among the substantial farmers who crossed the Alleghanies from the Shenandoah Valley through Cumberland Gap, were James Matheny and his wife, Diana, and their children. One of these, Charles Reynolds Matheny, in early manhood was licensed in the Methodist ministry. He was located for a time at the ancient settlement of Harrodsburg in Kentucky, but about the year 1805 was sent as a missionary to the Illinois Country. He located at Lebanon, in what is now St. Clair County, the future site of McKendree College, where his elder children were born.

His wife, Jemima Ogle, was a daughter of Captain Joseph Ogle, who was notable among the settlers in the Ohio Valley as a militant Christian of the most aggressive type, a force in the religious life of the scattered settlement and a strenuous Indian fighter as well. Captain Ogle was commissioned by Governor Patrick Henry on the 2nd day of June, 1776. He was in command in vigorous fighting against the British and Indians at Fort Henry (Wheeling), W. Va., in 1777. He soon after removed to the west and, in the words of one of the early histories, was "one of its bravest defenders," and Ogle County, Ill., was named in his honor.

The organization of civil and educational affairs in the new communities was a matter of much interest to Charles R. Matheny and he developed much aptitude for them. He was a member of the last Territorial Legislature at Kaskaskia (1817), and Representative from St. Clair County in the Second General Assembly after the adoption of the Constitution in 1818. In 1821 the seat of government for Sangamon County was established at Spring-

field and the County was organized, and he removed to Springfield to assist in these matters.

He was Clerk of the County Court from the organization of the County until his death, which occurred in 1839. For some years he was also Clerk of the Circuit Court. He was active in the organization of the village of Springfield and was President of the Board of Trustees from 1832 to 1839, with the exception of the year 1834. Among his associates on the Board of Trustees were Stephen T. Logan, the most distinguished lawyer of his day in Illinois; Samuel H. Treat, afterward Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois and later Judge of the United States Courts for the Southern District of Illinois, and Abraham Lincoln.

Charles R. Matheny was a strong advocate of higher education at the time when popular sentiment was strongly opposed to it, and was one of the Trustees of McKendree College in its early years.

Of the children of Charles R. Matheny, five sons grew to manhood. One, Dr. Lorenzo Dow Matheny, a physician of much promise, died at the beginning of his career. The other four, Noah W. Matheny, James H. Matheny, Charles W. Matheny and Elijah Cook Matheny, had a large part in the political, professional and business affairs of Springfield and Sangamon County for nearly half a century, during the period of most active development.

MATHENY, Charles R. (Vol. I, p. 355.)

MATHENY, Noah W., eldest son of Charles R. Matheny, was born in St. Clair County, Ill., July 31, 1815, and succeeding his father as Clerk of the Sangamon County Court, by successive re-elections remained in office for thirty-four years, retiring in 1873. He was a man of great popularity and executive ability. His methods in the filing and preservation of papers and records have been largely followed to the present day. He acquired great familiarity with the matter of probate law and the settlement of estates, and this, with his sound judgment and strength of character, made him for a generation the arbiter of family disputes, and adviser of the public and often of the Bar, in the matter of probate law and practice.

He accepted many trusts of much importance and executed them with fidelity and success. He was a Director of the First National Bank of Springfield for many years, and soon after his retirement from office in 1873 became its President. From this time during the remainder of his life he devoted his time and efforts closely to the business of the bank and contributed largely to its progress and success.

Like his father, Noah W. Matheny was active in religious and educational affairs. For some years he was an earnest member of the City Board of Education. He was also active in the work of the First Methodist Church, of Springfield, in its old building at Fifth and Monroe Streets. When the need of a Methodist Church in the north part of the city became felt, he took an active part in the organization of the Second Methodist Church (now the Kumler Methodist Church). He transferred his membership and support to the new and feeble organization and was a regular attendant during the remainder of his life.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth Stamper, daughter of the Rev. Jonathan Stamper, of Decatur. He died at his home in Springfield on the 30th day of April, 1877. His widow, a daughter, and two grandsons still reside at the family home.

In recognition of his services to the First National Bank the Board of Directors have quite recently placed his portrait in the Directors' Room. An upright and model citizen, he enjoyed the respect of the entire community.

MATHENY, James H., was born at Lebanon, St. Clair County, Ill., in 1818, the year of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union. When about two years old his father moved to Springfield. He attended the village schools and at the age of fifteen began to assist his father in the work of the Courts. When he was a young man he became an ardent politician of the Whig School and an enthusiastic admirer of Henry Clay. In 1840 he was one of a party of nine young men from Sangamon County who went over-land to Nashville, Tennessee, to hear Clay at a great meeting, in the Harrison-Tyler Presidential Campaign. This pilgrimage attracted much attention. They were received with great honor in some localities and with much opposition in others.

For the next thirty years—the Golden Age of political oratory in America—James H. Matheny was an active and effective political speaker in every campaign and an earnest student of public questions. In recognition of this, in 1847 he was elected as a member of the Convention that formed the Constitution of 1848 of the State of Illinois.

He was admitted to the Bar when a young man and until he retired in 1873 was active in the Courts of Sangamon and adjoining counties, particularly Menard, Logan and Christian. In a sketch of "The Springfield Bar in the 'Seventies," published a few years ago, there occurs the following description of him:

"James H. Matheny was among the most interesting figures in the Courts at this time. He had come out of the army in 1864 and from that time till elected judge of the County Court in 1873 he appeared in a great number of causes. Like Robinson, his specialty was to address the jury. He left the preparation of the case to his associates and except when circumstances made it absolutely necessary he did not examine witnesses nor argue points of law. In a long trial he would sit patiently, taking no note, but fixing in his memory the very words of every vital point of testimony and the manner and appearance of every im-

portant witness. He was short and portly, with a dignified and most expressive face. When fully aroused, as he always was in addressing a jury, his eloquence and magnetic power were remarkable. Out of court he was one of the most genial of men, but a trial seemed to transform him, and his arguments were characterized by the deepest earnestness, and when the case called for it, by bitter and most effective denunciation. He was especially strong in homicide cases, and during the last ten years of his practice he appeared in nearly all cases of that class that were tried in Sangamon County."

In early life he was a close personal friend of Abraham Lincoln and was groomsman at Lincoln's marriage.

In 1863 he was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the One Hundred Thirtieth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry and went to the front. He was in active service until after the Siege of Vicksburg, when he was made Judge Advocate, and held military courts until late in 1864. In that year his regiment and another were consolidated and he resigned and returned to Springfield.

In 1873 he was elected County Judge of Sangamon County by a majority then unprecedented and until his death in 1890 he held the office by successive re-elections, generally without opposition from either party.

He was married to Maria L. Lee, daughter of Samuel Lee, of Carrollton, Ill. Mr. Lee was a relative of the Lee family of Virginia and is said to have had the first collection of law books in Illinois worthy of the name of library.

On taking the office of County Judge in 1873 Col. Matheny retired from the practice of law and from political life. This was a sacrifice of his abilities as an advocate, but it gave opportunity for wider development in other lines. His popularity was unbounded. His position as Judge of the Court of Probate Jurisdiction made him the sympathetic adviser of great numbers in recent affliction.

The position gave leisure for active participation in the work of all the more prominent fraternal orders. He was a recognized leader in the Grand Army of the Republic and made many addresses at its reunions, both in Illinois and other States.

From 1859 until his death he was active in the organization known as Early Settlers of Sangamon County. He was the orator at its first meeting in 1859 and his address on that occasion is a classic. For many years before his death he was President of the association. In those gatherings and others of every kind he was a constant speaker. He was at once forceful, eloquent and magnetic.

He died September 7, 1890, after an illness of two days, when apparently in the height of his powers. His funeral is said to have been the largest held in Springfield up to that time, excepting only that of President Lincoln.

Of his children Edward Dow Matheny died in March, 1902. His son, Dr. R. C. Matheny, resides at Galesburg, Ill., and his other sons, Lee Matheny, James H. Matheny and Robert Matheny, and his two daughters, reside in Springfield. His widow died on the 3rd day of December, 1909.

MATHENY, Charles W., was born in St. Clair County, Ill., on September 27, 1820. He was educated in the village schools of Springfield and at an early age entered mercantile life as Clerk in the store of B. C. Webster and Company. His rise was rapid, and after being a member of several partnerships, in 1861 he established the firm of C. W. Matheny & Company, dealers in dry goods and general merchandise, purchasing and occupying the well known Matheny Building, at the southwest corner of Sixth and Adams Streets, Springfield. His partners in this venture were his brothers-in-law, B. C. McQuesten and John Bressmer.

The conditions of business differed widely from those existing at the present time. The stores were smaller and much inferior in appearance, but the volume of trade was very large and profits were large. Springfield was then small and not particularly pleasing in appearance, but it drew its retail trade from a wide range of rapidly developing country. The early settlers required long credits, generally closing accounts at the end of the year. The goods were bought in the East, largely upon semi-annual journeys made by the local merchants for that purpose. Capital was scarce and banking accommodations were very limited. Accordingly, the merchant of the 'fifties and 'sixties was of necessity a man of character and foresight. In 1866 the firm was dissolved, Mr. McQuesten removing to Kansas, Mr. Matheny retiring from mercantile lines, and Mr. Bressmer continued the business.

Mr. Matheny then engaged successfully in the buying and selling of lands and in large contract work, chiefly in railway construction. With various associates he built large parts of several of the more important railroads in central and eastern Illinois.

He was a keen judge of men and this is illustrated in the choice of his associates. They included Mr. Bressmer, whose career as a merchant has been most distinguished; R. D. Lawence, afterwards President of the State National Bank, of Springfield; and Isaac Keys, founder of the Farmers National Bank, of Springfield, and for many years its Vice President.

Charles W. Matheny was for many years a Director of the First National Bank of Springfield, and upon the death of his brother, Noah W. Matheny, he became President and devoted himself to the banking business, when his health would permit, until his death, which occurred April 16, 1879.

He was one of the commissioners who established and put in operation the Springfield Wa-

ter Works System, but otherwise held no public office.

He was married to Margaret Condell, who survived him and died September 25, 1889. His two sons, Charles O. Matheny, of Springfield, Ill., and George H. Matheny, of Sarasota, Fla., are still living.

Mr. Matheny was a man of large business interests and accumulated a handsome fortune for those times. He was a man of liberal and charitable spirit and broad business views. He was prominently identified with the First Methodist Church of Springfield.

MATHENY, Elijah Cook, the son of Charles R. Matheny, was born in Springfield, June 13, 1826, and lived in Springfield practically all his life. At the breaking out of the gold fever in California, in 1849, he crossed the plains by wagon to the Pacific coast and stayed there until 1854. He did not come back to Illinois overland, but sailed from San Francisco for Panama and thence to New York. He stayed in Panama for some eight months near where the Canal is now being constructed.

He was married February 3, 1857, in Springfield, to Alletta L. Van Norstrand, and they had two children. John R. and Louisa I. both of whom are now living in Chicago. Mrs. Matheny died in June, 1864, and the subject of this sketch was married in 1865 to Mrs. Naomi L. Rittenhouse, whose family came from Pennsylvania and whose maiden name was Schroyer. Mrs. Matheny had two children, Charles E., of Springfield, and Louis P. Rittenhouse, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Matheny had three other children: Mima, who is now the wife of George H. Simpson, of Decatur, Ill.; Ada L. Matheny, who is now the wife of George Whiting, of Chicago, and Phillips G. Matheny, Manager of the Barclay Coal and Mining Company, of Springfield.

Elijah Cook Matheny was Deputy United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois for nine years and it is said that during that time he sold two million dollars' worth of confiscated property in Cairo. He died on the 13th of December, 1905. He was a man of unusual information and at the time of his death there was probably no man more familiar with the early history of the county. He had a remarkable memory and was a man of wide reading, and up to the time of his death kept himself fully informed regarding the public and local matters. He had been a member of Masonic fraternities for many years.

MATHENY, James H., Jr., son of Judge James H. Matheny, was born April 4, 1856, at the family home in Springfield, Ill. He was admitted to Bar in 1877, and has continuously practiced his profession. From 1895 to 1908 he devoted much attention to the affairs of the Illinois State Bar Association, being Secretary and Treasurer from 1895 to 1906, Vice-President for the year 1906-07 and President for the year 1907-08.

MATHENY, Edward Dow, (deceased).—The profession of law in Springfield has been one the dignity of which has always been rigidly upheld by its members, many of whom have served in official capacities in the city and aided in fashioning laws for the advancement of the State's capital. One who was for many years an honor to the profession and was widely known as lawyer, official and statesman, was the late Edward Dow Matheny, who was born December 4, 1847, in Springfield and there resided until his death, which occurred March 18, 1902.

Mr. Matheny was a son of County Judge James Harvey Matheny, of St. Clair County, and Maria (Lee) Matheny, of Greene County, Ill., and the family has for many years been known as one of the most prominent and highly honored in the city.

Mr. Matheny's education was begun in the public and high schools of Springfield, and he began studying law with McGuire & Matheny, his father's firm. For a short period he was engaged in school teaching in Springfield and Sangamon County, and became well and favorably known as an educator. On being admitted to the Bar, Mr. Matheny started on the practice of his profession and, his ability becoming recognized, he was soon appointed Deputy County Clerk, and later Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County. A Democrat in political matters, he always took a prominent part in Democratic affairs. His fraternal connection was with the Woodmen and the Red Men of Springfield, while his religious affiliation was with the First Christian Church.

On January 29, 1880, Mr. Matheny was married to Miss E. Caddie Priest, who was born in Greencastle, Ind., a daughter of William N. and Mary A. Priest, who came from Kentucky to St. Louis, Mo., and thence to Springfield in 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Matheny had no children.

To profound learning Mr. Matheny united a high standard of professional honor of which many are incapable. No client, no matter how powerful he might be, political or otherwise, who came to him with a case without merit could have his services. He would defend no cause where he did not believe he was on the right side. The same inflexible honesty and independence characterized him in all the relations of life. In all his official capacities he served the community so well as to deserve and receive its thanks, and his place will be hard to fill.

MATHER, Thomas. (Vol. I, p. 356.)

MATTESON, Joel A. (Vol. I, p. 356.)

MATTHEW, Luther F.—The Matthew family was one of the earliest to locate in Sangamon County, and its members have always been good citizens, ready to do their share to promote the general welfare and progress of the county. Luther F. Matthew is a native of the county, born September 28, 1866, and is a son of Thomas

Matthew, also a native of Sangamon County, where he has always lived, and now a successful farmer. The father of Thomas Matthew was born in Franklin County, Ohio, and came to Sangamon County as a young man. Thomas Matthew married Adelaide Clayton, also a native of Sangamon County. Her father, a native of Kentucky, came to Sangamon County and located on a farm, where he spent the remainder of his life.

The education of Luther F. Matthew was acquired in the country schools of Sangamon County and he worked on his father's farm until reaching his majority, then began farming on his own account. He rented land three years, then purchased twenty-seven acres, to which he added until he owned seventy-two acres, and carried on operations there until 1909, when he purchased his present fine farm of 215 acres on Section 28, Ball Township. Mr. Matthew is an enterprising and progressive farmer and is successful in a gratifying degree. He stands well in the community, being always ready to support any measure he believes will be of general benefit. He is an intelligent and public-spirited citizen and actively interested in public matters. He is a Democrat in politics and is now serving in the office of School Director.

Mr. Matthew was married, north of Pawnee, Ill., February 9, 1888, by Reverend D. B. Wiley, to Maggie Hall, who was born in Montgomery County, Ill., December 13, 1868, whose old home was the camping ground of the Pawnee Indians in former times. Mrs. Matthew is a daughter of James and Sarah (Williams) Hall the former born in Knoxville, Tenn., died in Sangamon County, March 31, 1896, and the latter, also a native of Knoxville came to Macoupin County, Ill., when thirteen years of age and now resides in Springfield. James Hall was a farmer by occupation and his father came to Sangamon County from Tennessee with a wagon, in pioneer days. Mr. Matthew and his wife have three children: Luther S., born August 2, 1890; Charles Everett, September 2, 1893, and Thomas, February 19, 1902, all born in Sangamon County. Mr. Matthew is a member of the Baptist church, but his wife is not a member of any religious denomination. He belongs to Glenarm Camp, No. 808, Modern Woodmen, and to Lodge No. 523, A. F. & A. M., at Chatham. He has the esteem of his neighbors and is popular with his many friends. He has an excellent farm and is proud of his success and of his pleasant home and fine family, as he has every reason to be.

MAXCY, James R.—The same spirit that prompted the hardy dwellers of eastern States to brave the hardships of the unknown, and penetrate into the Indian-infested region of what later became the State of Kentucky, burned in those of a later date, pushing them westward to found new homes in Illinois. Those who selected the latter region made no mistake, for its development has been phenomenal. Associated with its onward progress are certain names; some of these are blazoned upon the pages of history, while others are simply recorded in the annals of everyday life, but the owners of all bore their part in the great work. James R. Maxcy is a native of Springfield, but Kentucky blood flows in his veins. He was born December 29, 1838, a son of John C. and Vanatta (Lloyd) Maxcy, natives of Bowling Green, Ky., where he was born in 1812 and his wife in 1810. A short time prior to the birth of James R. Maxcy, the parents came to Springfield, where the remainder of their lives was spent, the father engaging in a general business. The ancestors of the Maxcy family had located in Kentucky in pioneer days. They were prominent there, as John C. Maxcy became in Springfield, holding all of the local offices of any importance and becoming one of its representative citizens.

James R. Maxcy spent his boyhood in Springfield, being fond of all outdoor sports, and attended the city schools. His first business experience was gained as a clerk in his father's store, where he remained from 1856 to 1860. With the exception of four years, during which he was working in the Chicago Post Office, Mr. Maxcy's life has been spent in Springfield. It was during his residence in Chicago that the great fire of 1871 occurred, and he recalls many thrilling experiences of it. After returning to Springfield he became an auctioneer, and is still thus engaged, being one of the most popular in Sangamon County.

While residing in Chicago, on May 23, 1865, occurred the marriage of Mr. Maxcy and Harriet A. Dickson, born in Jacksonville, Ill., in 1853. Her father was United States Marshal of the Southern District of Illinois, and a prominent man of his day. Mr. and Mrs. Maxcy became the parents of the following children: Matilda B., S. C., Mary D., Margaret L. and Fernetta. In politics Mr. Maxcy is a Democrat, and he has held several local offices. While not active in public life, he has always been interested in securing good schools and a liberal government, and has exerted himself to secure both. For years he has been a loyal and liberal member of the Christian Church, where he is appreciated. Mr. Maxcy is one of the oldest business men of Springfield, and some of his associations date back many years. Genial in disposition, he is a favorite socially, and has many friends throughout his part of the State.

MAY, Ethan Palmer, (deceased).—One of the men who have been closely associated with the growth and development of Sangamon County, and one who could always be depended upon to do his full duty in every position in which he found himself, was Ethan Palmer May, now deceased. He was born near Dayton, Ohio, June 12, 1829. After attending the public schools of his neighborhood, Mr. May worked with his parents on their farm, and was taught those homely virtues which ever marked all his later

actions. In 1848 Mr. May came to Illinois, and at first operated a large amount of land, from that going into the lumber business, which he carried on very profitably for a number of years.

In April, 1850, Mr. May was united in marriage with Elizabeth J. Elder, born on a farm near Lexington, Ky. She was a daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Clinkenbeard) Elder, farming people. Mr. and Mrs. May had the following children: Mary E., Sarah E., Fannie A., and Martha A., deceased; Charles W.; Harriet J., deceased; Laura E.; George W., deceased; Flora and James, deceased; Samuel L., Augusta and Frederick Tracy.

In politics Mr. May was a Democrat, and he held the office of School Director for many years. He was a Mason, but was not connected with any religious organization. The death of this most excellent man occurred in Rochester, Ill., June 27, 1896, when he was sixty-seven years and fifteen days old. His widow survived him until July 18, 1903, when she, too, passed away at Rochester, at the age of seventy-one years. Both are interred in the cemetery at Rochester. Mrs. May was a lady of lovely, true Christian character, who made a most excellent wife and mother, and who is sincerely mourned by her family. Mr. May was very highly esteemed among his neighbors and friends, and he was one in whom implicit trust could always be placed. His business honor was never questioned, and he always stood for what was best and truest in his community.

MAY, William (deceased), for many years a resident of Springfield, was born near East St. Louis, Ill., May 15, 1842, son of George and Mary (Turner) May, natives of Ohio. The father was a farmer in Ohio and served three years in the Civil War. He located in Illinois and there carried on farming until his death. William May spent his boyhood on his father's farm, attending the public schools and helping with the farm work. He chose work on the railroad as an occupation after reaching manhood, and first entered the employ of the Iron Mountain Railroad Company, for whom he became a foreman, and remained in their employ many years. Later he began working for the Chicago & Alton Company and became a bridge worker, also being promoted to the position of foreman for this company. He could be trusted to perform well any work assigned to him and won the confidence of his employers and associates.

Mr. May was married, at Pittsfield, Pike County, Ill., August 24, 1881, to Miss Mary E. Bowen, who was born in Pike County, October 11, 1855, daughter of Billingsley and Sarah (Brocket) Bowen, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Winchester, Ill. Mr. Bowen emigrated to Illinois from Ohio as a young man and for many years lived on a farm near Winchester. One son was born to Mr. May and his wife, Leslie E., born May 11, 1883, is unmarried and lives at home with his mother, at 921 East Mason Street, Springfield. He is a car inspector in the employ of the Wabash Road. Mrs. May owns the comfortable home where she lives.

William May was a member of the Methodist Church, of Springfield and in politics was a Republican. He was fond of his home and family and took little part in public affairs. His loss was genuinely mourned by his family and many friends, and in his death Springfield lost a useful citizen.

MAY, William I. (Vol. I, p. 357.)

MAYER, Jacob (deceased), who for many years carried on farming in Sangamon County, was well known as a public-spirited German-American citizen, industrious and enterprising in business, and ready to do his share to promote the general welfare and prosperity. He was a devout Catholic and endeavored in his daily life to adhere closely to the principles of his religion. He was born in Germany, July 17, 1830, his parents being natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a cooper by trade.

Mr. Mayer was educated in Germany and lived there until coming to America in 1871. He located first at Decatur, Ill., and several years later came to Illiopolis, where he was employed by the Wabash Railroad Company for thirteen years. He gave up raidroad work in later life and came to the farm on Section 24, Illiopolis Township, south of the village, where he spent the remainder of his life. He purchased this farm and operated it successfully the remainder of his active life, and his family still make it their home. Both he and his wife were members of the Catholic Church and in politics he was a Democrat.

Mr. Mayer's marriage occurred in Decatur, Ill., in June, 1878, when he was united with Mary (Matthews) Gilmore, who was born in Chatham, Sangamon County, daughter of William and Christina Matthews, the father a native of England and the mother of Ohio. Mr. Matthews was a millwright by occupation and was a very early settler of Chatham, where he erected a mill and conducted it for several years, until he retired and moved to Illiopolis, where both he and his wife died. Mary Matthews was married (first) to James Gilmore, in 1865. He was born in Ireland and came to the United States as a young man, locating near Springfield. He was a farmer by occupation and carried on farming in Sangamon County until his death, which occurred at Illiopolis, then his home. He served in the Civil War, enlisting from Springfield in the Eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and serving to the end of the war. He was wounded at the Battle of Memphis. To Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore eight children were born and five are now surviving, namely: Elizabeth, wife of John Mead, of Mattoon, Ill.; George, of Lanesville;

Mary, of Warrensburg, Ill.; Anna, wife of Patrick Norris, of Kansas; Maggie, wife of Joseph Myers, of North Dakota. Three grandchildren have been born in this family. To Jacob Mayer and wife three children were born: Joseph, of Lincoln, Ill.; John, a resident of Illiopolis; Charles, living near Mt. Auburn. To this marriage there are four grandchildren. The death of Mr. Mayer occurred in 1907 and Mrs. Mayer owns the home farm.

McCALISTER, James, a veteran of the Civil War, now living retired from active life and residing in Mechanicsburg, Ill., was born in Ross County, Ohio, August 1, 1841, a son of Gordon and Mary (Snodgrass) McCalister, the former a native of Ireland. The father came to Ohio as a young man and located on a farm in Ross County, where he lived until 1844, then went to California on a prospecting tour. He was successful in his quest for gold, but two years later was killed by robbers for his gold and money, and was buried in California. His wife died in Ohio in 1846. They were parents of two sons and two daughters, of whom the only survivor is James.

As a boy James McCalister attended school in Huntington Township, Ross County, then worked on a farm until learning the cooper's trade. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under command of Capt. R. N. Adams, of Waverly, Ohio, Col. Thomas Morton and Gen. Sherman, being with the latter on the famous March to the Sea. He served four years, taking part in fifteen battles, among which were those of Shiloh, Corinth, Bear Creek, and Atlanta, and being flag-bearer part of the time. He was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., in July, 1865, having performed efficient service and made an excellent record as a soldier. He is affiliated with Stephenson Post No. 30 G. A. R., of Springfield.

At the close of the war Mr. McCalister spent two years at his trade in Ross County and later worked at farming until his removal to Illinois in 1875. He located at Mechanicsburg and carried on farming in that locality until a few years ago, when he retired from active life. He was an industrious farmer and successful in his operations. He now owns a comfortable home at Mechanicsburg and other property in the vicinity. He is a member of the Christian Church, as is his wife, and both are ready to help any worthy object. Mr. McCalister served one year as Road Commissioner while living in Ohio, but has never taken a very active part in public affairs in Sangamon County, although interested in the general welfare and the duties of good citizenship.

Mr. McCalister was married in Ross County, February 21, 1864, to Mary E. Ross, a native of that county, born July 1, 1846, daughter of Duncan Ross, a native of the same State. Mr. Ross carried on farming there until 1875, when he brought his family to Mechanicsburg Township, Sangamon County, and there carried on farming the remainder of his life. He served during the Civil War as private in the Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He and his wife had seven children, of whom the following five now survive: Mrs. McCalister; Isaac, of Chicago; Jasper, of Redbank, Cal.; David and Newton, of Mechanicsburg.

Ten children were born to Mr. McCalister and wife, of whom eight are now living: Lillian, wife of James M. Cook, of Sherman, Ill.; Sherwood, living with his parents; Lydia married Benjamin Crimm and they reside near Roby, Ill.; Major A., of Springfield; Ida M. married Allen Humphrey and they live at Mechanicsburg; George, of Missouri; Sophia, wife of Michael Fennells, of Mechanicsburg; Nellie, wife of Edward Akins, of Lanesville, Ill. Mr. McCalister and wife have twenty-two grandchildren.

McCALISTER, Scott.—Some men, through a pleasing personality, strict integrity and industrious habits, are able to forge to the front, in spite of early disadvantages, and at the same time make and retain friends. This is true in the case of Scott McCalister, of Springfield, one of the most popular men of the city. He was born in Ross County, Ohio, September 20, 1870, a son of James and Mary Ellen (Ross) McCalister, natives of Ohio and Sangamon County, Ill., respectively. The father has now retired from agricultural life, and is living with his wife at Mechanicsburg, Ill. He is a Republican, whose duty as a citizen has been confined to private life. His religious affiliations are with the Baptist Church, of which he is a consistent member.

Scott McCalister went to the district school near Mechanicsburg, leaving when sixteen years years old to farm for five years. Following this he was a miner in the Springfield coal mines, until January 13, 1910, when he embarked in his present enterprise, which he has already put into an excellent condition. This business is not his only investment, for he owns considerable city realty, and has great faith that it will rapidly increase in value. He is a Republican and liberal in his religious views.

On May 20, 1896, Mr. McCalister was united in marriage with Minnie Ross, born in Sangamon County, Ill., daughter of Isaac and Minnie (Stogdall) Ross, the former of whom lives in Chicago, but the mother died in 1890. Mrs. McCalister was one of a family of two sons and one daughter, all of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. McCalister have two children, Mabel and James, both of whom are attending school, and are bright young people.

McCART, Thomas.—Agricultural conditions in Sangamon County have changed to such an extent during the past several decades that the enterprising farmer has been compelled to change to a large degree his methods of treating the soil. Discoveries have been made, powerful

machinery has been invented and innovations introduced, and he who would reap the most beneficial results from his property must be conversant with the change of the times. Among the representative agriculturists of Sangamon County is Thomas McCart, now living retired in his handsome residence in Pawnee, Ill., who for many years carried on farming, and now owns an excellent tract of 300 acres, which is operated by his son. Mr. McCart is a native of the Emerald Isle, born April 15, 1835, in County Fermanagh, a son of Patrick and Annie (Kelly) McCart, natives of the same county, where they spent their lives and died, as did also their parents before them. There were ten children in the family of Patrick and Annie McCart, namely: John, James, Michael, Mary, Elizabeth, Anna, Patrick, Thomas, Catherine and Bridget, of whom Michael, Elizabeth, Patrick, Thomas and Bridget came to the United States (Thomas being the only survivor), while Mary, Anna, and Catherine live in the old country.

Thomas McCart's education was secured in Ireland, and he remained at home until twenty-five years of age, working on the home farm and finding his recreation in hunting and out-of-door sports, of which he was and always has been exceedingly fond. He left Ireland in September, 1860, and went to Quebec, but shortly afterward made his way to Boston, Mass., where for two years he was employed in a soap factory. In September, 1862, he came to Illinois, and for one year worked on a farm in Scott County, and from 1864 until 1866 he was similarly engaged in Sangamon County. In 1866 he removed to Christian County, where for one year he rented a farm, then purchased a tract of forty acres, to which he added from year to year, toiling ceaselessly in an earnest endeavor to succeed, and by his perseverance in his labor and his knowledge of agriculture in all its branches, at the time of his retirement, had accumulated an excellent tract of 300 acres, situated on the corners of Sections 14, 22, 23 and 35. On concluding to retire from active labor, Mr. McCart placed the farm in the hands of his son, and since that time has lived in Pawnee, enjoying the fruits of his years of industry.

Mr. McCart has always been a stanch Democrat in political allegiance, and during a long period served as Justice of the Peace in Christian County, a position which he now holds in Pawnee, in addition to being School Director and Road Overseer. He is a consistent member of the Catholic Church, and as a man and a public-spirited citizen has always been held in the highest esteem.

On November 1, 1866, Mr. McCart was united in marriage, at Virden, Ill., with Margaret Cashen, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Harrington) Cashen, the former of whom died in Ireland, while the latter came with five children to the United States, landing at New Orleans and removing thence to Jacksonville, Ill., and later to Christian County, where Mrs. Cashen died. Beside Mrs. McCart the only survivor of this family is Elizabeth, who married Michael Brogan and now lives in Salina, Kans. To Mr. and Mrs. McCart there have been born five children, all of whom are living: James, born February 2, 1868, has been living in the West for several years; Edward Thomas, born April 16, 1871, and now residing in Christian County, was married in October, 1903, at Assumption, Ill., to Mary Davy; John J., born March 14, 1873, and now engaged in farming in Christian County, married Susie Buckles and has three children: Francis R., Mary J. and Margaret D.; Margaret A., born August 29, 1875, now resides with her parents; and Francis, born January 6, 1879, is single and resides in Oklahoma.

McCARTHY, James.—Experience ripens a man and teaches him the necessary lessons of life. It is impossible for the inexperienced business man to succeed as does the one who has learned how to regulate supply and demand, control trade and meet existing conditions expeditiously and economically. For this reason the people of Springfield are fortunate in having among their business representatives many who have already passed through their preliminary experiences and are prepared to meet all requirements. One of the veterans in the grocery business is James McCarthy, who has been connected with this branch of merchandising for a number of years, his field of operations extending over a part of the State. He was born at Clinton, Ill., July 27, 1867, a son of Patrick and Catherine (Mulville) McCarthy. The father was born in Ireland in 1843 and the mother was a native of the same country. Her death occurred at Pana, Ill., about ten years ago. Coming to Pana, when eighteen years of age, Patrick McCarthy entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Co., and for forty-six years has remained with it, giving a faithful service that has resulted in his appointment as supervisor of a large division. He owns considerable property in Pana and vicinity, and is one of the solid men of his locality.

James McCarthy grew up in Pana, attending grammar and high schools. Leaving school, he first worked in a grocery store, later embarking in the same business for himself. His business grew until at one time he operated four large grocery houses at Pana, as well as others throughout central Illinois. Selling these properties, in 1906, he went to Decatur, where he again engaged in the same line, but three years later sold, and moving to Peoria became manager of the Consolidated Grocery Company there and also managed stores in Galesburg and other cities. About two years ago he severed his other connections to come to Springfield and launch his present enterprise, which is in a flourishing condition, owing to his thorough comprehension of the business.

Mr. McCarthy was married, January 9, 1888, at Pana, Ill., to Clara D. Sibley. Her parents are residents of Springfield her father having

retired from active pursuits. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, Armand, in the employ of the Great Eastern Supply Company, and Bernice, in the employ of the Herndon dry-goods store. A consistent Catholic, Mr. McCarthy is interested in church and society work, beolnging to the Galesburg Council, Knights of Columbus, and the Modern Woodmen, Camp No. 244, of Pana. He is a Republican but has been too much occupied with his own affairs to engage in public matters. Shrewd, keen, a good manager and a thorough business man, Mr. McCarthy is numbered among the successful men of Springfield.

McCARTHY, John C.—Fully eighty per cent of the immigrants to Illinois of a quarter century or more ago, looked towards agriculture as a means of solving the problem of getting a start in their new homes. Many had already learned to farm, and others felt sure that the soil of the great prairie state would yield abundant harvest in return for their trouble and hard work. They were not mistaken, for some of the most substantial fortunes have been won from the ground, and when farming did not pay, kindred lines did. One of the retired farmers of Springfield who proved to his own satisfaction what Sangamon County could do for those who had faith in its future, is John C. McCarthy, one of the substantial men of his locality. He was born in Ireland, November 29, 1833, a son of Charles and Ellen (Deneen) McCarthy, natives of Ireland, and farming people who lived and died in their native land.

After receiving an education in the public schools of his native parish, and being taught to farm on his father's place, John C. McCarthy came to the United States, landing in New York, whence he went to Pittsburg, but in short order he left to come west to Springfield. For the first few years he was in Sangamon County he worked for farmers, then, having saved some money, he bought land and added to it until he was one of the wealthy landowners of his region. He finally retired to Springfield, where he bought a nice home on West Washington Street. He also owns other desirable residence and business property in the city.

On February 23, 1876, occurred the marriage, in Springfield, of Mr. McCarthy and Johanna Sullivan, born in Ireland. Her parents were natives of County Cork who never came to this country. Mrs. McCarthy passed away September 13, 1907, a most worthy, good woman, and devoted to her home and family. Three children were born to her and her husband: John J., bookkeeper for the Klaholt Shoe Company, married Lucy Trotter, four children; Nellie A. and Catherine, both living at home. Mr. McCarthy is a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, in which he stands high. He has always been a Democrat, and supports the candidates of his party loyally. Although he has attained an advanced age, he is enjoying good health and is surrounded by the comforts of his own industry earned.

McCARTNEY, James. (Vol. I, p. 358.)

McCLERNAND, Maj. Gen. John Alexander, was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., May 30, 1812, died at Springfield, Ill., September 20, 1900.

The Black Hawk War (1832) found young McClernand occupied in the study and practice of law in Shawneetown, Ill., but with the instincts of a born soldier, and with a patriotism that burned fiercely until the hour of his death, he volunteered for this Indian war, which meant so much to the safety of the pioneers and to the progress of Illinois. This service brought him a well-earned reputation for energy, fearlessness and skill, and cultivated a natural aggressiveness, which later became so strikingly prominent in his career in the Civil War.

Appointed a Brigadier General, while serving as a Representative in Congress, he took the field for the Union at Cairo, Ill., in September, 1861, and under Grant bore the principal subordinate part at the battle of Belmont in the following November. Here his coolness under fire, the resourcefulness of his active and aggressive mind in combating and overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and his marked ability to inspire the enthusiasm of victory where others saw only defeat, gained for him the loyalty and confidence of his soldiers that he ever afterwards maintained, and which served him and his cause such signal service on many a hard-fought field to follow.

Advanced to the command of a division, McClernand led in the attacks upon Forts Henry and Donelson in February, 1862, and beyond question largely contributed to those decisive victories. His skill in posting his troops on February 13 and 14 in front of the enemy's intrenchments at Donelson, and the desperateness with which he fought his command on the 15th prevented the Confederates, who had massed practically their entire force against the Union right, commanded by McClernand, from cutting their way out and escaping. During the sanguinary conflict that occurred at this time an unfortunate combination of circumstances came near depriving the Army and Naval Commanders, Grant and Foote, of the full fruits of their well-planned campaign.

His army being in position, Grant left the field to consult with Foote on the latter's gun boat. Not foreseeing that the enemy would attempt to force his way out, he gave orders to part of the line, at least, and certainly to Smith, who commanded his left division, not to bring on an engagement without further orders. Doubtless he contemplated arranging with Foote for a combined and simultaneous attack by land and river, and assuming that the enemy had remained on the defensive, the measures adopted would seem to have been wise, but the enemy did not remain on the defensive; on the contrary he hurled

nearly his entire force on McClernand's Division; hence its desperate fighting, while other parts of the Union line, with minor exceptions, stood looking on. As events developed, the order referred to was unfortunate, costly, and nearly enabled the Confederates to escape. On General Grant's return he ordered Smith to assault. This, of course, relieved the pressure on McClernand and, indeed, nailed victory to the Northern standards. If this battle had been fought later in the war, probably neither Smith nor Wallace, commanding left and center, able and gallant soldiers, would have hesitated to set aside orders given to cover conditions that no longer existed, and at once moved to the assault when the roar of the battle on their right reached them.

The battle of Shiloh, April 6 and 7, 1862, one of the most desperately fought of the war, and, indeed, of all times, came near being a great Southern victory. That it was not is due wholly to the stubborn gallantry on the first day of the better elements of the Army of the Tennessee. As the enemy unexpectedly advanced on the 6th under the able leadership of Albert Sidney Johnston, surprise and terror passed rapidly through the Union ranks, and swept a great mass of panic-stricken men back to the vicinity of the steamboat landing. Many were seized with terror who, on previous and later battlefields, fought with courage. During all that long and terrible first day when the Northern troops were driven from position to position, and when those who appreciated the situation prayed for Buell or night, none fought harder, with death and panic surrounding them on all sides, than McClernand and the greater part of his gallant division. These are facts, and are susceptible of proof to any lover of truth who will put aside a lot of trash written under the name of history, and turn to the Rebellion Records, officially published by the Government. An intelligent and diligent reader will have little difficulty in sifting the wheat from the chaff if he will read those "Records," where the despatches, orders and reports of the war are found verbatim, with the comments and criticisms they called forth at the time by men who were actually participating in the great drama. Nearly twenty years later General Buell told a son of General McClernand that, when he arrived on the field in person on the evening of the 6th, McClernand's Division was the only one with any fair organization left.

With Grant and Sherman, and other officers of high rank who were present, McClernand must share the just criticism of permitting the Army to be surprised; but his share is materially less than that of the two named, because Grant commanded and it was his bounden duty to prevent surprise, which could have been done, and Sherman's division being nearer the enemy, the importance of proper reconnoissance and outpost by his division was more evident.

In September, 1862, McClernand submitted to the President and Secretary of War a plan to capture Vicksburg from the rear, by ascending the Yazoo, and thus open the Mississippi, and later to cut the Confederacy in two parts by advancing from the Mississippi River eastward, and from Mobile, which he would seize, toward Opelika, and in this way permanently break the only rail communications left open between the eastern and western States of the Confederacy.

The Vicksburg proposition, at least, was favorably considered, and McClernand was ordered to Illinois to raise the necessary troops therefor. He raised and forwarded, principally from Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, some forty thousand. He expected to command this expedition, and a pursual of the official records will show he was fully justified in this assumption. However, in the end he did not.

McClernand assumed command at Milliken's Bend, La., January 4, 1863. The troops there had a few days before been repulsed under Sherman at Chickasaw Bayou, in an attempt to take Vicksburg from the rear. In order to encourage the beaten troops, as well as to deal the enemy a heavy blow, McClernand moved the Army against Fort Hindman, a strongly fortified position on the Arkansas River, more generally known as Arkansas Post. Here, on the 11th, he met with complete success, capturing the fort with five thousand prisoners, a number of cannon, small arms, and munitions of war. President Lincoln congratulated the successful General and his troops for the victory gained at a time when "disaster after disaster was befalling our arms." Governor Yates, of Illinois wrote, "Your success on the Arkansas was both brilliant and valuable, and is fully appreciated by the country and the Government."

Subsequently McClernand returned to the Mississippi and was assigned to the Thirteenth Army Corps, under Grant, who assumed immediate command of all the forces operating against Vicksburg. The time until March 29 was mainly spent in digging a canal in the attempt to deflect the Mississippi away from Vicksburg, but without success. Finally Gen. Grant decided to run the batteries at Vicksburg with sufficient vessels to cross his Army to the east bank of the river, below the enemy's stronghold. The Thirteenth Corps initiated the movement across the peninsula from Milliken's Bend to New Carthage. Many obstacles, with considerable fighting, were met and overcome. The Army was finally landed on the east bank of the Mississippi, and the struggle for Vicksburg commenced in terrible earnestness. This is generally and justly considered Grant's most brilliant campaign. All the honors that pertain to the position of the General-in-Chief are his, and they are great, but the responsibility for any failures that followed honest, skillful and gallant attempts to execute his orders is likewise his, and must be so assigned.

In the marches and battles that followed the crossing of the Mississippi, McClernand and his corps (Thirteenth) did their full duty and did

it well. The long list of honored dead, the testimony of many eye-witnesses, and the official "Rebellion Records" all attest this. Port Gibson, fought mainly by the Thirteenth Corps, was skillfully won, and caused the enemy to evacuate Grand Gulf, and retire upon Vicksburg and Edward's Station.

When the objective point of Grant's army was changed May 12, from Edward's Station to Jackson, Miss., to beat back the Confederates in that direction before closing in on Vicksburg, McClernand's Corps, facing the enemy at Edward's Station, had to be withdrawn with great care. Grant states that McClernand accomplished this delicate movement with skill. On May 15, McClernand's and McPherson's Corps won an important battle at Champion Hill, and on the following day the Thirteenth Corps beat the enemy at the Big Black River, capturing some 1500 prisoners and 18 cannon, with a loss of only 373 killed, wounded and missing.

After brilliantly driving the foe within his intrenchments at Vicksburg, Grant thought to carry that stronghold by assault. With this purpose in view he ordered two assaults all along the line, the first on the 19th and the second on the 22nd. Both failed, with heavy losses. The first assault was ordered before the army had gained a favorable position from which to make it.

On the evening of the 21st Grant notified McClernand that "a simultaneous attack will be made tomorrow, at ten o'clock a. m., by all the army corps of this Army." It was made, as ordered, and gallantly made too. Had success been achieved the laurels would have justly belonged to Grant. It failed, and no amount of argument can shift the responsibility from his shoulders. In his memoirs he expresses a regret that he ordered the assault. Where all failed, the Thirteenth Corps came nearer gaining success than any other. McClernand's men carried the ditch and slope of a heavy earthwork, and planted their colors on the latter. The enemy began concentrating against them to check their advance, and the battle there raged with great fury. At noon McClernand notified the Commanding General that he was in partial possession of two forts. Re-enforcements were ordered to him, but did not arrive in time to be useful. Upon receiving McClernand's reports, Grant ordered the assault to be renewed along other parts of the line, but nothing substantial was gained.

Viewing the conflict in the calmness that comes with passing years, it appears that McClernand should have been promptly and heavily re-enforced, or that Gen. Grant should have suspended operations along his entire line. That McClearnand did make a considerable impression on the enemy's position is an established fact. Maj. Bluford Wilson, who first carried the news of this success to the Corps Commander, still lives, and is an honored and respected citizen of Springfield, Ill., and one of that city's foremost men.

A controversy later arose about the amount of the success gained by McClernand, and as to whether or not the renewal of the assault along other parts of the line should have been ordered In this connection it is important to bear in mind that Grant himself ordered the renewed assault; he commanded, and the responsibility is his. It is also important to note that he states that, from his position, he thought he could observe the action along McClernand's front as well as that Corps Commander. Nevertheless, he ordered the renewed assault, the responsibility for which cannot be shifted to another.

It was also claimed that the contents of McClernand's congratulatory order to his Corps, or the fact that a copy was not sent to Army Headquarters, was sufficient reason for relieving him from his command on June 18. An oversight of his Adjutant General explains the fact that a copy of the order was not sent to Gen. Grant's Headquarters. As to the congratulatory order itself, it can be found in the Rebellion Records, and will bear favorable comparison with many other such orders found there.

McClernand's Corps lost in killed, wounded, and missing before Vicksburg, 1487 men. Of the missing there were but few. To say that that Corps and its Commander did not do their whole duty intelligently, manfully, and nobly, is a direct contradiction of historical facts.

McClernand was later assigned to duty in Texas along the Rio Grande, observing the French occupation of Mexico. He also served under Banks in the expedition against the Confederates on the Red River, where he became dangerously ill, and was sent North to recuperate. No further opportunity offered for him to continue his valuable military services to his country.

The lustre of his fame will continue to brighten as the impartial historian seeks for facts to replace the prejudices that usually accompany contemporary history.

McCLERNAND, John A. (Vol. I, pp. 359-360.)

McCLINTOCK, William Jay, M. D.—The medical men of to-day in Illinois form a body which will compare favorably with any other gathering of physicians to be found in the country, and from their ranks have been chosen representatives to some of the greatest medical conferences the world has known. Springfield is well represented and among its able physicians may be mentioned William Jay McClintock, who specializes in women's and children's diseases. Dr. McClintock was born June 20, 1858, in Morrison, Whiteside County, Ill., and is a son of John and Rachel (Teachout) McClintock.

Dr. McClintock's education began in the public schools of Morrison, which he attended from 1863 until 1868, and from 1869 until 1873 he was in attendance at the public schools of Illiopolis. During the two years following he pursued his studies in a business college at Rock-

ford, Ill., and then began clerking in a drug store. In 1878 he bought out a drug store at Illiopolis, continued there until 1886, and in 1887 went to Johnson City, Kan., where he started a drug store with Dr. John P. Cowdin, his brother-in-law. He removed from Johnson City to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1889, but in 1891 returned to Illiopolis, and during the year following started a drug business which he continued to conduct until 1894. In 1898, having decided to take up the practice of medicine as a profession, Dr. McClintock entered Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and graduated from the medical department with the class of 1902, successfully passing the State Board Examination during June of the same year. He commenced practice in Illiopolis during July, but removed to Springfield April 1, 1904, where his practice has steadily increased until at the present time he has the largest practice in women's and children's diseases in the city. It is the doctor's intention to give his entire attention to this class of work in the near future. He is known as a careful student and a steady-handed surgeon, and his offices at No. 422½ East Monroe Street, where he also makes his home, are equipped with all the appliances and accessories necessary to carrying on his profession.

On December 24, 1878, Dr. McClintock was married to Miss Sarah J. Hampton, at Illiopolis, Ill. They have no children. In political belief the Doctor is a Republican, but his professional duties keep him so busily employed that he has little time to engage in matters political. His religious belief is that of the Christian Church. The Doctor is well known in fraternal circles, being a popular member of the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen, the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Owls. His father having died while a private in the Union army, during the Civil War, Dr. McClintock is naturally much interested in the old veterans belonging to the Grand Army of the Republic.

McCLURE, John W.—Pawnee, Ill., has many citizens now living retired after long years spent in business activity, ane one of the best known of these is John W. McClure, who for an extensive period was engaged in a mercantile business here. He is a native of White County, Ind., born November 20, 1837, a son of James and Nancy (Humes) McClure. His paternal grandfather was a native of Ohio who died in Indiana, and his grandfather on the maternal side came from Pennsylvania and also died in Indiana. James McClure was born in Scioto Bottoms, Ohio, July 24, 1805, and died February, 1887, in Pawnee, where he had come after the death ow his wife, December 13, 1863, she having been born in 1816. They were the parents of nine children: John W., Elizabeth J., Isabelle, Sarah B., James, Drusilla, Eliza, David H. and George., the four last named being deceased.

John W. McClure worked in the harvest fields in order to secure the necessary money to obtain an education in the subscription schools of Delphi, Ind., and remained at home until twenty-four years of age, working on the farm and spending his spare time in indulging in out-of-door sports, notably swimming, of which he has always been very fond. On August 22, 1862, he became a member of Company F, Ninety-ninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. George H. Gwin, enlisting at Brookston, Ind. He served throughout the war, being mustered out at Washington and receiving his final honorable discharge at Indianapolis, Ind. He rose to the rank of Sergeant, and belonged to the Fifteenth Army Corps, which saw some of the fiercest and bloodiest fighting engaged in by the Union Army. Always a faithful and hard-fighting soldier, Mr. McClure cheerfully accompanied his regiment in its many marches, encouraged his men in the skirmishes and vicious battles, and, all in all, made for himself a most creditable war record. His regiment marched 3,620 miles, traveled by water 1,895 miles and was carried by railroads 716 miles, making the enormous total of 6,231 miles. He participated in the battles of Jackson, Vicksburg, Black River, Chattanooga, Rocky Face Ridge, Tunnel Hill, Mill Creek, Buzzard's Roost, Snake Creep Gap, Dalton, Resaca, Adairville, Rome, Cassville, Dallas, New Hope Church, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta, Big Shanty, Nickajack, Chattahoochee River, Peach Tree Creek, Ezra Chapel, Siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Fort McAllister and many other skirmishes. On the march from Kenesaw Mountain to Marietta Mr. McClure suffered a sun stroke and was left on the road for dead, but soon recovered and rejoined his regiment.

After the war Mr. McClure went to his parents' home in Lafayette, Ind., where he remained until 1870, working as a collector for a marble firm, but in that year went to Montgomery County, Ill., to operate a hay-press, and so continued until 1879. He then located in Pawnee and the next fourteen years of his life were spent in clerking, after which he engaged in a mercantile business of his own account and was thus occupied until his retirement from active life in 1895. Mr. McClure is a Republican in politics, and for six years was Postmaster of Pawnee, also serving as Justice of the Peace. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of American Camp No. 418 and A. J. Weber Post No. 421, Grand Army of the Republic. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church.

Mr. McClure was married July 26, 1871, at Hillsboro, Ill., to Mina P. Harper, who was born in Harpersfield, Ohio, October 4, 1846. Her father, Henry Harper, was born in Harpersfield, March 19, 1813, and her mother, who bore the maiden name of Candice P. Wright, was born in New York, July 19, 1813. They were married in Wisconsin, having formed an acquaintance on a boat while going to that State, and after marriage went back to Ohio, where they lived

two years, then removed to Wisconsin. Twenty years later they came to Illinois, settling at Butler, Montgomery County, where Mrs. Harper died October 28, 1879, and Mr. Harper came to Pawnee, where his death occurred May 8, 1892. Mrs. McClure has a brother, Wright H. Harper, born in Wisconsin, May 26, 1848, who now lives in Pawnee, single.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure have had seven children: Minnie B., born in Butler, Ill., October 16, 1872, married Harry Furry, a clerk of Lawton, Okla., and has three children, John K., Robert D. and Harry W.; Baja, born in Pawnee, Ill., November 5, 1874, married John J. Johnson, of Auburn, Ill., a farmer, and has two children, John A. and Walter R.; Walter T., born December 3, 1877, single and living near Douglas, Wyo.; James and Henry, twins, born June 11, 1881, the former of whom, now a resident of South Dakota, married Angeline Leightheiser and has two children, Otho and Beatrice T., while the latter married Nora L. Owens, has one child, Grace, and lives at Mill Springs, Mo.; and Roy and Ralph, twins, born December 19, 1886, the former living in Illinois, the latter having died in infancy.

McCONNELL, Edward.—Springfield is the center of many and varied interssts, but perhaps none commands the attention and energy of more men than that represented by the working of the coal mines in the vicinity. Not only are hundreds employed in the actual work of mining, but the shipment of the coal, the use of machinery, and providing for the wants of those thus engaged, create immense demands. One of those interested in mining and kindred lines is Edward McConnell, who, as his name indicates, is a native of Scotland, having been born at Stirling, July 17, 1872. He is a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Hickey) McConnell, natives of Ireland and Scotland. The father was also a miner, who came from Scotland to Lexington, Mo., in 1881, and has made that locality his home ever since.

Edward McConnell was brought up in Lexington, where he learned to work in the mines. Whenever he discovered opportunity and could afford time, he eagerly indulged in outdoor sports, but was early forced to earn his own living. In 1900 he left Lexington, coming to Springfield, which place has since been his home.

Mr. McConnell has six brothers and sisters: Willie, John, Patrick, Letitia, Mary and Sarah, and one of the brothers served in the Spanish-American War. Since he cast his first vote, Mr. McConnell has been a Democrat, and has always tried to advance the interests of his home town, but otherwise has not identified himself with public affairs. In religious faith, he is a Catholic. He is unmarried. He is regarded as an upright, honorable young man, whose word can always be relied upon. He belongs to the Order of Red Men, the Hibernians and United Mine Workers, and is active in these societies, where he is deservedly popular.

McCONNELL, (Gen.) John. (Vol. I, p. 361.)

McCONNELL, Robert Simpson.—The call of patriotism echoed in many a loyal heart during the mighty struggle of the early sixties, and resulted in a chain of hardly contested battles that marked a crimson mourning belt over North and South. Many of the participants in those remarkable campaigns have passed away, but fortunately many are left to us, to be held in venerated honor for what they have undergone. No man endured hardships of the Civil War and came out unscathed, although the enemy's shot and shell may have spared him. Every old soldier, whether living north or south of the Mason and Dixon line, has good and sufficient cause, in physical disabilities, to remember painfully what the Union cost him. One thus bravely and uncomplainingly suffering is Robert Simpson McConnell, of Springfield. He was born in Washington County, Pa., May 23, 1830, being a son of a veteran of the War of 1812, Captain Robert McConnell, and his faithful wife, Edith (Hamilton) McConnell. Captain McConnell was born in Washington County, December 20, 1794, while his wife was born December 16, 1802. Both spent their lives in Pennsylvania, the father passing away in 1865, and the mother in 1884. During the War of 1812 Captain McConnell served under the redoubtable General Jackson and participated in all his campaigns.

Robert S. McConnell went to school in Pennsylvania, and his first business enterprise was working on a farm. For three years he operated a separator and thrasher in Pennsylvania. Then for three years he bought and sold stock. In 1860 he came to Indiana, living for two years in Attica, Fountain County, where he engaged in a grocery business. From there he came to Decatur, Ill., to work at the carpenter trade, but about 1866, located in Springfield, and engaged in contracting and building, and that city has since continued to be his home. He secured the contract for repairing the governor's mansion under Governor Shelby M. Cullom. In 1863 he enlisted in the Seventy-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in a sixty-day service. Mr. McConnell was taken prisoner by Gen. Johnson at Uniontown, Ky. After his exchange he went back to Indianapolis, where he was mustered out. For sixteen years he was Deacon and Treasurer of the Seventh Day Adventists Church, and he and his wife are still members of the church.

On February 6, 1862, Mr. McConnell was married to Mary May, born in Indiana, March 29, 1842, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Van Gundy) May. Her parents operated a hotel at Attica, Ind., for a number of years. Her father died in 1857 and her mother, November 3, 1882. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McConnell: Charles W., who died in Spokane, Wash., March 14, 1907; Frank, a jeweler at 927 South Third Street, Springfield, Ill., and a daughter who died in infancy. Mr. McConnell has a brother who resides in Allegheny, Pa.

In addition to his home at No. 1004 South Pasfield Avenue, Mr. McConnell owns other valuable city realty in which he has invested to a considerable extent, thus proving his confidence in Springfield's future.

In 1874 a teachers' and pupils' collection of pennies was taken up for the purpose of erecting a memorial in the shape of a museum at Boston, to Louis Agassiz, in honor of his birthday, May 28. Young Charles McConnell, not having secured a penny at home, picked up a copper pen on the street and requested that that be his donation, which was granted. It was sent to Boston, and was sold for $25.00. A receipt for the amount of the donation, with a photo and autograph of L. Agassiz, was returned to the boy and is in possession of the family now. This pen was sent by the teacher to Dr. Newton Bateman, editor of this State History and then State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

McCORMACK, John.—Many of the bravest soldiers of the Civil War, when the struggle was over, went to farming, and spent the remainder of their useful lives engaged in tilling the soil and reaping crops from the fertile acres their thrift had accumulated. One of the men who for years was thus engaged, and whose war record shows that he was a brave soldier, is John McCormack, of Springfield. He was born in Ireland, June 22, 1839, a son of Michael and Margaret (Connelly) McCormack, natives of Ireland. The father was a merchant, who moved from Ireland to Montreal, Canada, and there spent the remainder of his life .

John McCormack went to West Virginia upon his arrival in this country from Ireland, where he had grown up as any country boy. He served in the First West Virginia Cavalry for three years, participating in the hard-fought battles of Winchester, Gettysburg, and Harper's Ferry, as well as others of less importance, and being mustered out in 1865. Following his return home, he decided to seek new surroundings in a western State, selecting Illinois as his objective point. Locating in Sangamon County, he developed a fine farm, and in conjunction with his farming conducted a blacksmith shop. Finally he retired, coming to Springfield, where he is now living retired from active pursuits.

On April 20, 1865, Mr. McCormack was united in marriage at Cincinnati, Ohio, to Johanna Hefferman, born in Ireland. Three children were born to them, namely: Margaret, born in 1868; Joseph H., born in 1872, and Jennie, born in 1882. Mr. McCormack is a Republican, but other than doing his duty as a good citizen, has never participated in public matters. He belongs to the Western Catholic Union and to Stephenson Post, G. A. R., of Springfield. His religious faith is Catholic. For years Mr. McCormack has been recognized as one of the substantial men of Sangamon County, and he has many friends who appreciate his worth.

McCOY, Joseph C. (deceased).—If it had not been that in the past there were men brave enough to risk their all to develop new lands, and found homes for their loved ones, and prepare for old age, many places now occupied by flourishing communities would still be covered with virgin forests and the present rich farm lands would lie fallow. One who gave up his life to farming activities and found an abundant reward in the valuable lands which he developed was the late Joseph C. McCoy, for many years a farmer in the vicinity of Taylorville, Ill. He was born in Tennessee about 1828, a son of Morton M. McCoy, a native of South Carolina. Coming to Tennessee in young manhood, Morton M. McCoy met and married Rachel Wilson of Tennessee. Both came of good Revolutionary stock and were filled with a desire to do the best they could for the children who came to them. Feeling that there were more opportunities in Illinois, they made the then long trip to that State in 1832, locating on Sugar Creek, near what is now the village of Auburn. The father was a carpenter by trade and found plenty of work in Springfield and vicinity. There he had the misfortune to lose his wife. He later married Ellen Laswell, who made his declining years happy. He died when over seventy-five years old.

Joseph C. McCoy was the eldest of the three children born to his parents, and being but four years old when the family came to Illinois, had but little recollection of any life outside this State. Brought up on the farm, he adopted that work and was a farmer all his life. His education was somewhat limited, being confined to the schools of his vicinity, but he made the most of what he had learned and was well informed. The marriage of Mr. McCoy took place in Springfield on January 26, 1854, when he was united with Miss Ellen Davis. They had one child, John, now a resident of Hillsboro, Ill., who married Alice Russell. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy located on the farm on Sugar Creek after their marriage, and there Mr. McCoy spent the remainder of his well-ordered life, his death occurring in 1886. He was a stanch Democrat, but never desired office.

After the death of her father, the family moved to Springfield to the house in which Mrs. McCoy now lives, and where Mr. Davis died August 1, 1900. Mrs. McCoy has lived in her present home in Springfield, at No. 1200 South Spring Street, for eighteen years, and has made it one of the most comfortable in the city. She is a most estimable lady, whose activities in charitable work make her beloved, although with true modesty she allows but little of them to be known to the public.

McCOY, Sylvester J.—The pioneer history of Sangamon County contains accounts of the wonderful work accomplished by those brave frontiersmen who, coming from more eastern States, settled there in the midst of the Indians and wild animals. The wide expanse of prairie did

not know the touch of a plow, when many came there, and along the water courses thick timber shielded dangerous wild animals. There were no railroads and, in many instances, no roads: Indian trails leading from one point to another took the place of them. Schools, churches, towns, and conveniences, all lay in the future. The McCoy family is one of the oldest in the county, and is ably represented in Rochester by Sylvester J. McCoy, a wealthy retired farmer of that locality.

The birth of Sylvester J. McCoy took place in Rochester Township, May 3, 1849, he being a son of Milton D. and Malcina (Cooper) McCoy. John McCoy, the grandfather of Milton D. McCoy, was born July 11, 1763, and died October 24, 1823. He had a large family: Jane; Polly, died October 3, 1855; Elizabeth, born November 3, 1795; Joseph E., born October 5, 1797; John A., born September 13, 1799, died July 14, 1835; Nancy, born November 16, 1801; Prudence, born March 10, 1804; Zillah, born March 5, 1806; Sophia, October 5, 1809; Andrew T., November 26, 1811, and Jessie C., October 9, 1815.

James McCoy, son of John McCoy, was married in Nicholas County, Ky., to Jane Murphy, of German parentage. He served in the War of 1812, under Col. Johnson, long before his marriage. His wife was born in Kentucky, March 29, 1794, and lived there until her marriage. Two of their ten children were born in Kentucky, before 1818, when they came by wagon to Sangamon County, locating there. They came with Levi W. Goodwin, his wife and two children. In 1818 six women came to Sangamon County. In 1819 Mr. McCoy moved to Rochester Township, and he bought the first sack of salt sold in Sangamon County, paying for it with coon skins which represented a year's hunting. James McCoy became a prominent man, holding many offices, and had numerous dealings with the Indians during those early days. He used to take his corn to a grist-mill to be ground, the journey being of several days' duration, as the wagon was drawn by an ox. He was of age before he owned a "store-made" coat, and always had a preference for clothing made at home. His son Joseph was the first child born in the county.

Milton D. McCoy was born in Rochester Township, October 16, 1823, and his wife was born four miles south of Rochester November 22, 1830. The McCoy family was originated in this country by three brothers, who emigrated from Scotland. Two of the brothers settled in the south, and one in Pennsylvania. It is from the latter that the Sangamon County branch of the McCoy family descend. Milton D. McCoy spent his life in farming, and lived to be Chairman of the Sangamon County Old Settlers' Committee, serving in that capacity for several years. His death occurred October 15, 1908, and he is buried in Rochester Cemetery. It is interesting to note that he died on the farm on which he was born, and the old homestead is still standing. While of a modest, retiring disposition, Milton D. McCoy won men and kept their friendship, and was much respected in his community. Four children of the family survive: Sylvester J.; Jesse K. in a real estate and insurance business in San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Mary Puffenburger, of Rochester, and Mrs. Lilly Wright.

Sylvester J. McCoy secured his education in the schools of Rochester Township, making the most of the advantages offered him. He also attended the parish school, but had to help his father in working the farm. He now owns the homestead of 160 acres in Rochester Township, on which both he and his father were born, and which has been in the family for so many years. It is now one of the most valuable farms in Sangamon County.

The marriage of Mr. McCoy occurred in Rochester, the Rev. Albert Hale, of Springfield, officiating, when he was united with Pauline Abel, born in Germany, December 3, 1852. The father dying in Germany, the mother came to America, but being unable to provide for her large family, several people took the children, and Mrs. McCoy was adopted by the Abel family, her foster-father being Roswell P. Abel, who married Margaretta Luce. They were residing in Springfield at the time they adopted Mrs. McCoy, and moved to Wichita, Kan., in 1883. There Mr. Abel died in 1887, and his wife in 1893. The real mother of Mrs. McCoy lived until the latter was twenty-five years old, when she died in St. Louis. Roswell Abel, the foster-grandfather of Mrs. McCoy, was born July 13, 1785, on Sharon Mountain, Litchfield, Conn., and was ninety-eight years and twenty-eight days old at the time of his death. He married Betsy Mason, on October 22, 1807. She was born October 22, 1790, at Fort Ann, Washington County, N. Y., her father having been a Revolutionary soldier. They removed to Springfield, July 15, 1836, and there the wife died in 1876, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. Mr. Abel was a volunteer in the militia during the War of 1812, marching with his company from Granville to Whitehall, N. Y., and was in the Battle of Plattsburg. The trip from New York to Sangamon County was a long and weary one, being made in a prairie schooner. At this time Chicago was a town of 2,500, with streets full of Indians, and mud so deep wagons mired continually, and the Abel party were stuck several times. They followed the old stage road from Chicago to Springfield, and, after the many adventures of their trip, arrived in good health and spirits. Mr. Abel had a son and a daughter: Mrs. John Armstrong, and Roswell P., who survived him. Another daughter, Mrs. Calvin Peabody, probably lived at Farmington, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have had children as follows: Milton B., born November 8, 1874, died August 12, 1876; Walter J., born March 6, 1876, married Alice Keys, two children, Hester M. and Marilla J.; Edward O., born December 29, 1878, is a grocer of Springfield in partnership

with Walter J., married Edna Hays, one son, Milton F.; Mary Nian, born December 19, 1880, married Charles Franey, a bookkeeper of Rochester, one child, Mary Pauline; Eva, born March 16, 1883, is at home; Cleveland L., born December 16, 1884, married Mame Pearson and resides in Rochester; Elmer C., born January 28, 1888; Lora L., born March 14, 1891; and Howard S., born June 8, 1893, the last three being at home.

Mr. McCoy is a Democrat and has served as School Director of Rochester Township for two terms, and for the same length of time was a member of the Board of Trustees. He inherits his Democratic principles from his father, who was stanch in his support of that party. While Mr. McCoy is not a member of any religious body, he believes in the church and inclines towards the Methodist denomination, his mother and father having belonged to it. Fraternally Mr. McCoy belongs to the Court of Honor. Several years ago he severed his connection with the Knights of Pythias. He is energetic and progressive, and has accomplished much during his useful life. His property has increased materially in value since he took charge of it, and his success is well merited. He has reared a nice family to do him honor and take their places in the several communities in which they reside. The family occupy a prominent position socially, in Rochester, and their many friends are always welcome in their pleasant home.

McCOY, William Franklin.—The service the breeders of blooded stock have rendered Sangamon County cannot be lightly estimated, nor will their names be easily forgotten. One of the men who for years have been intimately connected with this important branch of agricultural life is William Franklin McCoy of Section 11, Cartwright Township. He was born June 24, 1844, in Oldham County, Ky., son of Andrew Jackson and Ann (Carder) McCoy. The father was a native of Virginia, while the mother was born in Kentucky, in 1820. The father had been taken to Oldham County, Ky., by his parents, when a lad, and there grew up and married. His wife died when William Franklin McCoy was but four years old, in 1848. In 1858, the father again married and by the second marriage had two children: Milburn of Kansas City, Mo., and Ellen who lives in Emporia, Kas. William Franklin McCoy had an own sister, Mary Celesta, who married William F. Phillips, but later died, leaving three daughters, Ida, Eva and Bozza, all now of Plainfield, Ind.

In 1850, Andrew Jackson McCoy brought his family to Morgan County, Ind., where he carried on a building and contracting business, later becoming a merchant. His death occurred at Hall, Ind., December 24, 1863. William Franklin McCoy attended school in Morgan County, entering the Northwestern Christian University at Indianapolis, Ind., after he had served his country as a soldier. He located at Rome, Jefferson County, Ill., in 1866, and on August 29, 1867, he married Amanda Melvina Beesley, born in Hickory County, Mo., November 20, 1847, a daughter of Robert D. Beesley and Icephenia (Madison) Beesley, natives of Kentucky, who emigrated to Missouri and for a time lived in Hickey County, where the mother died in 1852. In 1862, the father removed to Rome, Ill., and then again to Missouri, where he sold his farm and removed to Texas, dying there September 6, 1890. They had five children, of whom Mrs. McCoy was the youngest, two others surviving: Albert H., of Fayette County, Ill., and Eleanor J., widow of Elisha Harlow.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. McCoy located on a farm in Fayette County, Ill., where they farmed, and from the first Mr. McCoy began buying stock for the market. In 1873, he came to Sangamon County, locating on a farm near Lanesville, where he rented 160 acres for a year, then rented 410 acres where he began breeding Clydesdale horses, commencing from a grade foundation, steadily building up to the present state of excellence for which he is now so famous. He has been very successful in his farm and stock raising. In 1904, he moved to Section 11, Cartwright Township, where he is operating 287 acres. During 1910, one field yielded 110 bushels of corn to the acre, and his other crops were equally good. He is now carrying thirty-two pure breed Clydesdale horses and colts. In 1906, four of his fillies took several prizes at the International stock show at Chicago. His stock has taken forty-seven premiums at the Illinois State fair in 1906 and 1907. He exhibits every year, and his product receives prizes wherever shown. Graham Bros. of Toronto, Canada had hard work to beat Mr. McCoy's horses. His success is all the more remarkable as he has worked up the produce from a grade foundation. His horses always bring the highest prices. In addition to his horses, Mr. McCoy breeds about fifty head of the best blooded Berkshire hogs each year, and his product ranks with the best in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have had eight children, seven of whom survive: Charles E., born in Fayette County, October 23, 1869, married Mable Schry; Albert Franklin, born August 29, 1871, a carpenter and builder of Springfield, married Gertrude Benedict, and they have three children,—Robert F., J. Floyd and Amos LaRue; Lodema, born in Fayette County, October 17, 1873, deceased wife of Christian Kautz, dying April 22, 1908, leaving wo children.—Catherine Amanda, who makes her home with her grandparents, and James McCoy Kautz, who lives with his uncle, Henry Kautz; Walter Clifton, born April 15, 1875, a farmer residing near Athens, Ill., married Jane Snow,—issue, Ora, Hazel and Lodema; William Robert, born November 1, 1878, married Mae Forsyth—issue, William R.; James H., born November 20, 1882, a school teacher of Idaho; Floyd Whitemore, born July 13, 1888, and Mary Pearl, born March

24, 1891, both at home. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have given their children good educational advantages. They are active members of the Christian Church. Mr. McCoy belongs to the Masonic Lodge No. 333, Tyrian Lodge, the G. A. R. Post at Buffalo, Ill., the National Clydesdale Association and the National Berkshire Hog Association.

Mr. McCoy's war record is one of interest, he enlisting August 15, 1861, in Company A, Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in September 15, 1861, for three years' service or until the close of the war. He was with his regiment, participating in the battle of Thompson Station, March 5 1863, when he was wounded in the right leg and being captured, was sent to Libby Prison, where for a month he endured untold hardships, but fortunately was then exchanged, and went home on May 8, 1863. He then returned to his regiment and participated in Sherman's March to the Sea, was in front of Atlanta, and was wounded at the battle of Peach Tree Creek, in his right arm. He was then sent to Indianapolis. He was honorably discharged March 14, 1865. His regiment was in eighteen hard-fought battles, traveled by rail and on foot 7,462 miles, 2,917 miles being covered on foot. His regiment lost more men in battle than any other in Sherman's Army, the total enlistment having been 2,867. The total number who died of disease 156, killed sixty-one, died of wounds forty-seven, total death rate from all causes, 271, wounded, 269, total loss 540. After the expiration of his first enlistment, Mr. McCoy re-enlisted, and received his final discharge, March 14, 1865, after nearly four years of hard soldiering. He made a remarkable record while in service for in spite of the temptations of his surroundings, he never used either tobacco or liquor.

Coming of Scotch ancestry, Mr McCoy has inherited much of the stubborn tenacity of his race, and has never given up, once he commenced to do anything, and as a result he has succeeded far beyond his fondest hopes. His association with the stock breeding interests of Sangamon County, is so well known as to require no further mention here.

McCULLOUGH, James S. (Vol. I, p. 362.)

McDOLE, John (deceased), for years living retired from active life in his comfortable residence at 919 East Lawrence Street, Springfield, was one of the city's substantial and public-spirited citizens, although prevented by failing health from taking an active part in affairs. Mr. McDole was a native of Buffalo, N. Y., born April 3, 1832, son of Adam and Barbara (Casper) McDole, who were natives of Germany, and emigrated to the United States in young man and womanhood. The mother died when John was but four years of age and his father died in 1865, both passing away in Buffalo. The father carried on farming all his life.

The education of John McDole was acquired in the public schools of Buffalo, and after leaving school, he learned the trade of machinist, at which he worked a short time in Buffalo. He moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., and took a position in the shops of the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne Railroad Company, where he remained fifteen years, then became engineer for the same company, running an engine two years. In 1871, Mr. McDole located in Springfield, accepting a position as machinist in the shops of the Wabash Railroad Company, and later taking charge of an engine for them. He continued in the latter position, until a few years ago, when failing health compelled him to resign his position and retire from active life. He was industrious and thrifty in conducting his affairs, and accumulated several pieces of property in Springfield, including his late residence.

Mr. McDole was married in Fort Wayne, Ind., October 6, 1859, to Miss Jane Fenimore, who was born in Peru, Ind., September 20, 1839, daughter of Ebenezer and Rachel (Rardin) Fenimore, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Portsmouth, Ohio. Mr. Fenimore was a tailor and conducted an establishment of his own at Portsmouth, Ohio. He died in California about 1861. Two sons and one daughter were born to Mr. McDole and his wife, all of whom are deceased. They had six grandchildren, two of whom live in Springfield, Frank McDole and Ada Jane, wife of Arthur Luckey. They also had three great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. McDole joined the Methodist Church and he was affiliated with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. In politics he was a Republican. He was one of the most trusted and reliable men employed by the railroad company and stood well with his associates. He was well known in Springfield, where he had many warm friends. His death occurred April 22, 1911.

McELFRESH, Charles Henry, M. D.—The medical fraternity is represented in Sangamon County by physicians of experience, whose records are second to none in the country. They have been carefully trained and show in their practice the effects of modern progress. Many of them secured their medical education through their own efforts, laboring hard to earn money for their courses, and their after lives show that they appreciate the responsibilities their profession lays upon their shoulders. One of the most efficient of these practioners in Springfield is Dr. Charles Henry McElfresh. He was born in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, July 28, 1864, being a son of John Thomas and Angie (McDaniel) McElfresh, the former born near Baltimore, Md., July 20, 1818, and the latter in Clear Lake Township, July 9, 1841. The father was a carpenter and contractor, who came with his parents to Illinois about 1833, settling at Ebenezer, three miles southwest of Jacksonville, in Morgan County. Later he moved to Springfield, where he worked at his

trade nearly sixty years. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A Seventy-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but after a year of service was discharged on account of disability.

Dr. McElfresh was educated in the rural schools, and later taught in them for nine years. When he completed his medical course, at the age of thirty-three years, he had spent twenty-seven years of his life in the schoolroom, as pupil and teacher. During the time he was growing up he had a fondness for all outdoor sports, including hunting, fishing and base-ball. For the first two years of his life the family lived on a farm two and one-half miles southwest of Dawson, the next four years they were at Illiopolis, then three years were spent at Decatur and eighteen at Farmingdale, when removal was made to Springfield, where Dr. McElfresh has since resided. He practiced one year in St. Louis, three years at Dawson, and after that located in Springfield, where for seven years he has been in a general practice.

On July 11, 1901, Dr. McElfresh married Dora Bennett, who was born at Winchester, Ill. She is the only daughter of Rev. Perry and Amanda Bennett, who had been for a number of years a teacher in the Springfield schools, and is a most cultivated, charming lady. There is no issue of this marriage. Dr. McElfresh has been a member of the Odd Fellows since 1899, and of the B. P. O. E. since 1907. He has been examining physician of many of the fraternal organizations here. In early life Dr. McElfresh united with the Presbyterian Church, but when he moved to Springfield he transferred his membership to the First Methodist Church of the city. Like his father before him, Dr. McElfresh is a stanch Republican. He is a close student and careful practitioner, whose skill has gained him a wide-spread reputation. Earnest, steadfast, conscientious, he has been more than usually successful in his practice, and has gained the friendship and gratitude of his patients.

McELROY, Rev. William N., D. D.—The annals of the Methodist Episcopal Church contain the names of many men who have unselfishly devoted the best years of their lives to the advancement of the cause of Christianity, and have put personal interests and preferences aside, to give their full time and gifts to what they believe to be their highest duty. One of the well-known members of the Illinois Conference of that church is Rev. William N. McElroy, D. D., who has for many years made his home in Springfield. He has served as pastor of numerous churches and has been associated with large fields of labor. He served as Presiding Elder of the Bloomington District, Champaign District, and has held a similar post in the Springfield District and the Jacksonville District. He has been a member of six General Conferences of the M. E. Church and was a Delegate to the first Ecumenical Conference of that Church held in London, England, in 1881, in which year the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the Wesleyan Illinois University at Bloomington. He has been a resident of Springfield over a quarter of a century and pastor of several churches during that time. He has devoted a large amount of time to the interests of Christianity in that city, and to the education of the people along the lines of right living, and right thinking, by various methods, and has always taken an interest in the welfare of the people of the city. Mr. McElroy was for four years editor of the Illinois Methodist Journal (now out of existence), and for many years has been a contributor to various religious papers and magazines. He spent several years as a teacher before entering the ministry, and is well fitted to reach the hearts and interests of all classes, and ages of people, investing his message with meaning for all.

Mr. McElroy is of Scotch Irish descent through both paternal and maternal ancestors, and was born in Harrison County, Ohio, June 10, 1832. He is a son of Robert and Mary (McFadden) McElroy, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Belmont County, Ohio. Robert McElroy, his father, was a grandson of the emigrant ancestor of the family, who came to America in 1760, followed in 1780 by the father of Robert McElroy, who located in Huntington County, Pa., where Robert was born, four years later. Robert McElroy died in 1851, and his wife, who was born in 1801, survived him until 1890. Her parents were originally from Maryland, but settled in Ohio at an early day. Rev. W. N. McElroy was one of ten children, being the third son.

The boyhood of Mr. McElroy was spent on his father's farm, and he received his early education in the country schools of Illinois, to which State his parents removed when he was a child. He was naturally studious, and fond of scientific research, and by private study and extensive reading, added to his store of knowledge, becoming a man of broad education. He engaged in teaching school for several years in Illinois, interrupting this work by a trip to California, where he spent two years, then returned to his former occupation. A few years after his marriage he decided to devote his future life to the ministry of his church, and in 1861 became a member of the Illinois Conference. Besides serving as pastor of several churches, he has traveled extensively in the interests of the church as a district superintendent, and wherever he went was successful to a gratifying degree, forming warm friends not only for himself, but for the cause in which he labored. He has a convincing and eloquent manner, showing a quick understanding of his audience and a close sympathy with all classes of men, that is invaluable in his field of labor. He served twice as pastor in Bloomington, twice in Champaign, has been pastor at Shelbyville, at the First Methodist Church at Danville, the First Church at Decatur, the Grace Meth-

odist Church at Jacksonville and of the First, Kumler, and Laurel Churches in Springfield.

Mr. McElroy was married, October 5, 1856, to Miss Stastra M. Pasteur, daughter of Wesley and Mary (McElroy) Pasteur, who is of French and Scotch descent, on her fathers side, a near relative of Prof. Louis Pasteur, the French scientist. Mrs. McElroy is a native of Jefferson County, Ohio, and was born July 6, 1836, and reared in Illinois, where she received her education, attending the ladies' academy at Griggsville, Ill., for some time. Five children were born of this marriage: Charles G., who married Miss Inez Martin and lives in Springfield; Robert W., a stenographer and clerk for the Wabash Railroad, in Springfield; Mary, the eldest child, married Thomas Crowner and died in 1896, aged about thirty-seven years; one daughter Martha who died in infancy, and one daughter, Alice, who died at the age of eight years. Mr. McElroy has been prominent in several fraternal organizations, having been affiliated with the Masonic Order, the Odd Fellows, the Union League, the Temple of Honor and the Sons of Temperance. He is a man of high intellectual gifts, honored not only by people of his own faith, but by all who know him.

Mr. McElroy, by request of his conference, has just finished writing the History of Methodism in Illinois, in three volumes, covering the years from its beginning to the year 1900. The work will be not only a valuable contribution to the history of the Methodist Church, but of the development of the State of Illinois, as well. It is written in narrative form and is of thrilling interest.

McEWEN, Jacob H., now retired from active life and occupying his comfortable home at 517 Ridgley Avenue, Springfield, Ill., spent a short time farming in Sangamon County, and later was engaged in railroad contracting in various western States, until a few years since. He was born in Seneca County, Ohio, February 8, 1838, a son of George and Ellen (Measel) McEwen, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maryland. The father was a carpenter, who moved from his native State of Ohio as a young man and followed his trade many years. He died there, in 1856 and his widow survived until 1877. Her father was a soldier in the War of 1812. George McEwen and wife had nine children, two of whom died in infancy, and the following four now survive: George, of Allen County, Ohio; Mrs. Priscilla Jordan, of Republic, Ohio; Mrs. Mary E. Baker, of Cleveland, and Jacob H. Since 1893, the family have held annual reunions on the last Thursday in August, and they have been attended by from seventy-five to 150 members. Jacob H. McEwen has attended nine of the eighteen celebrations, which are held at Bascom, Ohio.

Mr. McEwen was educated in his native county, and in boyhood worked on his father's farm, which he continued until coming to Shelby County, Ill., in 1859. He worked there one year and then came to Sangamon County, spending one year at farm work, after which he engaged in work at the trade of carpenter and followed it a few years in Springfield. He has continued to make Springfield his home since that time, although for many years he was engaged in contracting for railroad excavation in the eight States of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado and Wyoming. He has lived retired for several years past and has confined his attention to looking after his personal affairs and property. He has been a witness of the great growth and development which has taken place in Springfield during the past half century and knew many of its early citizens. He was a personal friend and admirer of Abraham Lincoln and attended his funeral.

December 31, 1863, Mr. McEwen married Sarah Howard, who was born in Tennessee, November 29, 1835, and was a widow at the time of her marriage to him. Her father, Joseph Hackney, was a native of North Carolina, as was also his wife. He was a shoemaker and in 1852 moved to Missouri, where he worked at his trade until his death, at Middletown. He and his wife were parents of two sons and two daughters, of whom Mrs. McEwen is the only survivor. Five children were born to Mr. McEwen and wife, of whom none now survive. Mr. McEwen attends the United Brethren Church of which his mother was a member, and his wife belongs to the Christian Church, and both are interested in church work and other good causes. He is a Republican in politics, and fraternally is a member of the A. O. U. W. He is well known in Springfield, and has a wide circle of friends, by whom he is most highly esteemed.

McFARLAND, Dr. John D., a veterinary surgeon and substantial citizen of New Berlin, Ill., is one of the men who has contributed largely towards the development and advancement of the stock-raising business in his community, through his professional services. He was born in the village of Fowler, Trumbull County, Ohio, October 1, 1884, being a son of Arthur J. and Mary A. (Baldwin) McFarland. The father was of Irish extraction, his father having come from the north of Ireland to settle in Ohio, where there were a large number of the McFarlands. Arthur J. McFarland was reared on a farm, but later in life took up railroad work at Fowler, with the Lake Shore Railroad Company. He became an expert telegrapher, and still later went to California, becoming the first operator at Oakland, that State, for a new railroad. So efficient was he, that promotion followed rapidly and he was second in line for the office of General Passenger Agent of the road, when his father's poor health made him return to Fowler to take up the management of the home farm. Here he lived until 1896, when he went to Cortland, Ohio, to embark in the poultry business. He is now handling over a thousand White Leghorn hens and making a success of it, as he has

always done of any calling he has followed. Hard work and thrift have resulted very satisfactorily in his case. Always a Republican, he has been identified with the best interests of the several communities in which he has resided, and for a number of years has served as a member of the School Board. For some years Mr. McFarland has been a Christian Scientist. Fraternally he is a Mason. He and his wife were the parents of two children, Dr. McFarland and Roy, the latter a court reporter of Chicago, with brilliant prospects.

After attending the district schools of Fowler until he was twelve years old, Dr. McFarland had the advantage of going to school in Courtland. In 1900 he went to Chicago to enter the employ of Swift & Company, later going with the Oliver Typewriter Company, as a mechanic, thus continuing until 1904, when he entered the Chicago Veterinary College, taking a full three years' course and graduating in the Class of 1907. He earned his way through college by working during his vacations with the Oliver people. After graduating he located at Athens, Ill., going in October of that same year to Clinton County, and establishing himself there, even buying a home, but his wife's health failing, he sold his home and practice and came to New Berlin in October, 1909. His success has been remarkable and through his skill many valuable animals have been saved. Expert knowledge like his lessens the risks in handling stock and induces farmers to invest in high-grade breeds. His office and laboratory are fitted with all modern appliances known to his profession, and no veterinary in the county is better equipped to care for suffering and sick animals placed in his charge.

Dr. McFarland was married June 10, 1908, to Ethel B. Cantrall, of Athens, Ill., a daughter of Jasper Cantrall, one of the leading men of Athens. Dr. McFarland is a Republican, but has not gone before the public for office. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Loami Lodge, No. 450, and to the Modern Woodmen of America of New Berlin. In addition to his professional interests Dr. McFarland owns 240 acres of land in Arkansas, and is a stockholder and promoter of the New Berlin Driving Association. Energetic and enthusiastic, he is devoted to his work and has a large practice throughout Sangamon and Morgan Counties. He is well-read, owning a large library and subscribing for many magazines, some of a professional nature, and enjoys their contents. He and his wife have a number of warm personal friends and stand high in their community.

McGILLICK, John.—Sangamon County appreciates without stint the many excellent qualities of the sons of Erin who find there more congenial surroundings than in their own oppressed country, dear as it is to them. Many reliable and representative citizens of the county were born in Ireland, and among them is John McGillick, of Section 25, Woodside Township, owner of a good farm. He was born June 22, 1821, a son of James and Mary (Riley) McGillick, natives of Ireland. In 1862 the parents came to Springfield, where they spent the remainder of their lives, dying there years ago. The limited educational advantages afforded Mr. McGillick were obtained in Ireland, and from the time he was a mere child he had to work hard.

As he grew up, he realized that Ireland was no place for ambitious young men, and in 1855 he came to Canada, where for seven years he was a landscape gardener and farmer. But not finding there exactly the conditions he wanted, he came in 1862 to Springfield, which has been his home city ever since, although for some years past he has lived in Woodside Township. His farm of thirty-four acres represents years of toil. Buying it at a low figure, years ago, he has developed it until it is now a valuable property. On it his children were born and reared to useful maturity, and he and his wife are there spending their declining years.

Mr. McGillick was married in Canada, in February, 1867, to Margaret Flinnigan, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of Michael and Mary Flinnigan, natives of Ireland and Glasgow, Scotland, respectively. Mr. Flinnigan lived to be ninety-five years of age, spending the last fifteen years of his life in Springfield, where he died. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McGillick were as follows: Rose E., born November 10, 1868; Thomas and Sarah, twins, born September 30, 1884, and Margaret, born November 10, 1886, and three daughters and one son who are deceased. Being now advanced in years, Mr. McGillick does little of the actual work of the farm, which is under the efficient charge of his son. He is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, and has been from boyhood. His vote is always cast for the candidates of the Democratic party, and he gives them his hearty support in other ways. Genial and kind-hearted, this excellent old gentlemen has many friends and holds the esteem of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

McGINNIS, Mrs. Bridget, of Springfield, Ill., was born in County Sligo, Ireland, in July, 1847, daughter, of John and Anna (Toher) Meer, both also natives of that county, the father born in 1821 and the mother in 1822. He died in 1897 and she died at age of ninety-three years. Neither of them left their native land. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom Bridget was the second in order of birth. They are: Mary, wife of Michael McLaughlin, living in Ireland; Bridget; Anna, wife of John Joyce, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Thomas, also of Philadelphia; Michael, of Ireland; Sarah died in Ireland, at a tender age; John, of Ireland; Katherine, wife of John Kelly, of Ireland; Nellie, wife of John Walsh, of Ireland; Betty died young; Patrick lives in Michigan.

Bridget Meer was married in the Catholic Church in Mahanoy, Pa., by Rev. Father McAvoy, in August of the year following the assas-

sination of President Lincoln, to John McGinnis, who was born in County Sligo, Ireland, in 1829, and died September 12, 1903. The records of his family have been lost and his widow is unable to give the names of his ancestors or data relative to them. Mr. McGinnis came to America as a boy and located first at Scranton, Pa., and later moved to Mahanoy. He and his wife came to Dixon, Ill., and thence to LaSalle, and later lived for a time at Streator, Braidwood, and Barclay, and finally located in Springfield, where they located permanently. He followed mining all his active life and was an industrious, reliable citizen. He had a sister Bridget, who married Patrick Eagen and lives in Nebraska.

Five children were born to Mr. McGinnis and wife, of whom all are deceased except one. They were three daughters and two sons, namely: Anna, born in May, 1866, died in June, 1903; John, a coal miner, born in 1869, died April 19, 1896; Katherine, born in September, 1872, died in 1894; Patrick, born in 1878, a coal miner, died in February, 1908; Mary, born June 2, 1876, lives at home with her mother. Mary McGinnis is most devoted to her mother's comfort and welfare and has given up all her personal tastes and ambitions to administer to her parent in the latter's old age. Both are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and are earnest workers in its cause. They are refined, cultured women and have many personal friends. The husband and father died at his home in Springfield and Mrs. and Miss McGinnis now reside at 1834 North Ninth Street.

McGIVNEY, Michael (deceased).—A good man's influence is felt long after his mortal body has has crumbled into the dust from which it was raised. The best citizens of a city are not always found in the highest positions; wealth and political honors do not necessarily bring happiness, for it is among those who each day do the duty assigned them, giving a fair service, that real contentment and piety are found. The life of the late Michael McGivney was an excellent example of this, and his memory is tenderly cherished by those who knew his real worth. Mr. McGivney was born in Ireland about 1840. Losing his parents when he was a small lad, he was cared for by an uncle, who brought his young charge and his two sisters, Annie and another to the United States. Soon after their arrival in New York City the uncle died, and the young people found their way to Cincinnati, O., where they had a cousin. The two sisters married and now reside in Arkansas.

The cousin was in a tanning business, and Michael found employment with him. Later he embarked in a tanning business in Aberdeen, O., but in 1887 he moved to Springfield, where he entered the employ of the electric light plant, continuing with this concern for eighteen years, or until his death. While residing in Aberdeen, Mr. McGivney was united in marriage with Hannah Downs, born in the vicinity of Maysville, Ky., a daughter of John and Margaret (Hennessey) Downs. The children born to them were: John, who died at the age of thirty-five years in Springfield, married a Miss Sexton; William, died at the age of twenty-five years; James, deceased; Frank, also deceased; Edward, of Chicago, and Mary, at home. Mr. McGivney died July 7, 1908, a faithful member of the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception. In politics he was a Democrat, but never aspired to office, confining his attention to his work.

McGOVERN, John James (deceased), who was prominent in labor circles in Springfield, Ill., had the best interests of his community at heart and was recognized as a public-spirited, useful citizen. He was born at Newcastle, Del., February 2, 1855, a son of Patrick and Elizabeth (Sheridan) McGovern. The father was a native of Ireland and came to America as a young man. After living several years in Delaware, he went to Weir City, Kan., locating on a farm nearby. The mother was also a native of Ireland and they had five children, as follows: Edward, Eugene, Henry, Owen, John J.

Mr. McGovern attended school at Farmingdale, Ill., and his first active work was performed on his father's farm. Later he engaged in mining operations, first as a laborer and eventually as a foreman. He took great interest in the welfare of his fellow-workmen and in labor conditions and was popular with his associates. He became connected with the Workman's Legal Insurance Company, of Chicago. He retired from active life in 1897 and spent his last days in ease and quiet in his home at Springfield.

Mr. McGovern's marriage occurred at Petersburg, Ill., April 20, 1881, when he was united with Ellen Brazle, the ceremony being performed by Father O'Hara and taking place in the Catholic Church of that place. Miss Brazle was born at LaSalle, Ill., July 20, 1862, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Farrell) Brazle, both natives of Ireland, the father born in December, 1834 and the mother, May 15, 1837. The Brazle family came to America and located on a farm near Ashland, Ill., where the father's death occurred February 23, 1906. Mrs. Brazle still resides at Ashland. They were parents of nine children, as follows: Edward, Ellen (Mrs. McGovern), Mary (wife of John Sehy); Bridget, James, Michael and Anna, all deceased; Alice, wife of Simon Whallen.

Mr. McGovern and wife became parents of ten children: Elizabeth, born February 18, 1881, wife of Charles Gallagar; Edward, born October 20, 1883; Mary L., born October 18, 1885, wife of William Galgannon of Ohio; Thomas P., born February 28, 1887, a florist at the Bell-Miller Green House Co. and living at home; Eugene P. a minor born December 12, 1889, lives at home; Frances, born, January 6, 1891, died September 5, 1896; Frank, born October 21, 1893, at home; Robert, born March, 9, 1895, lives at home and

is a florist in the employ of A. C. Brown Company; Alice, born January 16, 1898; Stella, born April 28, 1900. There are ten grandchildren in the family.

Mr. McGovern belonged to the Royal Circle, which is now known as the Royal Americans, and was a member of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church. He was active and prominent in political affairs and cast his influence with the Democratic party. His death was keenly felt in many circles and was sincerely mourned by a wide circle of friends. He passed away at his Springfield home February 2, 1904, and his widow still resides there, surrounded by her children and many friends.

McGOWAN, Frank M.—The wool industry of the United States is one of the country's important enterprises, and in all of its various branches controls immense sums of money and gives employment to large numbers of men. Those who are engaged in this business as dealers have a finger at the country's pulse, as wool being a necessary article the scale of its demand indicates the nation's prosperity. Frank M. McGowan, a prominent business man of Springfield, Ill., is engaged in dealing in wool, as well as in hides and tallow, in partnership with his father and governing one of the successful business ventures of its kind in this part of the country. Mr. McGowan is a native of Springfield, born here January 30, 1872, a son of Michael and Eliza (Ryan) McGowan.

Michael McGowan was born in the North of Ireland, and on settling in Albany County, N. Y., after coming to this country, he secured employment as a wool-sorter, and subsequently was employed in the same capacity at Hartford, Conn. In 1867 he came as a journeyman to Springfield, where he entered the employ of the Springfield Woolen Mills, with which firm he continued thirty years, first having charge of the sorting and later becoming buyer for the company, but is now engaged in business with his son. Mc McGowan was married in Decatur, Ill., in 1867, to Eliza Ryan, who was born in the eastern part of Ireland, but in early life was taken by her parents to Hartford, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan had these children: Margaret, the wife of N. J. Hamilton, of Springfield; Sarah, wife of James Cochran, of St. Louis, Mo.; Frank M.; Daniel J., deceased; John J., who married Eva Silvy, and had seven children; Elizabeth, at home; and Christopher, who took his preparatory studies in the Springfield High School and is now studying medicine in the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons at Indianapolis, Ind.

Frank M. McGowan received his education in the public schools of Springfield and later spent one year in a business college. He began sorting wool in the Springfield Woolen Mills, working under his father's direction, afterwards spending six or seven years in a similar business in Ohio. In 1893 he engaged in the wool trade at Havana, Ill., where he remained one year, then returned to Springfield where he embarked in his present business, being later joined by his father. They have handled millions of pounds of wool and also deal in hides and tallow. Mr. McGowan is a stockholder and director in the "Springfield Record" Publishing Company, and he and his father own considerable desirable real estate in the city.

In September, 1894, Mr. McGowan was united in marriage with Miss Stacia A. Connolly, who was born in Chatham, Ill., and educated in the schools of Sangamon County, where her parents resided for many years. Children have been born to this union, as follows. Loraine, Helen, Margaret, Francis, Bermadine and Frank M. Jr.

Mr. McGowan is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Order of Elks; is also a communicant of the St. Agnes Catholic Church, and a liberal donator to church and charitable work. His political faith is that of the Democratic party, and besides taking quite an active part in local matters, is always found at the head of any movement which he believes will help in promoting the city's best interests.

McGRATH, Thomas C. (deceased), who served ten years as a member of the police force of Springfield, Ill., was well known as a useful and public-spirited citizen. Mr. McGrath was born in Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, Pa., April 8, 1836, a son of Terrence and Nellie (Cumeford) McGrath, the former born in Ireland. The father was a foreman in the coal mines of Pennsylvania. He and his wife had seven children.

The education of Thomas C. McGrath was acquired in his native State, and after leaving school he began driving in the coal mines. In 1859 he moved to LaSalle County, Ill., where he lived about twelve years and was employed as a miner. In 1887 he located in Springfield, where he secured a position on the police force, under the administration of Mayor Hay, and served ten years under three different Mayors. He left the force in 1896 and his death occurred at his home, 1527 East Washington Street, Springfield, July 25, 1906, at the age of seventy years. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery. He was a good officer and had considerable experience in mining, having been employed many years as inspector and foreman for the Capital Coal Company. He was a member of the Catholic Church and affiliated with the Catholic Order of Foresters, of Springfield. He took an active part in local affairs and in political views was a Democrat. He was devoted to his home, a kind husband and father, and had many warm personal friends, being a man of social instincts and genial disposition.

Mr. McGrath was married, in LaSalle County, Ill., February 19, 1860, to Miss Mary Culbert, who was born in Columbia, Lancaster County, Pa., May 17, 1837, a daughter of Michael and Johanna (O'Connell) Culbert, both born in County Cork, Ireland. Twelve children were born to Mr. McGrath and his wife, namely:

Josie, unmarried, living with her mother; Thomas J., unmarried and living at home; William F., a mine worker, married and living in Springfield; Margaret, married Patrick J. Whalen, a bartender living in Springfield; Anna, married Joseph Hohl, clerk in a shoe store in Springfield; Nellie and Matthew, unmarried. David J., Terrence, Michael, Alice and Helen are deceased.

McGRAW, Daniel, now living retired from active life in his comfortable home at 2026 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Ill., has spent most of his life in Sangamon County. He was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1840, a son of Patrick and Mary (Cahill) McGraw, who brought him to America as a small boy. The parents spent two years in Toronto, Canada, then came to Springfield, where both died a few years later. Daniel McGraw received his education in Quebec, Canada, and upon leaving school secured a position on a steamboat plying on the Mississippi between St. Louis and New Orleans, spending three years in this way. He then located in Springfield, where he worked a few years as gardener and then purchased stock in the Old East Mine, of which he still owns some shares. He entered the employ of the company and remained with them until he retired from active life, a few years since. He owns his present residence, which is very pleasantly located, and has a large number of friends in the city.

Mr. McGraw was married in Springfield, in 1880, to Miss Mary Welsh, a native of Ireland, whose parents spent their entire lives in that country, and four sons and three daughters were born of this union. The four surviving children are: Patrick, of Omaha, Neb.; Daniel, of Springfield; Nora, wife of Matt Cullen, an employe of the Springfield fire department; Nellie, of Springfield. There is but one grandchild in the family. Mr. McGraw is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, belonging to the Immaculate Conception Parish, and in politics is a Democrat. He has a reputation for honesty and integrity and is regarded as a useful, upright citizen. He was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, of whom he has many pleasant memories.

McGRUE, Harry O., a representative and successful business man of Springfield, has spent his entire life in that city, where he was born in June, 1860. The enterprise, known as the Capital Planing Mill, of which he is now the head, was started by his father, Thomas A. McGrue, in 1876, and has had a steady and continuous growth since that time. Thomas A. McGrue was born in Ohio, and in youth learned the trade of carpenter. In June, 1858, he was married to Miss Mary Cummins, who passed away in November, 1866. Mr. McGrue became a resident of Springfield in 1856, where he died in 1890.

The education of Harry O. McGrue was acquired in the public schools of his native city, and at an early age he left school to assist his father in business, and attended night school for some years later. He learned the full details of the enterprise by practical experience, and at his father's death succeeded to the business. The Planing Mill is equipped with high-grade machinery of late pattern, and is prepared to furnish a complete line of inside and outside builders' finishing material. It now occupies a two-story plant, 90x157 feet at Ninth and Adams Streets, where about fifty men are employed throughout the entire year. The product is shipped to different parts of central Illinois, and supplies an excellent trade in Sangamon County. Mr. McGrue is well fitted for the struggle engendered by competition, and is always wide awake and ready to take advantage of his opportunities. The business has been conducted for the past thirty years at the present location, but on account of the growing business and crowded condition, Mr. McGrue is now completing a new mill, with increased capacity and additional space. The building and ground occupy an entire block of property in Harvard Park, from Seventh to Eighth Street on Princeton Avenue. This will enable him to handle a greater volume of business and larger contracts to much better advantage.

Mr. McGrue was married, in 1881, to Julia G., daughter of William and Hattie (Morse) Church, a native of Springfield, where she was reared. Mrs. McGrue passed away October 30, 1911. By this marriage five children were born: Edna A. (widow of Edward B. Greene), now residing at home; Harry R., who died November 4, 1911; Robert, James and William.

Mr. McGrue is prominent in political circles in Springfield, and is a stanch Republican in his views. He served twelve years as alderman from the Fifth ward, and was true to the interests of the city.

He is a member of Springfield Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., and Springfield Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., Elwood Commandery, K. T., No. 6. He also belongs to Capital Lodge No. 14, K. P., and Sangamon Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F.

The family reside at 822 East Capitol Avenue.

McGRUE, Oliver, a prominent citizen of Springfield and a veteran of the Civil War, is still actively engaged in working at his trade of carpenter, though rather advanced in years. Mr. McGrue is a member of a family that has been prominent in Ohio for many generations, and his paternal grandfather, who was a soldier in the Mexican War, was a native of Ohio and died on his farm in that State, at the age of eighty years. Mr. McGrue was born in Clermont County, Ohio, October 30, 1833, son of Andrew and Mary (Oliver) McGrue, the former a preacher, who died when his son Oliver was but six months old. His widow, a native of New Jersey, had come to Ohio when sixteen years of age, and after the death of Mr. McGrue she married (second) Adam Bowlby, and they lived

in Williams County, Ohio, then a wilerness, where a scant education was received by Oliver McGrue.

When eighteen years of age Oliver McGrue left the home of his mother and step-father and went to Cincinnati, where he learned the trade of carpenter, being a resident of Ohio until 1886. He then moved to Independence, Kan., lived there three years and in 1889 moved to Springfield, which has since been his home, and there he has continued working at his trade.

Mr. McGrue enlisted, in February, 1862, at Batavia, Clermont County, Ohio, in Company F, Fifty-ninth Ohio Infantry and after serving but part of his term of enlistment was sent home on account of sickness. He was afterward sent to Camp Dennison and worked there as carpenter until the close of the war. After leaving the army he resumed work at his trade, and since 1892 has been employed at the Vredenburg Planing Mill, at Springfield. He has been fairly successful in financial affairs, has accumulated some property and his wants are well provided for. He is a member of the Campbellite Church and was formerly a Democrat, but now is Independent in politics. He served several years as Councilman while living in Ohio.

Mr. McGrue was married in Batavia, Ohio, March 17, 1859, to Miss Missouri L. Hopkins, a native of Batavia, born September 21, 1840. She is a daughter of Benjamin R. and Mary J. (Deagler) Hopkins, both natives of Virginia, who moved to Ohio by wagon at an early day. The family was an old one in Virginia, well known and highly respected there. Mr. Hopkins became a pork packer and both he and his wife died in Clermont County, Ohio, he at the age of eighty-seven and his wife at the age of ninety-two years. The father of Mr. Hopkins spent his entire life in Virginia and the father of his wife, also a native of Virginia, owned a ship and was drowned in a storm at sea. Five children were born to Oliver McGrue and his wife, of whom two survive, namely: Nellie B., born in Batavia, Ohio, October 27, 1862, now Mrs. Albert P. Lyon of Springfield; Percy Oliver, born in Batavia, August 12, 1876, a telegraph operator in the Capitol Building at Springfield; Harry C., born in December, 1864, deceased; Dale Owen, born in Ohio, July 21, 1874, died in Springfield October 25, 1886; William A. born in Ohio, December 17, 1860, died August 17, 1861.

The second oldest child of Mr. McCrue, his only daughter, Nellie B., married (first) Frank W. Markley, of Hamilton County, Ohio, where he worked at photography, and there he died, leaving one daughter, Irene B., born in Hamilton County, June 15, 1881, who married Charles S. Adams, of Galesburg, Ill., employed in the office of Mr. Lyon in his transfer business, in Springfield, and they have no children. Mrs. Markley married (second) Albert P. Lyon, owner of the largest transfer and bus line in Springfield, and has no children by her second marriage. Percy Oliver McGrue married Elsie O'Neil, of Jacksonville, Ill., and they have no children. Harry C. McGrue was at one time employed in the Commercial Bank, at Independence, Kan., and after working there six years resigned and started a bank in Colfax, Wash. He took a severe cold while skating and this, affecting his throat and afterwards his lungs, caused his death, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, after he had started for home. Dale Owen McGrue left a widow and one child, having been married to Lizzie Pitzer, of Athens, Ill., now a resident of Springfield, and their daughter Helen was born in Athens.

Mrs. McGrue is a woman of intelligence and culture, much interested in church work and active in many worthy causes in the community.

McGUIRE, Judge Robert L., a valued citizen of Springfield, Ill., and at one time Mayor of the city, has been one of the prominent lawyers of Sangamon County since 1865, when he first established an office in Springfield for the practice of his profession. Judge McGuire was born in Boone County, Mo., a son of Levi and Susan McGuire, and in boyhood worked on his father's small farm until he was seventeen years of age. Levi McGuire was a minister as well as a farmer, and a man of good education, so that the son early learned habits of right thinking and correct expression. He received a good education near his home and at the age of seventeen years left home to engage in teaching school, thus earning the money with which he attended Missouri University, at Columbia, Mo., from which he graduated in the Class of 1857. He afterwards taught at Mexico and Greenfield, Mo., and at Rushville and Springfield, Ill., meantime having prepared himself for admission to the bar. He soon established a good legal practice and became interested in various financial enterprises in Springfield and vicinity, in all of which he has met with gratifying success. He has been retained in many important cases and has always taken an active interest in the progress and growth of the city. His fellow-citizens evinced their confidence in his ability and good faith by electing him to the office of Mayor, which he held in 1879-80, and administered affairs in a manner highly creditable to himself and to the public. He is a stanch Republican in political belief and active in the interests of his party. He served several years as a member of the city School Board and in 1890 was elected to the office of County Judge. Judge McGuire represents the highest type of citizen, ready to put the interest of his city, county or State above his own, and has never been an office-seeker.

December 22, 1875, Judge McGuire was married, at Chatham, Ill., to Sadie Leaverton, daughter of Wilson and Jeanette Leaverton, both now deceased. One child was born of this union, Susan Jeanette, who was married, in October, 1903, to John Sydney Burnett, of Chicago. Judge McGuire is prominent in Masonic circles, having belonged to the order

nearly half a century and for most of that time has served as Treasurer of his lodge. He is a Knight Templar and has taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He has been an Odd Fellow nearly forty years, is also a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Elks Lodge. He belongs also to the Sangamo, the Illini, Country and Mercantile Club of Springfield. He is a man of pleasant, genial manner and kind heart and is popular with his many friends. He and his wife are interested in church and benevolent work, both belonging to the First Presbyterian Church. Judge McGuire has at times invested in real estate and has been fortunate in his dealings in this line.

McINTIRE, James W.—Farming in Sangamon County has always been profitable, but never more so than now, when there are so many appliances to assist the agriculturist in his work. James W. McIntire, on Section 5, Cooper Township, was born in Mechanicsburg, April 6, 1856, a son of Sanford and Theodora D. (Maddox) McIntire, the former born in Scott County, Ky., in 1832, and the latter in Owen County, Ky., May 4, 1834. The parents came to Illinois in 1847, settling in Mechanicsburg, where they lived until 1865, when they moved to the farm where James W. McIntire now lives. There the father died July 25, 1888, but his widow survives, making her home in Kansas. The father bought a soldier's claim on the present site of the city of Bloomington.

Mr. McIntire early commenced working in a brick yard for his father, thus continuing until he was twenty-two years old. He then started farming, and has continued in that line ever since. He owns a portion of the old homestead, comprising nineteen acres of land, and has lived on it nearly a quarter of a century.

On November 20, 1883, Mr. McIntire was married in Springfield to Mary Hanmann, born December 15, 1864, daughter of Chris. and Louise (Stuhlman) Hanmann. The parents came to America from Germany, in 1859, and spent two years in Springfield, after which they went to Clear Lake Township, settling on a farm, which continued the family home until the death of the father, April 21, 1908. The mother passed away thirty-four years ago. Mrs. McIntire has a sister living six miles east of Springfield, but her brother, F. W., is deceased. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McIntire: Christian H., of Buffalo; Anna F., wife of Forest Gabbert, living in Mechanicsburg; Clara Inez.

McKEE, Charles C.—A number of the responsible residents of Springfield have found an outlet for their energies in working for the various railroads which center there. They have proven worthy of the trust reposed in them, and have borne their part in the growth of these systems. One of the men now holding a very responsible position with the Illinois Central Railroad Company, is Charles C. McKee, foreman of the roundhouse, now residing at No. 700 North Fourteenth Street. He was born on a farm at Salisbury, Sangamon County, December 29, 1869, a son of John and Mary McKee. The latter was born in Kentucky, in 1820, and was brought to Sangamon County when very young by his parents. They located on forty acres of land, on which the house is still standing in which they made their first home. There John McKee grew to manhood, becoming a sturdy farmer's son. Later the family moved to the vicinity of Salisbury, where John McKee became the driver of a stage-coach, running between Springfield and St. Louis, and carried many passengers who later became celebrated in the country's history. After several years in this work, he acted as engineer in a saw-mill, still later resuming his farming and locating in DeWitt County. In 1891 he went to Waverly, Morgan County, dying there in 1893. While not a member of any religious denomination, he inclined towards the teachings of the Methodist Church. In politics he was a firm Democrat. His widow is still living, aged seventy-four years. She and her husband had children as follows: Samuel, at home; George, of Waverly; Albert, of Clinton, Ill.; Charles C.; James, of Waverly; John, at home.

Charles C. McKee attended school in Sangamon and DeWitt Counties, until he was fifteen years old, at the same time learning to be a farmer. When he was twenty-one years old he entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company as wiper, working his way up through various positions in their employ for fifteen years, when he left to engage with the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Company, returning to the Illinois Central Railroad later. The best proof of his efficiency is the fact that he rose from the position of wiper, at $1.10 per day to the important one he now holds.

The marriage of Mr. McKee took place at Clinton, Ill., July 20, 1897, to Miss Florence Gillard, of Clinton, daughter of Charles and Rose Gillard. Mr. and Mrs. McKee became the parents of two children: Verna, born August 2, 1900, and Merna, born August 26, 1905.

Fraternally Mr. McKee is a member of the Masonic Order, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Court of Honor. In politics he is a Republican, but his time has been so occupied with his business cares that he has never come before the public for office. Faithful and conscientious, thoroughly versed in all the details of his work and recognizing the responsibilities of his position, Mr. McKee is one of the most efficient men in the employ of the Illinois Central Company. His services are appreciated at their true value, and not only is he trusted by those in authority, but he is liked by his men, who know he is their friend, trying to help them in every way that will not conflict with his duty to the road.

The home life of the McKee family is very pleasant, both Mr. and Mrs. McKee having many friends in Springfield. Their hospitable

home is presided over by Mrs. McKee with true housewifely skill, and she makes welcome all who come within its doors.

McKEE, George W.—Farming as a business is something that pays in these days of scientific agriculture. The days when the farmer worked early and late for merely enough to eat and a roof over his head are past, for the agriculturalist of the present time is too well informed to allow opportunities to escape him. He takes advantage of governmental experiments, makes experiments of his own, and deducts inferences from the operations of others. He is not content to go on raising, year after year, the same crops, but tries new ones until he is satisfied that his land is bringing forth the best results. His buildings are of the best, and his stock of high-grade—this farmer of today. No one is a better representative of this modern farmer than George McKee of Section 14, Cotton Hill Township, where he was born May 7, 1881, a son of the old pioneer, the late James L. McKee, and his wife, Mrs. Levina (Snodgrass) McKee, whose lives are taken up separately in this work.

Attending the New City public school, Mr. McKee acquired a practical education, but his real training came from the farm. With the exception of some traveling for recreation, Mr. McKee has spent his life in Sangamon County engaged in farming, and the results he has accomplished show that he chose his occupation wisely. A strong Democrat, he has served since 1909 as Town Clerk. Liberal in his religious views, he contributes to the support of the Christian Church of Rochester, to which his wife belongs.

Mr. McKee was married in Springfield, Ill., by Judge Murray, on November 27, 1904, to Lillie May Burt, who was born in Rochester, Sangamon County, March 24, 1888, a daughter of Alfred H. and Margaret Burt. Mr. Burt was born in Branch County, Mich., December 9, 1847, and his wife in Fairfax County, Va., in 1854. Both are now living retired in Rochester. Besides one child who died in infancy, three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McKee, who survive, namely: Ruth V., born October 24, 1906, Ethel May, born April 20, 1909, and George Lemuel, born February 8, 1911.

McKEE, James Lemuel (deceased), an early settler of Sangamon County, where for more than half a century he was engaged in farming, was a useful, enterprising citizen, always ready to promote the public welfare and prosperity of his community. Mr. McKee was born in West Virginia, November 13, 1831, a son of James W. and Anna McKee, both natives of the same State. The father died in West Virginia, and his widow died while on a visit to her son James Lemuel McKee, and was buried in Zion Cemetery in Cotton Hill Township. The father of James L. McKee was a well-known farmer of Virginia, spending his entire life there.

James L. McKee received a somewhat meagre education, in his native State, and as a young man was very fond of hunting and fishing. He worked on his father's farm until coming to Illinois in 1855, when he located in Cotton Hill Township, where at the time of his death, he owned a farm of 104 acres, on Section 11, which is now the home of his widow. Mr. McKee was a member of the Methodist Church, and superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics, he was a Democrat. He belonged to the Anti-Horse Thief Association for several years, and served four years as Justice of the Peace in Cotton Hill Township, taking an active interest in public affairs. A representative of the best interests of his community, Mr. McKee exercised a beneficent influence, and his family still sustain the reputation for probity and uprightness of purpose established by him.

Mr. McKee was married in Springfield, Ill., October 18, 1856, Rev. Cooper officiating, to Miss Levina Snodgrass, a native of Sangamon County, born October 16, 1838, a daughter of James and Nancy (Moon) Snodgrass. Her father, a native of Tennessee, was a captain in the War of 1812, and died in Sangamon County; her mother, a native of Kentucky, also died in this county, both being buried in Zion Cemetery. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McKee, five of whom are deceased, they being: Nancy, born September 28, 1857, married Joseph DeLay of Sangamon County, and died June 9, 1879; James W., born August 8, 1859, died May 10, 1887; Reuben, born October 18, 1861, died in 1868; Josiah, born May 10, 1863, died in 1864; Moulton, born March 4, 1871, was killed by the kick of a horse in 1875. James W. was killed by lightning while on horseback on his way to a fishing expedition. The seven children who survive are: Charles, born March 21, 1865, married Winnifred Sabine, lives in Sangamon County, four children,—Marcia, Maggie, Lena and Grace; Jennie, born September 12, 1867, married Thomas Hunt, three daughters,—Allie, Lottie and Edna; Noah, born November 19, 1862, is unmarried and resides with his mother, a further sketch of his life being given elsewhere in this volume; Sallie, born September 14, 1875, married Samuel Shoup, two children,—Henry and Ruth; Daisy, born March 13, 1877, married Charles W. Jones of Christian County, five children,—Elta, James, Charles, Harry and Leroy (twins); and Leta Lorena, born March 7, 1879, whose biography also appears elsewhere in this work—one daughter, Bernice Helen; George W., born May 7, 1881, married Lillian Burt, lives on the home farm, three children,—Ruth, Ethel and George Lemuel, and is written up at length elsewhere in this record. All of the surviving children are residents of Sangamon County except Mrs. Jones. Mr. McKee died at his home January 13, 1908, and his remains were tenderly laid to rest in Zion Cemetery in Cotton Hill Township where repose the ashes of so many of Sangamon County's beloved dead.

McKEE, Leta Lorena, is a daughter of the late James Lemuel McKee and his wife, Mrs. Levina (Snodgrass) McKee, whose biographies appear elsewhere in this work.

Miss McKee was born on the home farm, March 7, 1879, and grew up under a careful mother's supervision, being early taught housekeeping and sewing. She attended school at New City, Ill., and was also given good opportunities for training the undoubted musical talent she possesses. Since her father's death, Miss McKee has been her mother's companion, and the two are inseparably united. She has always taken a pride in her beautiful needlework, while her fame as a cook extends beyond the confines of her township. While cultivating her mind, she has not forgotten to perfect herself in other ways, and is well trained in practical affairs.

McKEE, Noah.—The younger generation of agriculturists in Sangamon County are proving the value of scientific farming. Under the management of some of the efficient young farmers of this part of the State, because of the advancement made in the adoption of modern methods and the use of improved machinery, farm lands have advanced to prices that would have been deemed impossible even a decade ago. One of those who have devoted their lives to the perfecting of their agricultural knowledge and the development of choice farms, is Noah McKee who belongs to the old and representative McKee family, than which there is no better within the confines of Illinois.

Noah McKee was born November 19, 1862, on the McKee home farm in Cotton Hill Township, a son of the late lamented James Lemuel McKee and his wife, Mrs. Levina (Snodgrass) McKee, whose lives are treated of elsewhere in this volume. Growing up amid healthy country conditions, Mr. McKee attended the New City school, and carefully learned farming from the beginning. With the exception of a short time spent in Kansas, he has lived on the homestead which he is now operating for his mother. To her he is a great comfort, and she rejoices in his companionship and that of Miss Leta McKee, her unmarried daughter. While not a member of any religious denomination, Mr. McKee recognizes the good accomplished by churches, and is very liberal in his views, only asking to be allowed to retain his own ideas. As an advocate of Democratic principles, Mr. McKee is active and never neglects the opportunity to maintain his views and support measures which he believes to be for public advantage. Like his sister, he is very popular and, with her and his mother, enjoys a delightful home life.

McKENZIE, Joseph (deceased).—In all the pioneering that won Illinois to the Union, personal, physical heroism combined with the desire for opportunity to acquire landed possessions, played a very large part. Among those who helped in the early days to redeem our Commonwealth from the wilderness, is the late Joseph McKenzie, for many years a resident of Sangamon County. He was born in Lancaster, Pa., near Little York, August 14, 1816, and as his parents died when he was very young, he never knew much about them. He had a brother and sister, but they with him have passed away.

When he was only seventeen years old, Mr. McKenzie was brought to Sangamon County by a man named Crowl, who entered land from the government. Mr. McKenzie remained with him for a time, then came to Springfield where he learned engineering, first working for the Woolen Mills, but after five years went with a leading flour mill, and then to Schuck & Baker, proprietors of a planing mill. Here Mr. McKenzie remained as engineer until his retirement, in 1881. From then, until his death, which occurred April 4, 1901, he resided in Springfield, and was an active man in spite of his eighty-five years. He was a consistent member of the Christian Church, but his wife and family early united with Grace Lutheran Church. In politics, he was a Republican.

On July 22, 1855, Mr. McKenzie was married in Springfield to Mary Jane Boggs, born in Beaver County, Penn., July 14, 1837. Her parents were both natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers of Sangamon County, where they died. Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie had three children, two of whom survive: George W. and Aurella McKenzie, who keeps house for her mother. Mrs. McKenzie owns her home at No. 2233 East Spruce street, as well as other valuable property in Springfield.

George W. McKenzie, son of the above, is a contractor and builder of Springfield, who married Rose Moore of this city, and they have eight children: Clara, at home; Louis a cigar maker of Decatur; Charles of Springfield, married Miss Maggie Colburn of Springfield, three children,—Charles, George and Margaret; May wife of Ollie Jackson, one son,—Harry; Florence, Harry and George, Jr., at home. Mrs. George W. McKenzie died July 20, 1908.

During the many years he lived in this city, Mr. McKenzie held the esteem of his neighbors, and always did his duty as a Christian man and loyal citizen. Never striving for public notice he went his way, working hard, saving so as to provide for his family, giving generously to his church. Such men as he are always missed when death claims them, and their places are difficult to fill.

McKINNEY, Hugh, a well-known citizen of Springfield, Ill., now living in retirement from business life, is highly regarded as a man of upright character and probity. He is a native of Hamilton, Scotland, born January 3, 1845, a son of Bernard and Mary (Casey) McKinney, natives of Ireland, and the father a miner by occupation. The father went to Scotland from Ireland and engaged in mining in the vicinity

of Hamilton, where he spent the remainder of his life. The mother also died there. They were parents of two daughters and four sons, of whom all save one are now living: Mrs. Mary Fleming, of Jackson, Mich.; James and Francis, of Scotland; Mrs. Sarah Mundy, of Scotland; John (deceased) and Hugh.

Mr. McKinney received his education in his native place, and entered the mines there at the age of nine years, continuing in this occupation until coming to America. He landed at New York City, March 14, 1881, proceeded thence to Pottsville, Pa., and soon afterward went to Panhandle in the same State. He resided successively at Corunna and Jackson, Mich., and after remaining for some time at the latter place, spent five years at Lucas, Iowa, where he was engaged in mining. He later moved to Mendota, Mo., and soon afterward came to Belleville, Ill., where he lived until 1891. He then came to Springfield, which has since been his home. He has held various positions and was for sometime mine examiner in various mines in the vicinity of Springfield, being connected with the Woodside Mine, Klondike, and others. He owns a comfortable home and several lots in the vicinity of 1926 South Sixth Street, and has many friends in the neighborhood.

On October 6, 1873, Mr. McKinney married Rose A. McGrath, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, born April 15, 1859, whose parents spent their entire lives in Ireland. This union took place in Hamilton, Scotland, and part of their children were born there. Their children were as follows: Albert, of Butte, Mont.; Hugh and John, of Springfield; Joseph (deceased); Francis, at home; and James (deceased). There are three grandchildren in the family. Mr. McKinney is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and belongs to the Church of the Immaculate Conception Parish. In politics he is a Democrat and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. Mr. Kinney worked at mining from childhood until recently and was connected with many different mines. He worked under varying conditions and learned the full details of management in various parts of the United States, becoming an expert in various lines. He won a reputation as mine examiner that was well earned and he was considered one of the ablest men in his line in Sangamon County. He has lived retired since 1910. He has always been greatly interested in the kind of work in which his entire active life was spent, and made a careful study of methods and conditions under his observation from early youth.

McLACHLAN, John, who has lived retired from active pursuits for the past eight years, is a useful and well-known citizen of Springfield, Ill., and one of the few natives of Scotland who have come to the United States after having passed middle life. Mr. McLachlan was born in Glasgow, Scotland, August 14, 1837, son of Jeremiah and Mary (O'Neill) McLachlan, the father born in Tobermory, Isle of Mull, off the western coast of Scotland, and the latter a native of Arbo, County Tyrone, Ireland. The father was born in December, 1811, and the mother July 27, 1813, and he served in the war between China and Great Britain, after which he engaged in whale fishing. During his military service he was cook on a war vessel, and was a man of ability in many lines. He and his wife were married in Glasgow and there spent the remainder of their lives, he serving many years as Sheriff's officer.

The ancestors of John McLachlan were honest hard-working people. His grandfather, William McLachlan, was a fisherman and lived at Tobermory, and the great-grandfather, also a fisherman, was a native of Scotland. The maternal grandfather, Paul O'Neill, was a farmer in Ireland, where he lived to be one hundred and three years of age, and as far back as the family can be traced, its members were natives of Ireland.

The boyhood of John McLachlan was spent in his native place and he lived with his parents until eleven years of age, then left home and made his own way in the world. He sold matches and papers for four years and during this time associated with the lowest class of people in the city, eating and sleeping wherever necessity required. He then worked eighteen months as messenger boy in a store, after which time his employer procured for him a position as a cook's assistant on board the Irish boat "Thistle," which plied between Glasgow and Ireland. He afterwards worked a year and a half for a bottling concern and, when seventeen years of age, began working with a surveying party, going with them to the Province of Connaught in Ireland. Returning to Glasgow, he signed for a position on the ship "Black Eagle," which sailed between Scotland and Melbourne, Australia, but his father prevented his going, and the ship was afterwards lost at sea with all on board. Mr. McLachlan then engaged in mining in Scotland and since that time has spent his active life in that occupation.

In 1884 Mr. McLachlan emigrated to the United States but returned the same year and worked at his trade. In 1902 he returned to America bringing his two sons with him, and later sent for his two daughters; he has since made his permanent home in Springfield. He enjoys excellent health and has won many friends. He is a member of the British-American Society of Springfield, and in politics is a Republican. He belongs to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Mr. McLachlan was married in Dalry, Ayrshire, Scotland, April 9, 1862, to Miss Mary Johnston, a native of that place, born November 21, 1842, daughter of Alexander and Ollie (Reid) Johnston, the former also a native of Dalry. The father was a miner by occupation and he and his wife came to the United States in 1856, where they remained but a short time, then returning to Ayrshire, where both died. He was of English descent and son of a mer-

chant of Manchester, England. The grandfather Johnston was a master quarryman and died in England. Mrs. Johnston was a daughter of James Reid, a tailor of Cookstown, Ireland, who died in Scotland.

Eight children were born to Mr. McLachlan and his wife, of whom four survive, namely: Jennette, born in Scotland, in 1866, married in Black Ridge, Scotland, Patrick Duffy, a native of Ireland, and they now live in Springfield and have four children—Martin, Mary, Joseph and Paul; Alexander, born in Scotland, April 10, 1874, a miner now living in Springfield, there married Grace Graham, a native of Scotland, and they have one daughter, Mary, born in Springfield; John, born in Scotland, September 6, 1878, is now a police officer of Springfield, there married Elizabeth Owens, a native of England, and they have no children; and Mary wife of John McGinnis, a coal miner of Springfield, and they have nine children—Hugh, John, James, Alexander, Esther, Martha, Patrick and two deceased.

Mr. McLachlan resides at 1407 East Ash Street, Springfield, and owns some city property. He has had much experience in the line of mining and, while carrying on his work in the mountains of Scotland, took part in many dangerous tasks and saw many accidents. He has worked hard during his entire active life, and is now enjoying the rest he has so well earned and deserved.

McLAUGHLIN, Christopher (deceased), formerly a retired farmer and gardener living in the vicinity of the State Fair Grounds, northeast of Springfield, had been a resident of Sangamon County since about 1853. He was born at Stanton, Powell County, Ky., February 10, 1846, a son of David and Elizabeth (Morris) McLaughlin, both natives of Kentucky, the father born August 26, 1800, and the mother August 4, 1804. David McLaughlin was the son of a Revolutionary soldier who had emigrated to America from Ireland. The father had proved himself a most patriotic and faithful soldier and was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. The parents of Christopher McLaughlin emigrated to Morgan County, Ill., in 1852, settling near the town of Winchester, Scott County, and one year later came to Sangamon County, where the father died January 23, 1887, the mother dying September 7, 1853. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Christopher was the youngest. He received his education in the early subscription schools of his day and worked on the farm with his father until he was eighteen years of age.

In 1864, being then but eighteen years of age, Christopher McLaughlin enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Sixth Illinois, being mustered in February 22 under Provost Marshal Isaac Keys. They spent some time at Camp Yates, and their first skirmish was at Clarendon, Ark., after which they camped at Pine Bluff, Ark., marched for three weeks, returned to Pine Bluff and spent the remainder of the winter there. During the summer of 1865 they were sent back to Springfield, were there discharged and paid off at the Revere Hotel. He had good reason to feel proud of his war record, and became a prominent member of the Stephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R. In political views he was always a Republican, casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1864, and his second vote for U. S. Grant. He was converted to belief in this party August 8, 1860, during Lincoln's first campaign for the presidency.

Mr. McLaughlin served three years as Tax Collector of Loami Township, two years as Road Commissioner and two years as School Director. He was appointed Supervisor in 1908 and elected to the same office in 1910. He was a man of integrity and stability of character, and highly respected by his neighbors and associates. He owned 120 acres of land near Loami. This he sold and later rented land and was active as a farmer up to the time of his death, September 12, 1910.

Mr. McLaughlin was married in Loami, Ill., February 11, 1869, to Miss Fannie Colburn, who was born September 8, 1852, and died August 28, 1904, a daughter of Daniel and Cindy (Hoffmaster) Colburn, who came to Sangamon County soon after the Civil War. The mother now lives at Loami, having reached an advanced age. Five children were born to Mr. McLaughlin and wife, namely: Minnie, born August 14, 1869, and married John Loving, a farmer in Sangamon County; Andrew, born April 20, 1873, is a farmer and lives near Springfield; Lena, born June 17, 1875, married Isaac Workman, a farmer living twenty-five miles southwest of Springfield; and Glen and Gertie (twins), who died in infancy. Seven grandchildren were born to Mr. McLaughlin, namely: Elsa McLaughlin, June 2, 1898; Alma McLaughlin, November 10, 1902; Earl Loving and Loyd Loving, and three deceased, who were the children of Andrew McLaughlin.

McLEAN, A. H.—Many leading corporations of the country owe their present prosperity to their traveling men, without whom it would be impossible for them to do business. These live, energetic men, traveling from place to place, keep thoroughly abreast of the times and of the demands of the trade, and, while placing orders, keep their home offices fully informed of the current of affairs. One of the best representatives of the up-to-date commercial traveler of today is A. H. McLean, of Springfield, one of the efficient representatives of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. He was born in West Virginia, December 15, 1858, a son of Alexander and Sarah (Miller) McLean. Alexander McLean was born in Scotland, but his wife was born in Pennsylvania. In 1856 he came to the United States, locating in Virginia, where he embarked in a lumber business, successfully

prosecuting it until his demise in 1865. He had the misfortune to lose his wife in 1862.

A. H. McLean was brought up in Pennsylvania, and received his education in the city of Pittsburg. Leaving school, he entered the factory of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and four years later was put on the road to represent the corporation, since which time he has been their faithful exponent. For some time he made Quincy, Ill., his home, but later came to Springfield, where he has since resided.

On April 6, 1903, occurred the marriage of Mr. McLean, in Springfield, with Lilly Merser, who was born in 1868. In 1908 Mr. Merser was killed, at the age of seventy-one years. His widow passed away the following year, aged sixty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. McLean are the parents of three children. Mr. McLean is a member of the N. P. L. and is in good standing with this order, which he joined three years ago. In religious faith he is a Catholic. His political sentiments make him a Republican, but he is not active in party affairs. He inherits all the excellent traits of his Scotch father, and is faithful, conscientious and industrious. His house places implicit faith in him and his representations, as do his customers, and he is esteemed over the wide territory which he covers.

McMURRAY, Thomas B., a highly esteemed citizen of Divernon Township, Sangamon County, who is cultivating the John Egan farm of 160 acres, located on Section 14, two miles east of the Divernon Postoffice, was born in Springfield, Ill., January 19, 1857, a son of Joseph E. and Nancy C. (Parks) McMurray.

Joseph E. McMurray was born in Sweetwater Valley, Tenn., and early in life decided to become a minister, but owing to parental objection, had to work his way through Lane's Seminary, in Ohio, by doing chores and housekeeping. After graduating he came direct to Mulberry Grove, Ill., where he followed preaching until 1850 and in that year removed to Hardin, Ill. Later he went to Iowa, but eventually returned to Illinois, and while in Springfield was forced to give up preaching on account of throat ailment, and subsequently became ticket agent of the Wabash Railroad Company at Cerro Gordo, Ill., remaining there twelve years and dying January 27, 1868. He was married January 28, 1852, in Springfield, Ill., to Nancy C. Parks, who was born in Middlebury, Vt., February 5, 1818, daughter of Beaumont and Nancy C. Parks, and she died May 24, 1892, at Auburn, Ill. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McMurray: Alice B., born November 9, 1852, at Springfield, is unmarried and now lives at Pontiac; Edward P., born August 12, 1855, is a music dealer of Pontiac; Thomas B.; and Walter S., born February 18, 1859, died at the age of three years.

Thomas B. McMurray was educated in the public school of Auburn, Ill., and later taught two terms in the country schools, paying for his books by working on farms after school and on Saturday. In 1881 he went to the normal school, from which he graduated June 25, 1885, and once more took up teaching, working until 1891, and in addition teaching music during his spare hours. In 1891 he started clerking in a dry-goods store, but in 1892, after his marriage, he moved to a farm in Sangamon County, carrying on agricultural pursuits and teaching a district school for three years. At the end of this time he located on the farm which he now cultivates, the John Egan farm of 160 acres, which he has made one of the best in his part of the township. Mr. McMurray is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church at Divernon. He has always been a Republican, but during the great Temperance campaign that recently swept Illinois, cast all his influence with the ticket of that party, as he has always been a great foe to the liquor traffic.

On August 3, 1892, Mr. McMurray was married in Divernon, Ill., to Fannie Esther Haire, who was born April 26, 1865, in Sangamon County, the daughter of Johnson and Margaret (Lindsey) Haire. Mr. Haire died March 22, 1869, and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, at Springfield, the McMurray-Haire-Aldrich monument being near the John R. Tanner mausoleum there. To Mr. and Mrs. McMurray there were born two children: Fannie Marie, born January 15, 1897; and Heywood Thomas, born February 19, 1901.

McMURRY, Thomas.—Agricultural conditions in Sangamon County have changed to such an extent during the past few decades that the enterprising farmer has been compelled to change to a large degree his methods of treating the soil. New discoveries have been made, powerful machinery invented and innovations introduced, and he who would reap the most beneficial results from his property must keep in touch with the changes of the times. Thomas McMurry, for many years a scientific farmer west of Springfield, and one of the "Snow Birds," but now living retired in the Capital City, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1839, a son of Michael and Nora (Fitzgerald) McMurry, both natives of the same county.

Michael McMurry came to America June 10, 1852, his wife having died in 1848, and went first to Jacksonville, Ill., where the rest of his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. Thomas McMurry was educated in the schools of his native country and at Jacksonville, Ill., and until reaching his majority he worked on his father's farm. In company with two brothers, he engaged in farming in Morgan County, eleven miles southeast of Jacksonville, which they continued until 1860, when they moved to Sangamon County and there farmed together until 1880, when Mr. McMurry retired from business activities and purchased his present home in Springfield, at No. 921 West Lawrence Avenue, although he still retains an interest in the land. He is a faithful member of St. Agnes parish of the Roman Catholic Church, and as a citizen

ranks high in his community. He is an independent in politics.

On June 16, 1867, in Petersburg, Menard County, Ill., Mr. McMurry was united in marriage with Catherine Kelly, who was born in that place, December 13, 1850, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Hogan) Kelly, both natives of Ireland, the former born in County Roscommon and the latter in County Kilkenny. Her father came to America in 1848, settling in Menard County, Ill., and died July 6, 1906, the mother having passed away November 4, 1905. They were both members of the Roman Catholic Church, and were married by Rev. Father Conlon in the first Catholic Church erected in Springfield. Mrs. McMurry was the oldest of a family of thirteen children, of whom nine are still living.

There were sixteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. McMurry and of these the following survive: Michael J., retired, living at No. 225 West Grand Avenue; James P., living in Freeport, Ill., Mrs. McMurry and of these the following survive: Michael J., retired, living at No. 225 West an engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad; John A., who also is an engineer on the same railroad; Frank A., a conductor on the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad, residing in Springfield; Nicholas E., a teacher in the Wright School at Riverton; Richard H., a brakeman on the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad; Mary W., a teacher in Sangamon County public schools, and Agnes, living at home with their parents. Both of the daughters were educated in the Catholic convents in Springfield, Miss Mary graduating from the Dominican Convent with the class of 1904.

McPHERSON, Mrs. Georgiana.—Some of the heaviest property owners of Springfield are women who have inherited their fortunes from father or husband, and are now administering affairs with ability and foresight. One of these is Mrs. Georgiana McPherson. She was born in Illinois, April 28, 1857, a daughter of Jeramiah and Sarah Jane (McConklin) Masterson. The father was born in Louisville, Ky., while the mother was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 2, 1833. The father died February 21, 1905, but the mother survives, active at the age of seventy-seven years. Mrs. McPherson has a brother and sister who reside on a farm at Bluffs, Ill. All his life Mr. Masterson was a farmer, and succeeded very well in his work.

Mrs. McPherson was educated in Morgan County, and was reared on a farm there, remaining at home until she married George McPherson, August 20, 1883. Until 1898 she resided on a farm, but that year came to Springfield, which is still her home. Mr. McPherson was a prominent farmer. He was a Republican, but Mrs. McPherson was brought up in a Democratic household, her father espousing the principles of that party. Mr. McPherson died firm in the faith of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. McPherson has connected herself with the First Methodist Church of Springfield, and gives it generous support. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McPherson, Lilly, born May 17, 1884, married Sylvester Bethard, merchant and postmaster of Wrightsville; Elizabeth, born May 22, 1887, married Ray Myers, a farmer; Jeremiah B. is connected with a railroad in Oklahoma; Nellie, born June 2, 1889, married Joseph Lugo, a machinist. All of the children have done well, and Mrs. McPherson has every reason to feel proud of them. She commands universal respect and has many friends in Springfield, as well as in her old home.

McTAGGART, A. T.—The Scotch people have always been noted for their frugality and industrious habits, and those coming from Old Scotia have transmitted to their children the same characteristics which have made for their own success. The McTaggart family comes of Scotch ancestry, and one of its leading representatives in Sangamon County is A. T. McTaggart, a prosperous farmer, residing three and one-half miles south of Pawnee, on Section 19 in the township of that name. He was born on the farm where he now resides, July 15, 1878, a son of Robert and Jane (Carswell) McTaggart, natives of Scotland. Robert McTaggart is now living retired, but for many years was a farmer and stock-raiser of this county. A somewhat unusual feature in the McTaggart family is that three McTaggart brothers married three Carswell sisters, Robert McTaggart being one of these brothers.

A. T. McTaggart attended the schools of Pawnee Township, and was brought up sensibly and quietly, although he enjoyed the pleasures incident to farm life. Although engaged in farming, Mr. McTaggart planned to engage in other lines. For three years he was in the regular army, enlisting in 1899 and serving until 1902, two and one-half years, in the Philippines, and participated in four battles while there.

On February 14, 1906, Mr. McTaggart married Edith L. Fallenstein, born in Springfield, March 8, 1885, daughter of German-born parents. Mrs. McTaggart's father is dead, but her mother resides in Peoria. Mr. and Mrs. McTaggart have two daughters: Martha Louise, born February 23, 1907, and Hellen Margaret, born March 20, 1910. Mr. McTaggart joined the Modern Woodmen of America in July, 1906, and the Royal Neighbors in 1909. He is a Methodist, but his wife is a Presbyterian. In politics, he is a Republican.

An excellent farmer and good citizen, broadened by his years in the possessions of the United States in the Pacific, he commands the confidence of his neighbors, and is a man who is worthy of respect. Never shirking his duty, he has faithfully discharged it both as a soldier and private citizen, and has a pleasant home on his father's farm.

McTAGGART, Charles D.—The McTaggart family is one of the old ones in Sangamon

County, and its representatives are to be found residing upon valuable farms in different portions of this region, where they have become leaders in agricultural matters. One of these who is a first-class farmer and business man is Charles D. McTaggart, born on his present farm, December 1, 1872, a son of Duncan and Mary (Carswell) McTaggart. The parents came from Scotland to this country and Duncan McTaggart was one of three brothers who married the three Carswell sisters. He and his wife farmed and became prosperous, bringing up their large family in the fear of the Lord and appreciation of the value of hard work, so that none of them have failed to achieve success in life. Charles D. McTaggart attended the schools of his township, and growing to manhood quietly, has learned to take his pleasure in his home. He has been remarkably successful as a breeder of fine stock, and his farm reflects the prosperity that has been his, for it is exceedingly well-kept.

The marriage of Mr. McTaggart occurred three miles north of Pawnee to Eva Matthew, born in Sangamon County, February 28, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. McTaggart have three fine sons: Leonard, born December 19, 1900; Charles Stanley, born September 1, 1902; and Harlan Deneen, born February 11, 1904. Always a Republican, Mr. McTaggart has given his party a hearty support, but his close attention to his business has prevented his holding office. For five years he has been a member of the Woodmen of America. The Methodist Church holds his membership, and receives from him a generous support. Mr. McTaggart owns 160 acres of rich farming land, and his wife owns 160 acres more in Christian County. They are excellent people, kind-hearted, generous and hospitable, and stand high in the estimation of their neighbors. They have three children of whom they have every reason to be proud, and their home is one of the most comfortable in Pawnee Township. It is conveniently located three miles south of Pawnee, on Section 24, where they welcome their many friends upon every occasion.

McTAGGART, Walter Neil.—Farming is the oldest business in the world, and since the creation of man, mortals have been forced to depend upon the soil for sustenance. Aggregations of people may build cities; inventive genius may manufacture many articles, but without the skill and patience of the agriculturist, the world cannot exist. One of the substantial young farmers of Sangamon County, who is fully alive to the responsibilities and possibilities of the twentieth century agriculturist, is Walter Neil McTaggart, of Section 30, Pawnee Township. He was born on his present farm, January 27, 1872, a son of Robert and Jane (Carswell) McTaggart, both natives of Scotland who came to Sangamon County in pioneer days. Robert McTaggart had a twin brother named Duncan and both were farmers.

Walter Neil McTaggart attended the common schools of his township, assisted in farming, and, with the exception of six months, has always lived on his present farm. On January 14, 1897, he was married, in Cotton Hill Township, to Ethel Sarah Funderburk, a daughter of David and Sarah A. (Torry) Funderburk, the former born in Sangamon County, the latter in New Jersey. Mrs. McTaggart was born April 18, 1876. There were two children by this marriage: Ray, born December 7, 1898; and Freddie, born June 26, 1901, died four months later and was buried in Zion Cemetery.

Mr. McTaggart has been a member of the Court of Honor for eight years, and of the Modern Woodmen for five years, while Mrs. McTaggart is a member of the Court of Honor and Royal Neighbors. Since casting his first vote, Mr. McTaggart has been a Republican and he and his family are members of the Methodist Church. In addition to his large holdings in farm land, he is a stockholder in the Pawnee State Bank. By pursuing industrious and economical business methods, Mr. McTaggart has established for himself a sound financial reputation and has a right to be proud of what he has accomplished. He understands farming thoroughly, and is regarded as an authority on agricultural matters.

MEACHAM, John H., who for the past thirty-six years has been a prominent agriculturist of Christian County, Ill., and prior to that time was for a long period engaged in the same pursuits in Sangamon County, is a native of the latter county, born near New Berlin, February 12, 1834, son of Joseph K. and Ann (Hodgerson) Meacham. Joseph K. Meacham was born in Kentucky and his wife in Virginia, and after their marriage they came to Sangamon County, in 1829, settling at New Berlin and entering land from the Government. There they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1838 and the mother surviving until April 12, 1865, dying the day of President Lincoln's assassination. Both were buried at the old home place. They were the parents of three boys and one girl, but John H. is the only survivor of this family.

Mr. Meacham secured his education in an old log schoolhouse near New Berlin, and worked on the home farm for his mother until he reached the age of seventeen years, at which time he commenced teaching school, and continued as an educator for two years and one-half in Sangamon County. He then took up farming as his life work, and continued operations in Sangamon County until 1875, in which year he removed to his present fine property in Christian County, where he has become well known as an agriculturist. He is a Democrat in politics. He was well acquainted with President Lincoln and often visited the latter's offices when he was but a struggling Illinois lawyer. Mr. Meacham was a School Director for nine years in the Hudson

district in Sangamon County, and for a like period since coming to Christian County, as well as Assessor of Mt. Auburn, for three terms. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for a number of years served as church trustee.

On January 4, 1861, Mr. Meacham was married in Sangamon County, Ill., to Leah Jarrett, who was born August 18, 1842, near New Berlin, Ill., daughter of William and Jane Jarrett. The parents had twelve children, of whom the following survive: Eli, living near Girard, Ill.; Irwin, a resident of Nebraska; George R., living near Modesto; Wellington, of New Berlin; Mrs. Nancy Huggins, of Loami, Ill. Mrs. Harriet Hill, living at New Berlin; John, of New Berlin; and Mrs. Meacham.

Mr. and Mrs. Meacham, who have celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary, have had nine children, of whom the following are living: James, who lives at Roby, Ill.; Lou Weber, of Astoria, Ill.; Ada, who married a Mr. Belt, merchant at Buckhart, Ill.; Hattie, who married Perry Peal, a member of the Springfield police force; Mrs. Jennie Troxwell, of Bates County, Missouri; and John T., also a resident of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Meacham have nine grandchildren.

MEISENBACHER, John, a retired merchant of Springfield, Ill., is highly esteemed by all who know him and has been identified with the best interests of his community since locating there. He was born in Baden, Germany, April 7, 1843, and his parents and grandparents were all natives of Baden. He is a son of Adam and Catherine (Miller) Meisenbacher, who came to Newark, N. J., when John was fifteen years of age, and died there. John Meisenbacher received his early education in his native country, and supplemented the same by a course in the public schools of Newark, where he lived from 1858 until 1864, there learning the trade of butcher. In March of the latter year he came to Springfield and began working at his trade, which he continued until 1869, when he embarked in business on his own account, conducting a shop of his own until 1890 with fair success and winning the confidence of his patrons by honest dealing and good service.

From 1902 until 1906 Mr. Meisenbacher was employed by the City of Springfield. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and has always taken an active interest in public affairs, in politics being a Democrat. He belongs to the Crystal Light and the Royal Circle. He owns a comfortable home at 130 West Miller Street, Springfield, where he has resided for the last eight years. He has witnessed many changes in Springfield during the time it has been his home and has formed many strong friendships.

Mr. Meisenbacher was married, in Springfield, January 21, 1868, to Miss Mary Ramsteader, who was born in Belleville, Ill., in 1850, a daughter of Lawrence and Catherine (Shink) Ramsteader, both natives of Bavaria, where their parents were also born, and early settlers in Illinois. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Meisenbacher, viz.: Catherine, born in Springfield, November 1, 1869, married Ora Quivey, is proprietor of a livery stable in Springfield, and they have two children—Ora and Mary; Margaret, born in Springfield, November 29, 1871, is unmarried and living at home; John, born in Springfield, August 22, 1873, married Daisy Baker of Springfield, and they live in Telsa, Oklahoma; Dora, born in Springfield, January 29, 1877, is unmarried and living at home; Leo F., born in Springfield, July 29, 1891, lives at home; Lawrence, born in Springfield, in 1881, died in 1894.

MEREDITH, Clarence B., an energetic and successful business man of Springfield, is a native of Sangamon County, born at Cotton Hill, March 6, 1879. He is a son of Luther O. and Amelia (Popinberger) Meredith, the former also a native of the county, born in 1851. The father of Luther O., Davis Meredith, was one of the early settlers of Sangamon County and died in 1897. Luther O. Meredith was formerly engaged in the grocery business at Cotton Hill, but in 1901 retired from active life and moved to Springfield. He has lived in the county all his life and is well known in business circles.

The boyhood of Clarence E. Meredith was spent at Cotton Hill and he was educated in the country schools. He was reared on a farm and after leaving school worked in the grocery business with his father about three years, then began to work at the trade of carpenter. Some three years ago he began contracting on his own account and has been so successful in this line that he has also been dealing in real estate to a considerable extent. He is a young man of good reputation, upright and industrious, and has been prosperous in all his enterprises.

Mr. Meredith is unmarried and lives with his parents. He is helping with the care and education of his younger brothers and sisters. He is well known as a hustler and one who carries out whatever he undertakes. He has accumulated considerable city property. In politics he is a Republican and he is an active member of the First Christian Church.

MERKLIN, Charles, one of Springfield's well-known business men, conducting a grocery and provision store at No. 312 Herndon Street, has been a resident of Springfield since 1858. Mr. Merklin is a native of Baden, Germany, where he was born December 24, 1844, a son of Jacob and Julia (Wehrle) Merklin.

Jacob Merklin was a weaver by trade in Germany, but believing there was a brighter future for himself and his children in the United States, with his family embarked at Havre for New Orleans on a three-masted sailing vessel, the voyage occupying sixty days. From New Orleans they went to Louisville, Ky., where the father was employed as a laborer until 1858, when he came to Springfield and followed the

same kind of work, but later entered into the dairy business, continuing therein until 1886, when he retired, dying January 6, 1887, his wife having passed away October 14, 1872. They were members of the SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church. Their children were as follows: Charles; Lambert, who died in Springfield in 1895; Fred, of Chicago, who married a Miss Burlingham; and Mary, who died in infancy.

Charles Merklin went to school in Baden, Germany, until reaching the age of ten years, at which time his parents brought him to the United States, and later completed his school training in the parochial schools of Louisville Ky., and the Springfield public schools. He went to work carrying bricks in the brick-yard of John Bretz, and two years later engaged in the cooper trade under Edward Sauer, following that vocation for three years, but later being employed in various occupations for several years. He began his business ventures on his own account in 1862, when he became a baker and confectioner on Monroe between Fifth and Sixth Streets. Three or four years later he abandoned this business and went to clerking in a grocery store until 1887, at which time he embarked in his present business at his present stand, the old homestead built by his father in 1864.

On September 28, 1868, Mr. Merklin was married in Springfield to Miss Eva Mueller, of St. Louis, a daughter of the late Lawrence Mueller of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Merklin had these children: Mary, who married Patrick Shay of Springfield; Lizzie, who married Edward G. Bauman, a druggist of Springfield; Sister Constant of the Ursuline Convent at Alton; Lena, at home; Sister Louise, and Sister Hildegard, of the Ursuline Convent, Alton; Eva, who married Joseph Schaefer, of Springfield; and Frances, at home. Mr. Merklin is a Democrat in political matters and is fraternally connected with the Western Catholic Union, the Loyal Americans and the Widows and Orphans' Insurance Company. The family attend SS. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

MERRIAM, (Col.) Jonathan. (Vol. I, pp. 370-371.

MERRITT, John W. (Vol. I, p. 371.)

MERRITT, William A., now living in retirement from active business life, at his home, situated at 800 South College Street, Springfield, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and prominent in Grand Army circles. He is highly esteemed as an honest and upright citizen, who discharged his full duty as a soldier and, in times of peace, held himself in readiness to further any movement which he felt would be of general benefit. He was born in Martin County, N. C., August 2, 1842, and reared on a farm. His parents, Bendy and Winnifred (Cherry) Merritt, were both natives of Martin County. The father was a sailor and was lost at sea when his son William was young, being never heard from after he left home on his last voyage. His home was always at Williamston, N. C. The mother moved to West Virginia, thence to Tennessee and finally to Indiana in 1859, where she died. The Merritt family, so far as can be traced back, were residents of North Carolina.

In his boyhood William A. Merritt received no educational advantages, and learned all he knows in this line through his own efforts, mostly while serving in the army. He has learned much in the school of experience and has acquired a broad outlook upon life in general. He was always fond of outdoor sports and reached a rugged, healthy manhood. Mr. Merritt moved from Indiana to Arkansas at the time there was such a boom in emigrations to the latter State, and thence came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1868, and has been a resident of the county ever since. He spent his active life in various occupations in which he was generally successful, and was able to retire about five years ago. He has gained many friends in Springfield and has always taken an interest in public enterprises. He has so lived as to make no enemies and is fond of the society of his friends and acquaintances, being of a genial, kindly nature. He is a true gentleman in qualifications and actions, and his sterling traits are well known to all who have had dealings with him.

Mr. Merritt has a war record of which he may well be proud. He enlisted, August 15, 1861, at New Albany, Ind., in the Thirty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and on October 8th of that year participated in a battle at Perryville, Ky., where he was shot in the right hand and right side of the head, so that he was sent to a hospital until his recovery. He then rejoined his regiment and took part in engagements at Stone River, Murfreesboro, Hoover's Gap, Nashville, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Chattanooga. In 1863 his term of enlistment expired and he re-enlisted for three years, having spent thirty days at home with his mother, rejoining his regiment February 13, 1864. He participated in the battle at Resaca, Ga., May 23, 1864. At one time he and his comrades were very hungry and Mr. Merritt captured a fat young pig and procured some sweet potatoes, and they had a royal feast, June 24, 1864. They encountered heavy fighting at Bald Knob, in which many were killed and wounded, and Mr. Merritt went again to the hospital July 20, 1864, on account of sickness, rejoining his regiment on the 25th of the same month. They participated in the siege of Atlanta, in which they met with heavy losses, and in the battle of Jonesborough, Ga. After the capitulation of Atlanta the enemy left the mass of ruins August 30. Mr. Merritt participated with his regiment in the battles at Nashville and Savannah, and joining Sherman December 21, 1864, participated in the battle of Bentonville, N. C., March 19, 1865, and after the surrender of General Lee to General Grant at Appomattox, took part in the

Grand Review at Washington, which was over July 15, 1865, when they received their final discharge. Mr. Merritt had served four years and during that time was never taken prisoner. He participated in some of the most important battles of the war and proved himself to be a brave and zealous soldier, ready to do his duty and never shirking a responsibility, undergoing his hardships uncomplainingly and trying to keep up the spirits of his comrades. We quote the following from his pen:

"I have had corns and bunions, which
Were caused by army shoes,
And I have had the military itch
And suffered with the blues;
And every place a bullet hit
It left a pain or bruise,
As we went marching on."

"When we stood amid shot and shell
That crashed around our head,
Where many of our brave comrades fell
And sleep among the dead."

February 2, 1864, Mr. Merritt was married, in Orange County, Ind., to Fannie C. Morgan, a native of Orange County, who was born December 10, 1847, a daughter of Samuel G. and Mary (Taylor) Morgan, the former born in North Carolina and the latter in England. Mr. Morgan served in the Thirty-first Indiana Regiment through the Civil War. Six children were born to Mr. Merritt and wife, namely: Mariette E., July 2, 1866; Eliza C., February 4, 1868; Sherman, August 2, 1873; Sarah Belle, December 25, 1876; Logan, March 19, 1885; Rittie D., December 29, 1869. Mr. Merritt is a member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is affiliated with Stevenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R.

MESTER, Henry Herman.—To discharge faithfully the duties pertaining to the office of Sheriff of a county as important as Sangamon, requires more than ordinary ability. Not only is it a large and important county, but in it is located the State capital, consequently, affairs pertaining to it are closely related to what affects the State itself. The present incumbent of this office, Hon. Henry Mester, is a man of clear-headed sagacity, whose courage and probity are unquestioned. He is a son of the city, having been born there. His father was a brick manufacturer, and Henry H. Mester was brought up to know hard work in his father's yards. During his boyhood he attended Springfield schools, thereby gaining a good, practical education. His first residence was on Peoria Road, from whence he went to No. 1001 Perry Avenue, thence to No. 1011 Perry Avenue, and now resides at No. 129 North Seventh Street.

Early in his career, Sheriff Mester became prominent in Republican politics, and was an efficient member of the County Board of Supervisors, displaying his ability to such an extent in that office that he was his party's logical candidate for Sheriff, and was elected by a large majority. Under his care the county institutions are in excellent condition, and malefactors recognize his integrity and fearlessness. Grace Lutheran Church holds his membership, and profits by his generosity.

On February 9, 1894, Sheriff Mester was married, in St. Louis, to Annie Delaney, of Springfield. Their children are: Margaret, Henrietta, Elmer, Williard, Dorothy and Edna.

MESTER, Julius F.—Earnest effort to act according to the dictates of conscience, and never to swerve from what he felt to be right, has been the plan of life with Julius F. Mester, one of Springfield's representative cigar manufacturers. He was born in Germany, August 3, 1850, a son of Henry and Marie (Fullmer) Mester, both natives of Germany. The father was a laborer, and brought up his children to work and earn their living. Although Julius F. Mester began working at a tender age, learning the trade of cigar-making when fourteen years old, he secured a good, common-school education at St. Louis, to which the family moved, and grew up self-reliant and self-supporting. His tasks prevented him from engaging in the usual childish sports of his age, but he laid the foundations for a useful life. For thirty-five years he has resided in Springfield, moving twice, his present home being at No. 830 West Jefferson Street.

On May 1, 1873, Mr. Mester was married, in St. Louis, Mo., to Frederica Heinbrock, daughter of Anton and Hannah Heinbrock, natives of Germany. The following children have been born of this marriage: Mrs. Johanna Wirth, Mrs. Lula Phelps, Alfred J., Charles F., and Orrin D.

Mr. Mester belongs to several fraternal organizations, having joined the Masons in 1893, the Modern Woodmen in 1897, the Maccabees, of which he is a charter member; is also a member of the Loyal Americans, and the Court of Honor, No. 20. In politics he is a Republican, but does not aspire to public office. The Episcopal Church holds his membership, and owes to him a cordial and generous support. In addition to his residence, Mr. Mester owns two store buildings at Nos. 825 and 827 East Washington Street, in the latter of which he conducts his cigar factory. He manufactures several special brands, which are favorites, and insures cleanly, expert work and the use of good material. Upright and honorable, Mr. Mester has steadily advanced, and is recognized as one of the sound business men of this locality.

METCALF, Edward P.—The undertakers of today are intelligent men who have been carefully trained in their chosen profession. Not only this, but they must be tactful and possessed of a sympathetic nature which enables them to give to the afflicted, in time of sorrow, the consolation so sorely needed. One of the

men who are engaged in this line of work is Edward P. Metcalf. He was born in Macoupin County, Ill., a son of James L. and Elizabeth (Peters) Metcalf, natives of England and Tennessee, respectively.

In 1904, Mr. Metcalf came to Springfield to embark in his present business, and has continued in it ever since. He is prominent in the Masonic order, belonging to St. Paul's Lodge No. 500, A. F. & A. M., Springfield Chapter R. A. M., Elwood Commandery K. T., Sangamon Lodge of Perfection K. of P., Springfield Lodge No. 158, Elks, M. W. of A. No. 1418, and the Court of Honor No. 20. He belongs to the Methodist Church, of which he is an official.

Mr. Metcalf has many friends in Springfield, where his services are so often required by those who have met with the heaviest loss life can bring. His equipment is complete in every detail, and he is prepared to furnish everything connected with the last sad services. His tactful, sympathetic manner, and kindly words of condolence have lightened the load of sorrow in many a household, and when he is no longer required in a professional capacity, the family remember him as a highly esteemed friend.

METCALF, Samuel T., who is serving for a second time as Superintendent of the Sangamon County Poor Farm, in Sangamon County, Ill., has been a resident of this State for thirty-nine years, and during this period has quietly advanced his own fortunes through his industry along agricultural lines, while, at the same time, his qualities of good citizenship have been frequently recognized by his election to offices of public responsibility. Mr. Metcalf was born at Poolsville, Montgomery County, Md., February 10, 1867, a son of Samuel E. and Martha J. (King) Metcalf. As far back as Mr. Metcalf's recollection reaches, the family has been an agricultural one, originating in one of the eastern States.

Samuel T. Metcalf attended the county schools in Lanesville Township, near his father's home in the earlier years of his school period, and then enjoyed rather better advantages for two winters at the Berry Station school. As his father needed his aid on the farm, he remained at home and assisted in the farm work until he was twenty years of age, the family having come to Illinois in 1872. Stockraising engaged his father's attention, and on many occasions, the elder Mr. Metcalf and his brother drove cattle for market from Sangamon County to St. Louis, Mo. At that time there was much enjoyment to be found in hunting, and Mr. Metcalf was considered a fine shot and had some reason to feel proud of his marksmanship. Then, as in later life, all the clean, wholesome, outdoor sports attracted him and, possibly, engaging in these to a reasonable extent, assisted in his robust physical development and continued fine health.

After leaving home, Mr. Metcalf rented a farm for himself, in Buffalo Township, which he operated for one year, when he moved on a rented farm in Lanesville Township, where he remained for four years, afterward returning to Buffalo Township for two more years. About this time he became interested at Lanesville, where he ran the elevator for nine years, after which, although still maintaining his home at Lanesville, he was employed at the city of Springfield for two and one-half years by the Sattely Plow Company, where he learned the trade of plow fitter.

In the spring of 1904 Mr. Metcalf was elected Superintendent of the Sangamon County Poor Farm, and during his four-years term there changed the whole aspect of the place. It was during this first administration that he succeeded in having the necessary utilities introduced—a water system and improvements in the light plant—all this being accomplished without undue pressure being felt by the tax payers. After retiring from the office of Superintendent of the Poor Farm Mr. Metcalf resumed his agricultural activities, renting a farm for one year, near Mechanicsburg, and later the Pheasant farm, in Buffalo Township, on which he resided for three years. In the meanwhile Mr. Metcalf had been active in local politics and elected to minor offices, serving as town clerk and tax collector of Lanesville Township. As a brave and courageous man, determined at all hazards to do his duty, Mr. Metcalf was brought prominently before the public during the riot at Springfield, in 1908, when, as a special deputy of Sheriff Mester, he brought to bay the negro, Taylor, alias Jones, who had killed four negroes at Sheffield, Ala., and also killed a negro named Poynard, near Buffalo, Ill. Not only was Mr. Metcalf exonerated from all blame regarding the death of this evil doer, but the jury made special mention of the personal bravery he had displayed on this occasion. On December 13, 1911, Mr. Metcalf was a second time elected, by the Board of Supervisors of Sangamon County, Superintendent of the Poor Farm, receiving thirty-two votes to twelve votes for his opponent, and he assumed his old duties again on March 1, 1912. It is very generally acknowledged that the condition of this farm, along every line, is superior, under his efficient methods and administration, to any other in the State. He has always been able to maintain cordial relations with the Board of Supervisors, who have not been slow to recognize his practical and efficient methods and his good judgment in making use of the public funds in the interest of both his charges and the tax payers. At a banquet which he tendered the Board of Supervisors at the close of his first administration, proof of the above friendly appreciation was shown in the presentation by the Board of a Masonic ring, set with diamonds and emblematic of Masonic rites between the 14th and 32nd Degrees of Masonry. Mr. Metcalf is a 32nd Degree Mason and is identified with Illiopolis Lodge, No. 521, A. F. and A. M., Kedron Chapter, No. 138, R. A. M., Springfield Council, No. 2, R. and S. M., Elwood Commandery, No. 6, K. T. and Oriental Consistory,

Chicago, Ill. He also belongs to Globe Lodge, No. 323, I. O. O. F., Mechanicsburg, and to the M. W. A., No. 1522, at Lanesville. He founded the first organization of Superintendents and Matrons of County Poor Houses, and in 1909 served as President of the Illinois Association, being first elected to this office at Jacksonville, Ill., and later was reelected at Chicago. Mr. Metcalf is recognized as a broad-minded, far-seeing man and he is working for better conditions wherever they are needed.

At Decatur, Ill., on January 5, 1878, Mr. Metcalf was married, by Rev. Richardson, to Miss Hattie Holmes, a daughter of James and Sarah (Kelly) Holmes. Mr. Holmes died at Mechanicsburg, Ill., and subsequently Mrs. Holmes married Wesley Baldwin and they reside at Mechanicsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf have two children: Elmer, who was born at Buffalo, Ill., October 10, 1889; and Lucilla, who was born at Buffalo, June 11, 1892. Both son and daughter attended the Millikin University, at Decatur, Ill. Mrs. Metcalf is a member of the Christian Church, Buffalo, Ill., and although Mr. Metcalf is not connected with any denomination, he nevertheless contributes liberally to the support of all churches and church work, irrespective of creed, his one aim and desire being to benefit his fellow men, with the belief that in so doing, he is following the Master's footsteps and teachings.

METZ, Irving Wagner, M. D., a successful surgeon of Springfield, has been a resident of the city since 1903. His private work is devoted to surgery, in which branch of medical science he takes great interest. Dr. Metz was born in Whitley County, Indiana, where his parents lived on a farm, September 5, 1872, and is a son of Ozias and Nancy (Wagner) Metz. The father was born in Canton, Ohio, December 29, 1833, and died April 26, 1901, and the mother, who was born in Huntington, Ind., August 14, 1843, died July 15, 1880. Ozias Metz was a local minister of the German Baptist (Dunkard) Church, of which the family were devout members. His education was mostly what he acquired through reading the newspapers and for more than forty years he was a subscriber to the New York Tribune. He was a liberal contributor to several colleges established by the German Lutheran Church and was opposed to speculation, investing his savings in farm land. He became a stanch Republican after the organization of that party. The Metz family originally emigrated to America from Metz, Germany, and were early settlers in the vicinity of Harrisburg, Pa., and Hagerstown, Md.

In boyhood Dr. I. W. Metz attended the common schools and South Whitley High School. At the age of fourteen years, he was placed in charge of the homestead, a farm of 250 acres, and while there accumulated money with which he afterward acquired his medical education. He was graduated from the Indiana State University in 1895, with the degree of A. B., returned home, served two years as Principal of the South Whitley High School, and became a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Schools, but was defeated. He then resumed his original purpose of entering medical college, and in 1900, graduated with the degree of M. D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Chicago. Dr. Metz served as house surgeon of the Wabash Hospital at Peru, Ind., in 1900-01, then was promoted to Division Surgeon of the Wabash Railroad, and stationed at Ashley, Ind., where he remained from 1901-03, was transferred to Springfield and has since that served in a similar capacity. In 1908, he was appointed medical referee of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. He owns a well-appointed home at 624 South Walnut Street, Springfield.

September 26, 1906, Dr. Metz was married, at Havana, Ill., to Miss Edith Mabel Thorp, who was born in Havana, June 8, 1876, daughter of Orlando B. and Catherine Ann (Wagner) Thorp. Mr. Thorp was born in Canton, Ill., February 27, 1850, and his wife was born in Havana, August 23, 1857. For a number of years Mr. Thorp was President of the Havana Metal Wheel Company, and in 1904, resigned this position to assume the Presidency of the Crescent Forge & Shovel Company, of Havana. He is a well-known manufacturer. Mrs. Metz received her education in Havana public schools and St. Mary's School at Knoxville, Ill. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Metz, namely: twin boys, born June 26, 1907, of whom one died in infancy and the other, Orlando Thorp, survives; one daughter, Catherine Ann, born October 14, 1909. The family attend the Episcopal Church and are members of St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, of Springfield. In politics he is a Republican and fraternally a member of the A. F. & A. M., having taken the degree of Knight Templar, September 5, 1902. While attending college, he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He has won a good standing in his profession and in the estimation of his fellow-citizens, who have high regard for his ability and skill, as well as his character and disposition.

METZGER, Christian Ernst Julius.—It is to the banking institutions of the country that we must look for the financial stability which is absolutely necessary to the prosperity of any community, without which progressiveness or endeavor for advancement would count for naught, and therefore it is desirable that the men who have in their charge the affairs of these institutions shall be types of the highest integrity, men in whom the people can place the utmost confidence. The First State Bank of New Berlin, Ill., is one of the most stable financial institutions of Sangamon County, and the amount of business handled by it yearly speaks well for the officials who control its transactions. Christian Ernst Julius Metzger, who is the Cashier of this institution, was born March 14, 1862, in Nuertingen, Kingdom of Wuerttemberg, Germany, and is a son of

Johannes and Eva Rosine (Kramer) Metzger, natives of the same Kingdom.

Johannes Metzger was a civil engineer by profession, and much of his work consisted in the laying out of streets, grading of land and beautifying in many ways the thoroughfares of his home city Tuebingen. After a long and useful career along these lines, he retired at the age of fifty-five years, at which time he was elected a member of the City Council, and so served until his death, October 23, 1897, his good wife having passed away October 9th of the same year. Both were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and were the parents of the following children: Johannes, a civil engineer, who died in Germany at the age of thirty-eight years; Mrs. Roese Goehner; Mrs. Pauline Frasch; Julia, who became the wife of Dr. Thillipsen, a leading physician of Hanover, Prussia; Emma, who became the wife of Schuebelin Post Verwalter; and Christian E. J.

Christian E. J. Metzger, who is perhaps better known as E. C. Metzger, in which manner he always signs his name, was started to school at the age of five years and his educational training continued until he was sixteen years old, including a course of study at the high school and at a college where the languages taught equalled the tuition to be found at any of our leading American educational institutions. He then entered a wholesale mercantile establishment, starting at the bottom and working the first three years without reimbursement, making his way throughout all the departments of the large establishment and learning the work in each thoroughly. The army headquarters were situated near his home, and the treatment he saw given to the soldiers bred in him a feeling of dislike for army service, and as a consequence, having given much thought to the New World, in March, 1882, he started for America, going to East Atchison, Mo., where he expected to find a cousin. He went on to Crawfordsville, and later to Knox City, Mo., but subsequently traveled to Jones County, Tex., where he spent some time in visiting and sight-seeing. Having by this time learned to speak the English language, he went to Quincy, Ill., in 1884, finding employment with a cousin who was superintendent of the construction work on the cottages of the Soldiers' Home, and was thus engaged until 1888, when he returned to Texas and there engaged in breeding Norman Draft horses. In this he was very successful until the financial distress of 1890-91 struck the country, and the value of horses dropped to such an extent that animals for which Mr. Metzger had paid $80 cash he was compelled to sell for $15. Having disposed of all of his stock, and nothing daunted by his ill fortune, in 1891 Mr. Metzger returned to Quincy, Ill., where he found employment as a street-car conductor, and spent six years in this position, coming to New Berlin in 1897 to open a paint store. One year later he purchased the stock of Henry Grandjian, and in a short time had built up a business of a few hundred dollars to one that averaged $20,000 annually. In June, 1906, on account of ill health he sold out his business to J. T. Wilcox.

When the First State Bank of New Berlin was organized in 1903, Mr. Metzger purchased a large block of stock, and he became a director and Vice President of the institution. In July, 1906, he resigned the vice-presidency to become cashier, a position in which he has proven himself an able financier. Under his direction the bank has steadily added to its dividends and the number of depositors has increased phenomenally. Throughout the State the bank holds the highest reputation, and its cashier shares this reputation as a safe, sane and able banker. Mr. Metzger is a member of the German Lutheran Church, while his wife is an active worker in the Baptist denomination. He is a stanch Democrat in political matters, but has never sought nor desired public office. A courteous and obliging official, he has made friends wherever he has been, and this is no doubt a valuable asset to the business of the institution which he so ably represents.

On May 21, 1895, in New Berlin, Ill., Mr. Metzger was married to Miss Addie M. Grandjian, daughter of Henry Grandjian, one of the pioneers of Sangamon County, and for many years a leading merchant of New Berlin, which town he helped in developing, and where he died in 1905.

METZKE, William, was born in Germany, February 2, 1854, son of Henry and Louisa (Stricker) Metzke, both natives of Germany, who died there. The father was a blacksmith and he and his wife had children as follows: Caroline, married John Goppigh and lives in Germany; Amelia is married and lives in Germany; August, of Riverton, Ill.; William. William Metzke attended school in his native country until fourteen years of age, then served three years as an apprentice to a blacksmith, after which he worked in the coal mines until he entered the German army. He served three years and two months, then worked two years and a half for a wholesale grocer.

In 1881 Mr. Metzke sailed from Amsterdam, on the ship "Queen," landing in New York April 18. He proceeded to St. Charles, Mo., where he worked for a time in the car shops, then worked for a short time in the coal mines in Indian Territory, after which he moved to Belleville, Ill., and worked at mining, his occupation since. He came to Springfield in 1884 and was employed in the old North Shaft, later working in various other mines. He is an industrious and faithful worker and has made many friends. He erected his present home at 615 West North Grand Avenue in 1904, and owns 160 feet frontage and 175 feet in depth.

Mr. Metzke was married, in Springfield, October 1, 1885, to Miss Caroline Hoffe, who was born in Germany, April 16, 1858, and came to

the United States with her parents when twenty-two years old. She was a daughter of Karl and Louisa Hoffe, and died November 6, 1909. Mrs. Metzke was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, as are the other members of the family, and was a devoted wife and mother. She was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery and was mourned by many friends. Mr. Metzke is a stanch Democrat and actively interested in the welfare of his community. He and his wife had two children: Edith Julia, born July 27, 1886, married Alfred Reisch and they live with her father, having two children—Marie C. and Adolph W. C.; Fred William, born May 24, 1888, living at home.

MEYER, Gottlieb.—In naming the representative citizens of any community, we invariably find that among the most prominent are men who started in life with little or no advantages, either of an educational or financial nature, and worked their way to the top through their own industry and perseverance. These characteristics, together with intelligence, energy and a thorough knowledge of soil conditions are necessary in this day of advanced farming, and one of the self-made men of Sangamon County, who treats his vocation more as a profession than as a trade, is Gottlieb Meyer, of Section 4, Loami Township. Mr. Meyer was born July 15, 1855, in Prens-Minden, Germany, a son of Frederick Meyer, the owner of a 100-acre tract in the Fatherland.

Gottlieb Myer was reared on the home farm in his native country, and his education was secured in the schools of that country. In 1873, having heard of the opportunities offered to young, energetic men who were not afraid of hard work, he bade good-bye to his parents and with his brother, Henry C., started for the United States, the voyage consuming about seventeen days. On reaching this country Mr. Meyer came to Litchfield, Ill., and went to work for a friend whom he had known in Germany, a Mr. Whitehouse, who had located in America some years before. His first wages were $140 per year, out of which he managed to save $110, and the second year, out of $170 he saved $120. By the third year he had begun to learn the English language and went to work for Abraham Brokaw, who paid him $17 per month and allowed him to attend the district school during one winter near Litchfield. During the one year and nine months while he was in Mr. Brokaw's employ, he saved $250 out of $348 wages, and in 1877 he went to work for Henry Whitehouse near Litchfield, receiving $200 per year and saved $300 of the $400 thus received in two years. In 1879 he entered the employ of John Niemann, at $200 per year, and after two years had saved $225 of his wages, making in the eight years that he had worked $1,000 that he had accumulated. Mr. Meyer then engaged with Charles Whitehouse at $200 per year and remaining two years, saved the entire $400 thus earned and on March 1, 1833, came to Sangamon County, and again hired out at farming at $20 per month, with William Scheele, in Berlin Township. Continuing here some months, he again added $200 to his capital, and then he and his brother Henry located in Loami Township, and here Gottlieb purchased 160 acres of land in Section 4, under agreement to pay $54.50 per acre for it. His parents in Germany were well-to-do and advanced him $1,000, and with this he purchased horses, a wagon and farming implements and prepared to clear up for himself a good farm from the wild and uncultivated property before him. It took long years of hard work before the heavy timber was cleared off the land, the low lands tiled and the tract properly fenced, but this has been accomplished and now Mr. Meyer can look with pardonable pride over one of the best farms in Sangamon County. His first home, to which he brought his bride, was a small one-story building of four rooms, but this has since been added to from time to time, and is now finished and well furnished, surrounded by shade and fruit trees, well-kept hedges and beautiful lawns. The small barn, corn-crib and other outbuildings have given place to more ample structures, and the farm, as a whole, bears little resemblance to the conditions of less than thirty years ago. Mr. Meyer has been successful not only in farming but in stock-raising as well, and now owns many finely bred horses, cattle and hogs.

On August 5, 1884, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Mary Scheele, who was born in St. Louis, Mo., a daughter of Bernard Scheele, a native of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Myer three children were born: Emma, born August 21, 1886; Gottlieb H. C., born July 30, 1888, but died in March, 1893, at the age of four years, eight months, eleven days, after an illness of but three days; and Mary, who is better known as Mamie, born October 22, 1894. Mr. Meyer has given his children excellent educational advantages, and Miss Emma is a musician of no mean ability. She is also well versed in the domestic sciences, and since the death of her beloved mother has taken her place as nearly as she could, managing her father's household affairs and caring for her younger sister. The mother died in the faith of the Lutheran Church, August 31, 1904, after an illness lasting two years, during which time her Christian patience and sweetness of character was exemplified to the fullest degree. Medical talent was secured from all over this part of the country, but neither this nor the loving attention of husband or children could do aught to relieve her suffering, and she finally passed away. She was laid to rest in Oak Ridge Cemetery, which she had chosen as her last resting-place, and the little boy was taken and laid beside her.

Mr. Meyer is a member of the Lutheran Church, is a Democrat in politics and, for six years, has served his Township as School Di-

rector. As a man and a citizen he is highly esteemed throughout his community and his friends and acquaintances are numerous.

MEYER, Henry C.—Sangamon County is fortunate in numbering so many native-born Germans among its population, for there are no better citizens to be found anywhere than those who come from the Fatherland. One of these excellent men who have set a good example of industry and thrift wherever found, is Henry C. Meyer, a general farmer and stock-raiser residing on Section 4, Loami Township. He was born in Westphalia, Germany, February 17, 1848, a son of Frederick and Louisa (Werkmeister) Meyer. Frederick Meyer was considered an extensive farmer in the locality where he lived and died, for he owned 100 acres of land, and raised grains and a common grade of stock. In his younger days, he served his regular term in the German army, and in his native country was an excellent and representative citizen. His death occurred about 1880, his widow surviving him until 1905, when she died aged eighty-four years. Nine children were born to them, all of whom attained maturity: August, died about 1897; William, lives in Germany; Charlotte, widow of Fred Kruckmeyer, also resides in Germany; Louis is a farmer of Berlin Township; Carl is a farmer in Germany; Gottlieb is written of elsewhere in this work; Caroline married a Mr. Koch and resides near her birthplace; Fredricka, married a Mr. Leumann and remained in Germany, and Henry C.

Henry C. Meyer was brought up in his native land in the thorough German way, being prepared for whatever work might fall to his share. in 1873, he with his brother Gottlieb, came to America to join an old friend, a Mr. Whitehouse, a farmer in the vicinity of Litchfield, Ill. The young men reached their destination October 3, 1873, receiving a warm welcome and employment by their host. For his services, Henry Meyer received $170 per year, and saved nearly all of this money. The following year he went to Morgan County, working there on a farm until 1880, when he bought eighty acres of land, paying $36 per acre for it. Still saving as much as possible, in 1884, with his brother Gottlieb, he was able to buy 320 acres in Loami Township, located on Section 4, Henry Meyer trading his eighty acres in Morgan County as part payment for his new purchase. There was a frame house in process of erection on the land, into which the Meyers moved. They immediately began the cultivation and improvement of the land and later a division was made of the property, so that Henry C. Meyer now owns 193 acres, 160 acres of which cost $54 per acre, but now estimated as worth $200 per acre, being devoted to general farming and stock-raising. In politics, Mr. Meyer is a Democrat but does not seek office.

On December 14, 1882, Mr. Meyer was married to Caroline Hardt, born in Jacksonville, Ill., a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Wunderlich) Hardt, natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Hardt came to America in 1850, locating on a farm in Maxwell Township, where the former died March 26, 1904, and the latter, July 20, 1907. Their two sons, George and Christ, make their home with Mr. Meyer. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer had children as follows: Elizabeth, born June 26, 1884, on the present farm; Louise, born August 26, 1885, married Charles W. Jacobs of Dawson, Ill., and have one daughter—Eurniel Naomi; Bertha, born August 11, 1888; Henry, born September 6, 1890; Carl, born April 29, 1893; Albert, born January 20, 1897, and Gottlieb, born October 10, 1899. These children were all carefully educated in the common schools, and given additional advantages. Miss Elizabeth received her education in music from Miss Mildred Parkin of Loami, and for four years gave instruction in piano music. When Mrs. Meyer passed away, February 9, 1910, Miss Elizabeth bravely renounced her ambitions along musical lines, to assume the cares of the household. The family were members of the Lutheran Church and the dear mother was laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery near New Berlin. Miss Bertha is a graduate of the Gem City Business College, of Quincy, Ill., and was a stenographer for the J. C. Pierik Jewelry Company of Springfield, but she, too, left her life work to assist in caring for the family her mother left behind her. These young ladies are charming in manner and fitted to adorn any circle, and their unselfishness is beautiful to witness.

Mr. Meyer is a man who stands high in the estimation of his neighbors, and his family is one of whom any father may well be proud.

MEYER, James, a retired farmer now living in Springfield, Ill., a veteran of the Civil War and an honored and useful citizen, was born between Moscow and Warsaw, Russia, October 16, 1834, a son of Carl and Amelia (Engleman) Meyer, both natives of Berlin, Germany. The father was a weaver and merchant, and he and his wife spent most of their lives in Germany, where he died in 1868 and his wife in 1865. They were parents of two sons and three daughters, all of whom are deceased except James. One son served in the Twenty-third German Infantry during the Franco-Prussian war. James Meyer passed his childhood in Germany, to which place he was taken by his parents when about six years old. After leaving school he worked at the trade of baker, which he followed until 1853, when he sailed for America, landing in New York, and after spending a short time in Philadelphia, went on to Pittsburg, Pa., where he remained one year. From Pittsburg he went to Cincinnati, thence to Lawrenceburg, Ind., and after spending about a year at the last-named city, in October, 1855, came to Springfield. He worked one year on a farm in Sangamon County, then went to Kansas, but soon returned to Springfield and worked for

Thomas Dennis, then a farmer, who was serving as Mayor of Springfield at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln. From 1858 to the breaking out of the war Mr. Meyer worked at teaming.

July 15, 1862, Mr. Meyer enlisted in Company A, Third Illinois Light Artillery, under Captain T. F. Vaughn, and served one year under General Grant, participating in the battles of Little Rock, Jenkins Ferry, and many other important engagements. He served until July 3, 1865, on which date he was mustered out, at Springfield, and this city has since been his home. He has been retired from active life the past twelve years, and owns a nice home at 521 West Reynolds Street, besides other city property. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and in politics a Republican, having cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Meyer was married, in Springfield, March 20, 1858, to Miss Sarah Henderson, who was born in Richland, Sangamon County, Ill., October 9, 1839, a daughter of Luke and Julia (Hubbard) Henderson, who came to Sangamon County overland from Trenton, N. J., and settled on a farm near Richland. They afterward moved to Springfield, where their last days were spent. They were parents of four sons and eight daughters, and of their family only four survive: Mrs. Meyer, a son John; William Henderson, of Springfield; and Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer became the parents of five children, three daughters and two sons, and four of these children are now living, namely: Oscar, living on a farm in Sangamon County; Amelia, wife of Sylvester Castlebinder, a cabinet-maker, of Shreveport, La.; Louisa, wife of Edward French, of East St. Louis, Ill.; and Nettie, wife of James Carey, on a farm at New City, Sangamon County. Mr. Meyer has thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is well known in the city and is highly respected by all who have been associated with him in business or social relations for his sterling qualities and high character. Mrs. Meyer, as a young woman, worked one year for Abraham Lincoln, and her husband was also acquainted with Mr. Lincoln.

MEYER, Louis.—The Meyer family is one which is closely identified with agricultural history in Sangamon County, and its representatives are today numbered among the best farmers the locality possesses. One of them is Louis Meyer, an excellent farmer and stock raiser of Section 33, Berlin Township, who was born in Germany, January 26, 1852, son of Frederick Meyer.

Louis Meyer was educated in the district schools of his native place and learned to work on the farm his father owned. Until 1881 he remained at home, but in that year left for the United States, to which his brothers, Henry and Gottlieb, had come in 1873. Upon his arrival, Louis Meyer secured employment at Litchfield, Ill., working by the month, with a friend of the family, a Mr. Whitehouse, receiving eleven dollars per month for his services. For two years he continued to work in the vicinity of Litchfield, but in 1883 came to Sangamon County to work on a farm. He carefully saved his money, and in 1887 was able to buy 160 acres of land on Section 13, in Berlin township. On it was a small house and an old barn, and he moved on his property in 1888, boarding with his brother Gottlieb. His next purchase was four horses, and gradually he made improvements, and now has one of the best farms in the county, which cost him $50 per acre, but which he would not sell now for $225 per acre.

On April 26, 1889, Mr. Meyer married Lina Granky, born in Germany, daughter of Carl and Minnie (Meyer) Granky. Mr. Granky was a farmer in Germany, but was not satisfied with conditions there, so in 1870 started for the United States, only to fall sick and be sent to the hospital. Upon his recovery he went to Morgan County, Ill., and while there sent for his family, who arrived in June, 1873. Purchasing a farm in Morgan County, he resided on it for a time, but sold and bought another farm in Macoupin County, where he became well-to-do and influential. There he died, in June, 1884, leaving a widow and the following children: Mrs. Meyer, with whom the mother now resides, having attained the age of seventy-five years; Bertha, born in 1868, wife of Albert Krugler, a farmer near Morris, Okla., nine children; August married Susie Eads of Kentucky, and a resident of Leroy, Ill., six children; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have had seven children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Henry L., born March 1, 1890, operating a part of the home farm; Pauline Bertha, born September 28, 1892, keeping house for her brother Henry; Minnie, born March 31, 1894, at home; Clara, born November 7, 1898; John, born March 29, 1901; Lilly, born September 15, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are endeavoring to give their children every advantage within their power. The parents and those of the children who are old enough, are members of the German Lutheran Church.

The record of Mr. Meyer is an interesting one, for it proves what anyone can accomplish who is industrious and thrifty. His fine farm of 215 acres is extremely valuable. His residence, erected in 1905, contains nine rooms, is two stories in height, and is finished in modern style. He carries a good grade of stock and his farm is up-to-date in every respect, yet all of this has been earned since 1881, when he came to the country, ignorant of its language and customs. Mr. Meyer plants about 125 acres in corn and thirty-two acres in oats. For some time he has served as School Director of the Patton District, and believes in securing good educational advantages for the children. All his life in his

adopted country he has been a Democrat. For twenty-nine years he has been a resident of the United States, and for twenty-six years has lived in Berlin Township, and no German-American is prouder of his adopted country than Mr. Meyer.

MILLAR, William Johnston, who has been closely identified with the material interests of Sangamon County for many years, both as a banker and attorney-at-law, is now somewhat retired from the activities of life, spending his declining years in Springfield. He was born at Paxinos, Northumberland County, Pa., September 8, 1838, son of George and Polly (Stetsler) Millar, of Huguenot ancestry and one of a family of eleven children.

Mr. Millar attended the country school in his native county, but in 1860 went to California, where he went to school and later became a teacher. Still later he entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and graduated from the law department of that institution in 1873, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Following this Mr. Millar taught school in Sangamon County, imitating the example of many of his family. One brother, John, became a professor in an Iowa university. In 1874, responding to the needs of his community, Mr. Millar established the banking business at Illiopolis, and built it up to solid proportions, continuing therein until ill health compelled him to retire. Meanwhile he had invested in farming land, and still retains large properties. One of the several fine farms now in his possession is the famous Bennett Mills farm of 120 acres, adjoining Springfield.

In 1876 Mr. Millar was united in marriage with Miss Louise Singleton, and they have had four children, as follows: Paul Johnston, deceased; Ruby Geraldine; Genevieve, deceased; William J. Jr., a graduate of Springfield High School in the Class of 1909 and at present a student in the law department of the University of Michigan. Mrs. Millar was born in Springfield and, after completing the course of study afforded by the schools in that city, taught in Sangamon County three years. Her father, James Hunter Singleton, was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1820, but went to Illinois when young, and there married Jemima Mauzy, a native of the latter State, born February 13, 1823, and still living, residing in Excelsior, Minn. They came to Springfield, where they reared their family and made their home for many years, and the father died there in November, 1887. He and his wife had children as follows: Thomas, deceased; John, died young; George, deceased; James A. died in 1879; Mrs. Millar; Mary Agnes, widow of Harry Moak, of Excelsior; and Mrs. Samuel Wilson, of Minneapolis, Minn. William J. Singleton, the grandfather of Mrs. William J. Millar, was a native of Kentucky, came to Illinois at an early day, and established the first oil mill in the State and a hominy mill.

He married Nancy Hunter, of Kentucky. Mrs. James H. Singleton, was born at Paris, Edgar County, Ill., and her father, John Mauzy, was born in Virginia, May 4, 1776, while his wife Nancy Agnes Mauzy, was born in the same State, January 20, 1782. He was a son of Peter Mauzy, a soldier in Captain Brown's company, recruited from Virginia during the Revolution, and which participated in the siege of Yorktown; he was one of those sent by Gen. Anthony Wayne to clear the road for the mounted troops for the advance on that town. John Mauzy's death occurred in Springfield, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Millar are Episcopalians. He is a Democrat in political faith and has served in many official positions, while for thirty years a resident of Illiopolis. An enthusiastic member of Illiopolis Lodge No. 521, A. F. and A. M., and of Kedron Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., he has taken the thirty-second degree and is a Knight Templar, belonging to Elwood Commandery No. 6, at Springfield. Conservative, reserved and responsible, Mr. Millar has always been an important factor in every community in which he has made his home, and his influence is powerful in whatever direction he exerts it. He has been for more than thirty years a member of the Masonic Lodge at Illiopolis and helped to build the first Masonic Temple at that place in 1874, using part of the building as a bank until he retired from business and invested largely in farms and real estate. This building was laid waste by fire. He afterwards assisted in erecting the present temple, which is the home of Masonic bodies of that village. During these many years he has assisted in conferring Masonic Degrees upon many persons and has helped materially in building up the local organizations. The family have a pleasant home on North Walnut Street.

MILLER, Francis M.—The rich farm land of Sangamon County yields handsome returns to those who till it, and a number have accumulated fortunes from their property there. One of the substantial farmers of Curran Township is Francis M. Miller, residing on Section 24. He is a native son of the county, having been born in Chatham Township, February 11, 1836. His father was Jacob Miller, a native of Kentucky, while his mother bore the maiden name of Lucinda Potts and was born in Virginia. The parents were married in Kentucky, where they resided for some time, coming to Illinois in 1824, locating in Chatham Township, where the father entered 120 acres from the Government, dying upon his property in 1860, after a life devoted to farming. His wife died fifteen years later, aged eighty-six years. The paternal grandfather came from Germany, while the maternal grandfather was born in England. Jacob Miller served in the War of 1812, while a son,

William, was a soldier in the Civil War. There were thirteen children in the family of Jacob Miller, three of whom were born in Kentucky.

Francis M. Miller attended school in the little log building in his neighborhood, where he sat on slab benches, and at other times gave his boyish help on the farm. All his life Mr. Miller has been engaged in farming, spending thirty-seven years in Chatham Township, thirteen years in Auburn Township, and eleven years in Loami Township, and in 1902 bought 120 acres in Curran Township, which continues to be his home.

On October 7, 1858, occurred the marriage of Mr. Miller and Eliza J. Trimble, born in Curran Township, March 28, 1840. Her parents were born in Kentucky and married there. They had six children, two of whom survive, one son, James A. Trimble, residing in Springfield. The Trimbles came to Illinois at an early day, locating first in Morgan County, but later coming to Sangamon County, where the father died January 21, 1900, the mother having passed away December 9, 1866.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller became the parents of ten children, two sons and eight daughters, one of whom is deceased, Myrtle Alice, born July 7, 1882, died February 21, 1883. Those living are Flora A., born February 17, 1860; Sadie E., wife of John Miller, living on a farm near Auburn, was born October 9, 1863; Mary F., wife of Oscar Patterson, living on a farm, was born August 27, 1865; Lilly, wife of Harry Miner, living near Alberta, Canada, was born June 8, 1868; Luella, born July 17, 1869, at home; Mrs. Georgia E. Bascom, a widow, born February 25, 1873, is a school teacher in the Sangamon County schools; Lydia Belle, born September 23, 1875, wife of Miles Fanham, lives on a farm in Auburn Township; William H., born January 26, 1877, lives in Chatham Township; John A., born October 30, 1879, lives with his father. There are sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of whom are living. The seventh of October, 1908, the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Miller was celebrated, all of the children and grandchildren being present, as well as 185 other guests. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller enjoy excellent health. They own their farm of 120 acres, which is in fine condition. Mr. Miller cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln who was a warm, personal friend of his, and he has ever since continued faithful to the party the great man helped to found. He is a member of the Christian Church, as is his wife, and both enjoy their religious privileges. He has served as School Director in the several townships in which he has made his home, and where he is pleasantly remembered not only as an official, but also as a capable and successful farmer.

MILLER, Fred H.—The younger generation of farmers in Sangamon County are profiting from the experiments made by the government and the experience of those who have gone before them, and are operating their land along scientific lines with results often surpassing those of former years. One of these progressive young men who has done much to advance the cause of agriculture in his county, is Fred H. Miller, of Sections 32 and 33, Maxwell Township. He was born in Chatham Township, April 7, 1884, a son of Thomas J. and Amanda (Jacobs) Miller. The Jacobs family are mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Thomas J. Miller was a son of James Miller, and grandson of James F. Miller, brother of William G. Miller, whose family history is treated of at considerable length elsewhere. Thomas J. was born in Sangamon County and followed the calling of a farmer in Chatham Township. He married in Chatham Township, was a man of quiet, domestic tastes, and for many years served as School Director and Road Commissioner, being elected on the Democratic ticket. This most excellent man was killed on March 10, 1910, from falling into a tile ditch, in such a manner as to break both legs. The injuries were so serious as to lead to internal complications, and he finally passed away, aged fifty-four years, leaving a widow and three children to mourn his untimely taking away. His children are: Iva May, wife of Fred Butler, a farmer of Chatham Township; Otto C., now operating the homestead in Chatham Township, and Fred H. The father was a man who carried out the Golden Rule in his everyday life. Always willing to assist others in time of need, he often left his own work to attend to theirs. Both he and his wife early joined the Christian Church.

Fred H. Miller attended the district school of Chatham Township, and was brought up to hard work on the farm, remaining at home until he was twenty-two years old. On March 7, 1906, he was married to Bertha E. Workman, who was born in Loami Township, January 18, 1886, a daughter of Stephen Workman (deceased), who is mentioned elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have three children: Edith, born March 2, 1907, Lois, born June 18, 1908, and one son, James Thomas, born August 2, 1910.

After their marriage this young couple rented land in Loami Township for two years, operating sixty acres. In February, 1908, they moved to their present 120-acre farm on Sections 32 and 33, which they own, although Mr. Miller operates 240 acres in the township. He is a practical farmer, fully appreciating the wisdom of rotating his crops and using improved methods and machinery in his work. His farming operations require seven horses and five mules, the former being mares of high-grade Percheron stock. He also makes a specialty of raising Poland-China hogs. It is his aim to feed a carload of hogs each year, and his product is so good that he receives for them the highest market price. He plants from 130 to 140 acres in corn, besides raising both wheat and oats, his corn averaging from fifty

to sixty-six bushels per acre. Mr. Miller has always voted the Republican ticket, and both he and his wife are consistent members of the Christian Church. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 901 of Loami. Providing for the future of his family, Mr. Miller carries insurance in the Franklin Life Insurance Company and the Bankers Life Insurance Association of Des Moines, Iowa. A man of energy, progressive and public-spirited, Mr. Miller has a bright future before him, and is destined to accumulate a handsome competency through his own intelligently directed efforts.

MILLER, Henry.—When the alarm of fire is sounded, those in danger begin to appreciate the value of an efficient fire department, and show their gratitude to the brave men who risk their lives in defense of property. Henry Miller, captain of Chemical Engine No. 1, Springfield, is an experienced fire fighter and a man of unquestioned bravery and resource. He was born in St. Louis, Mo., April 6, 1841, a son of John Henry and Catherine (Zehe) Miller, both natives of Germany. The father was a cloth cutter who came to America at a very early day, settling in St. Louis where he met and married Catherine Zehe. Here the father followed his trade until he came to Springfield, Ill., in 1852, and settling in this city, resumed his work, continuing thus engaged for many years. He was successful in a business way, and left a valuable property, dying in 1879, at the age of sixty-two years, six months and eleven days. He had three sons and two daughters, all born in St. Louis, but only Mr. Miller and a sister, Mrs. Louisa Opel, of Springfield, survive.

Mr. Miller went to school in St. Louis and Springfield before the present school houses were erected. As a boy he assisted in hauling the brick used in building the first two public schools here. After finishing school and working in a country store for two years, Mr. Miller found employment in a department store in Springfield. In January, 1861, he began learning the carpenter's trade with A. Morris, which he followed for many years. On October 17, 1858, he joined the volunteer fire department. In May, 1868, the Volunteer Fire Department was converted into a paid Fire Department. At this time there were only two engine houses with three full paid and four extra hosemen. The extra men worked at their trades receiving pay for service at each fire, Mr. Miller serving as one of the extra hosemen. In the fall of 1872, he became regularly employed on the ladder truck, and from that up, he has held every position except that of driver in his department, acting many times as chief during the absence of the regular officer. In 1871, during the great Chicago fire, he was sent with a crew of five men to that city. On April 15, 1887, he was made captain of the chemical engine, which was then stationed at No. 2 Engine House, but on March 14, 1890, the chemical engine was moved to its present quarters on Fourth Street, where Captain Miller still remains in active service. He is not only one of the oldest fire fighters in the State, but also one of the oldest in the country, and as a seasoned veteran, is one of the most efficient officers in this line.

On June 19, 1868, Mr. Miller was married in Springfield to Angeline Morris, born in Ohio, May 4, 1848, a daughter of Alexander Morris. The latter was a carpenter and contractor who brought his family to Springfield at an early date. Here he followed his trade for a number of years, later moving to Topeka, Kan., but is now deceased. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Otto G., born August 11, 1871, a commercial salesman of Springfield; William Clint, born September 3, 1878, is in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company; and Mary A., born October 25, 1883, now the wife of Walter O. Brown. There are two grandchildren in the family, sons of Otto G. and Ada (Hallowwell) Miller; Kenneth H., born January 7, 1900, and Russell H. Miller, born June 5, 1903. The family residence at No. 522 South Eleventh Street is owned by Captain Miller, who also owns other city realty.

In politics Captain Miller is a Republican. He belongs to Court Camp No. 460, Modern Woodmen of America. He takes a good deal of pride in the fact that he was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, and is happy to belong to the political party he helped to found. There are few men who are more pleasant to meet than the genial veteran fire fighter, whose courage and fearlessness have saved countless lives and kept from destruction millions of dollars worth of property.

MILLER, Joseph R. (deceased).—All the soldiers of the Civil War were not killed on battle fields nor died in the hospitals of that day, yet many only survived to pass away later on, but before their time, because of injuries received or disabilities contracted while serving their country. Sangamon County sent into the field as fine a lot of men as any section of Illinois, and is proud of her veterans. Too many, though, have answered to the last roll call, and their decorated graves on Memorial Day, serve to remind the present generation of the cost of the preservation of the Union. One of the men who was thus representative of the best class of soldiers and citizens this county has ever known, was the late Joseph R. Miller, formerly a resident of Williamsville.

Mr. Miller was born in Franklin County, Pa., March 3, 1828, a son of Joseph Miller, also a native of the Keystone State. Both parents of Mr. Miller died in their native State, having attained a ripe old age. Their lives were peacefully spent, and their upright characters set a good example for their children.

After attending school in Pennsylvania, Mr. Miller learned the trade of blacksmith, but feeling that he could secure larger opportunities in a newer State, he came west to Illinois. At that time everything was unsettled, and a

good blacksmith found no trouble in securing employment. Eventually he settled in Williamsville, set up a shop, and operated it to the time of his death, which occurred August 30, 1903.

In May, 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for 100 days' service, and the regiment was on duty most of the time guarding rebel prisoners at Rock Island and Camp Butler until its discharge, September 4, 1866.

The maiden name of Mrs. Miller was Nancy Harris. She was born in Ohio, December 22, 1827, being a daughter of John and Rebecca (Wiley) Harris, natives of Virginia. The Harris family migrated at an early day to Ohio, where the father died, but his widow survived to die in Illinois. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, two of whom survive: Mary, born January 6, 1859, married Edward Miller, and three children have been born to them; and Annie, born January 22, 1861, married Charles N. Selby, and they have three children. Mrs. Joseph R. Miller resides in the family home on Church Street, which belongs to her. Advanced in years, she still takes an interest in church matters and is a very lovable lady, and has been a kind neighbor through all her useful life. Mr. Miller was a member of the Christian Church, and took his religion with him into everyday life. He regulated his business according to the Golden Rule, and was accounted one of the best at his trade in Sangamon County. His political opinions made him a Republican, and he always voted the ticket of his party.

No history of Sangamon County would be complete without a record of Mr. Miller's life, although unfortunately he left behind so little authentic data relative to himself and his family. However, in his own life he displayed the effects of careful, Christian training, and proved that his own parents had brought him up properly. His widow and daughters treasure his memory, and he is very kindly remembered by a wide circle of friends and those with whom he was associated in business dealings. The G. A. R. had in him a faithful and devoted member and he enjoyed meeting with old associates and living over again those exciting events when "The Boys in Blue" took so important a part in preserving a nation's glory and perpetuating its existence.

MILLER, Michael Clifton, well known throughout Sangamon County, Ill., as a breeder of fine horses and mules, also conducting a livery business and assisting in the management of a farm, has lived several years in the village of Chatham, where he has erected a handsome residence, and is one of the highly respected men in his community. He was born on the line of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, south of Louisville, near Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Ky., November 12, 1859, a son of Thomas and Rhoda (Walker) Miller, both natives of that county. Thomas Miller was a son of Michael Miller, who was also born in Hardin County, where he spent his entire life. The Miller family were well known in Kentucky and among the old settlers of Hardin County.

Thomas Miller and his wife remained in their native State until 1890, then moved to Columbus, Ind., where in 1904, both passed away. Mr. Miller was a farmer by occupation and an active member of the Baptist Church, while his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a quiet, home-loving man, and spent his latter years in retirement from active life, having located in Columbus when seventy-five years old, his wife then being sixty-eight years old and there she passed away in October and he in December, 1904. Eight sons and three daughters were born to them and of these eight children are now living. The oldest, Mary Bell, became the wife of Wesley Shively, and died about 1894, in Pueblo, Colo., where she was buried. She left one son, Therman, now residing in Hardin County, Ky., where another son is a large stockman and operator of a famous gold mine, being successful in all his enterprises. Of the other children of Thomas Miller and wife, Lulu married Charles Devall, a motorman residing in Springfield; William T., is a large farmer living near Newkirk, Okla; Michael Clifton, is the subject of this sketch; John C. is a retired farmer living in Williamsville, Ill.; Edward is a resident of Columbus, Ind.; Whitty and James are merchants of Columbus, Ind.; Benjamin, also of Columbus; Annie, living with her brothers in Columbus.

Michael C. Miller spent his boyhood days in Hardin County, Ky., and attended the public schools of his native State, remaining there until 1879, when he left home and went to Weir City, Kan., there engaged in mining until 1880, went to Lincoln, Neb., in the latter year and accepted a position on the new railroad being built through that section. In 1881 he made his advent in Sangamon County, first working by the month on a farm in Auburn Township, continuing this occupation about eight years. In 1889 he rented a farm near Cotton Hill, where he carried on farming operations successfully until 1901, when he rented a larger farm, remaining here until 1907, when, on March 23rd, he purchased his present place, and embarked in the livery business and the breeding of horses and mules. Being a native of Kentucky, he has the love of fine horses born in him and his judgment on such matters is taken as authority. He had a farm of 120 acres under his supervision and later one of 200 acres, and at the time of his retirement from farming was one of the most successful renters in the county. Since embarking in his present business he has been as successful, and has built up a very satisfactory business.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage, February 7, 1880, to Miss Johanna Skees, a native of Hardin County, Ky., born April 22, 1859, a daughter of Phillips and Margaret (Pierce)

Skees, the former born January 12, 1834, and the latter November 27, 1838, and both died and were buried in Hardin County. Mr. Skees died February 15, 1901, and his widow April 11, 1903. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Philip Samuel, born in Hardin County, Ky., March 9, 1883, now operating a 200-acre farm in Ball Township, Sangamon County, married Helen Nettel, a native of Sangamon County, and they have on child, Hazel; William Thomas, born November 3, 1889, graduated from Chatham High School with the class of 1910, is now bookkeeper in the Caldwell State Bank of Chatham; Emery, born August 8, 1894, lives in Woodside Township; the oldest child, Lillie Dell, died in infancy.

Mr. Miller has two and three-quarters acres of land and a large and well regulated barn. Among his fine horses are a full-blooded Percheron stallion, "Mennen;" a roadster, "Linton," of the old Linton stock famous in Missouri; and an Arabian stallion Jim.

Mr. Miller and his wife are good examples of the many hardy natives of Kentucky who have settled in the State of Illinois and have achieved gratifying success. Both have worked hard and are now reaping the reward of their labor. Besides his livery business, Mr. Miller assists his son Phillips in operating 200 acres of land in Ball Township, and under their able management excellent crops are obtained each year. Mr. Miller is a Democrat in politics and since locating in Chatham, has held various local offices, including that of Justice of the Peace. He also served as Highway Commissioner while a resident of Ball Township. He and his wife are devout members of the Auburn Catholic Church. In all public matters he has always stood ready to perform his full share and has the confidence of his neighbors and associates. He erected his present home at a cost of $4,000, fitting it with many modern comforts and conveniences which are not found in the ordinary country home. He owns two other fine residences and other city real estate.

MILLER, William Gibson, for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Sangamon County, Ill., is also well known in banking circles and public life, and is a revered and honored veteran of the Civil War. Mr. Miller was born in Chatham Township, Sangamon County, February 3, 1838, a son of Jacob and Lucina (Potz) Miller.

Jacob Miller was born in Kentucky, married in that State, and came to Illinois in 1824, locating in what is now Chatham Township. At the outbreak of the Black Hawk War, he enlisted to defend the homes of the white settlers against the ravages of the Indians and did valiant service. After the war he returned to his home, where he resumed farming and stockraising and became one of the leading men of his community. Jacob Miller had left his native State on account of slavery, and there is no doubt that he would have enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War had not his age prevented. He always taught his sons to abhor even the thought of slavery, and instilled in them the love of country that they always evidenced in their after lives. Mr. Miller was a stanch Whig in early days, and later became a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, in whose office he became acquainted with the Great Martyr. Mr. Miller passed to his final rest July 27, 1862, his wife following him to the grave November 2, 1877, both dying in the faith of the Hard Shell Baptist Church. They were the parents of thirteen children, as follows: three who died in infancy; William Gibson; James F., living with his son near Springfield; Francis Marion, farming in Curran Township; Eliza, who married John Greenwood, both being now deceased; Emily, the second wife of John Greenwood, deceased; Eunica, who married John Foster, both deceased; Matilda, who married David E. McGinnis; Jasper D.; Robert; Permelia; and Sarah, who married William Scott, both being deceased.

William Gibson Miller was reared on the farm in Chatham Township and attended the subscription school of his time, entering upon his duties on the home farm as soon as he was tall enough to reach the plow handles. He remained on the home farm until 1858, when he was married to Nancy Baker, who was born in Loami Township, the daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Robertson) Baker, pioneer farming people of Sangamon County who are now deceased. After his marriage, Mr. Miller located in Loami Township, where he took possession of sixty-three acres of prairie land. Mr. Miller had been raised in the timber and, as the year 1859 was a very wet one and his crops failed, he became discouraged and finally returned to the place of his birth to take charge of the home farm of his father, who was becoming old and feeble. Here he remained until August 9, 1862, when the patriotic speeches, the waving of the flag and the rattle of drums brought vividly before him all of the teachings of his father, and so enthused him that he offered his services and was accepted as a member of Company I, Seventy-third Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being mustered in at Camp Butler. In a few days the regiment was ordered to the front, direct to Louisville, Ky., and thence to Covington. On October 8, 1862, the regiment participated in the battle of Perryville; on December 21, came the battle of Stone River; on September 19 and 20, 1863, Chickamauga; Missionary Ridge November 24 and 25, and Rocky Face May 9, 1864. Between all these great struggles there had been battles of minor importance, skirmishes and marches, in which Mr. Miller had served faithfully with his comrades, and at Chickamauga he received a wound in the head. He declined admission to the hospital after this wound, but at Mis-

sionary Ridge he received a severe wound in the left forearm and was sent to the hospital at Nashville, Tenn., where he remained until July 22, 1864. He rejoined his regiment the night before Sherman swung around Atlanta, and was just too late for that battle, but participated in the battle of Spring Hill, on November 29th; Franklin November 30th, and Nashville, December 15th and 16th. Mr. Miller served with one of the bravest and hardest-fighting regiments that was ever gotten together during the war. Always ready and eager for service, the Seventy-third was time and again sent into some of the most desperate conflicts of the Civil War, at Chickamauga alone losing 147 men. Company I, having gone into the battle with a complement of seventy-three men, was reduced to twenty-seven, and only five of these were able to answer roll-call. Mr. Miller had contracted rheumatism during his long and arduous service, and he also had sustained a harder blow than any received in his numerous battles, when, at Mammoth Cave, Ky., October 16, 1862, he received word of the death of his young wife whom he had left at home. It was, therefore, somewhat as a broken man that he was discharged at Camp Butler in 1865, and went to see his motherless children who were being cared for by his sister Sarah. He remained in the old home until 1866, when on June 28th of that year he was married to Sarah A. Hall, who was born in Loami Township, January 9, 1845, a daughter of Thompson and Eveline (Jacobs) Hall, one of the old and honored families of Sangamon County. Mr. and Mrs. Miller settled on a farm in this township, but in about 1877 moved to his parents' home on Section 22, Loami Township, where he took up eighty acres on which there had been no improvements made. He built a three-room house, to which he has since added, now having one of the nicest homes in his part of the township, and cultivating an excellent farm of 202 acres.

Mr. Miller can justly be considered one of Sangamon's energetic, enterprising, public-spirited citizens, and has always given his support to movements of an educational or religious character, as well as those which tend to the advancement of agricultural and commercial interests. He is vice-president of and a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank of Loami, one of the strong financial institutions of this section. In his political relations he is a Republican, but has never sought public preferment, although always working along the lines of good government. He and Mrs. Miller have always held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The children born to Mr. Miller and his first wife were: Henry E., conducting a large ranch near Denver, Colo.; and Mary, who became the wife of Louis Jarrett, but died May 30, 1888, her husband now being a resident of Loami Township. To William G. and Sarah A. (Hall) Miller, the following children have been born: Minnie May, born March 8, 1867, died April 6, 1867; William Madison, born July 29, 1871, died in August, 1873; Oscar, born August 2, 1873, married Olive Campbell, and is now conducting a farm near Cheadle, Canada; Lucy, born August 13, 1875, married Melvin Dodd, a farmer of Loami Township; twins, who died in infancy; Edna, born November 19, 1882, married Cecil Keplinger, a farmer on a part of the old homestead; Nellie, born March 30, 1886, married Fletcher Blackburn, a farmer near Jacksonville, Morgan County, Ill.

MILLIGAN, Clarence Wilbur, M. D.—During the past decade there have been so many changes and discoveries in medicine and surgery that the physician and surgeon of today faces an entirely different situation than did his preceptors when they commenced practice. Even the courses, by means of which the present physician fits himself for his life work are entirely different and much more exacting, and when he enters upon his practice he has already an experience which took the older physician years to acquire. Springfield is the home of some of the representative medical men of the day, and one who has already made himself felt as a careful, conscientious and skilled practitioner is Dr. Clarence Wilbur Milligan, whose office and residence is at 724 East Capital Avenue.

Dr. Milligan was born at Edinburg, Ill., December 29, 1885, a son of George W. and Eliza M. (Firey) Milligan. He attended the public school of Edinburg, Ill., where his parents resided, including the high school, and when he decided upon a medical career, entered the medical department of the St. Louis University, from which he graduated in May, 1908. In June of that year he located at Springfield, as an interne at St. John's Hospital, where he remained one year, then began the general practice of his profession. He belongs to the regular school of medicine, and although as yet he has not specialized, he is much interested in several diseases, which he is carefully studying. He is a member of the Sangamon County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce of Springfield, fraternally is connected with the Masonic Order and the Knights of Pythias, and in religious faith is a Methodist.

On November 17, 1909, Dr. Milligan married Miss Katherine W. Becker, their union taking place at Springfield. He belongs to the younger generation of medical men, not only because of his youth, but also on account of his training, and is regarded as one of the most reliable, as well as skilled physicians and surgeons of Sangamon County.

MILLS, Charles Francis, editor, Springfield, Ill., was born in Montrose, Pa., May 29, 1843, a son of Bartlet Hinds and Della (Halsey) Mills, was educated at Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, Ill., and entered the Union Army during his

Senior year before graduation, as a private in Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Illinois Volunteers, but in 1863 was promoted to Hospital Steward, U. S. A., which office he held until the end of the war. After the war he became a student in Bryant & Stratton Commercial College, Chicago, also studied medicine (allopathic) and practiced in the army to a limited extent. May 26, 1869, he was married near the city of Springfield, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Bennett (now deceased). He later became a farmer and breeder of improved stock, and has been editor and publisher of "The Farm Home," an agricultural weekly, at Springfield, since 1890. He has also been prominently identified with agricultural affairs, having served as Secretary of the Sangamon County Fair; Chief Clerk, Assistant Secretary and Secretary of the Illinois State Fair; Secretary of the American Live Stock Association and the American Fat Stock Show; Secretary of the Illinois Department of Agriculture; chief clerk for the Secretary of the Live Stock Show, Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893; Secretary for Chief, Department of the Live Stock Universal Exposition at St. Louis, 1904; Secretary and President of the American Berkshire Association; Secretary of the American Clydesdale Association; President of the American Ancestral Association; Secretary of the American Association; one of the Live-Stock Herd-Book Secretaries; member of the American Breeders' Association, the American Short Horn Association, and the American Shire Horse Association; Secretary of the American Berkshire Congress, etc. Mr. Mills drafted and secured the passage of the bill creating the Illinois Farmers' Institute and was State Secretary of same for several years; and was organizer and Secretary of the Commission of the Illinois Farmers' Hall of Fame. He has served in the Illinois National Guard, as Captain and Adjutant Fifth Infantry, Major and Quartermaster of the Second Brigade, Colonel and Assistant Adjutant General. His religious relations are with the Presbyterian church, and in politics he is a Republican. As editor he has been associated with the publication of the Year Books of the American Clydesdale Association (8 vols.), the American Berkshire Association (10 vols.), Illinois Department of Agriculture (4 vols.), Reports of other societies and of Live Stock Shows of World's Fairs (1893 and 1904). His home is at 322 South Second Street, and his office at 508-510 East Monroe Street, Springfield, Ill. From this record it will be seen that there are few men who have been as busy as has been Col. Mills.

MINER, Lewis Henry, editor of the Illinois State Journal, Springfield, Ill., was born in that city January 31, 1860, a son of Orlin Henry and Ellen Maria (Smith) Miner, the former a native of Vermont, born May 13, 1825. After spending some sixteen years in the State of Ohio, in 1851 Orlin H. Miner came to the city of Chicago and there engaged in the watchmaking business, later engaging in the same business in the City of Springfield. In 1857 after the election of Jesse K. Dubois as State Auditor on the first Republican State ticket, Mr. Miner was appointed Chief Clerk in the Auditor's office, a position which he retained until December, 1864, when on the retirement of Mr. Dubois by resignation, he succeeded to the office of Auditor to which he had been elected at the November election, thus serving more than a full term. After retirement from office, Mr. Orlin H. Miner became a stockholder and Director of the Springfield Iron Company, but died May 27, 1880. His widow still survives and is a resident of Springfield.

Lewis H. Miner received his early mental training in the Springfield city schools, following the Civil War, and naturally imbibed the patriotic principles of the Republican party which had inspired his father, as a fellow citizen of Abraham Lincoln, during the most dramatic period of the Nation's history. Mr. Miner was appointed postmaster of Springfield, July 1, 1899, by President McKinley, and served one term.

On August 8, 1899, Mr. Miner married Georgia May Watson, a daughter of Charles F. and Samantha A. Watson, and they have had three children, two sons and one daughter, namely: Orlin Watson Miner, deceased, Theron Bushnell Miner and Alice Stokes Miner, the two last named still living.

MINER, Orlin H. (Vol. I, p. 378.)

MINER, Smith.—Pawnee is the home of a number of men who have retired from the duties which once engrossed them, and who are enjoying a 'rest well-earned by their labors of the past. One of these is Smith Miner, born in Jersey County, March 2, 1849, a son of Smith and Patty Miner, the former born in Virginia. The parents married in that State, moving to Jersey County in 1820, and there the father died, in 1849. Later, the mother married and moved to Morgan County, Ill., where she died, in June, 1862. There were three children in the Miner family, one dying in infancy, and the others being: Benjamin, born in Jersey County, died in Memphis, Tenn., while in the army, and Smith. There were no children by the second marriage of the mother. Both the Miner and Davis families were old ones in Virginia, the former originating in Germany.

When he was only twelve years old, Smith Miner left home, finding employment with various farmers in Sangamon County, and attending the Hopewell school. In 1870 he rented a farm, continuing to operate it for four years, following which he was engaged in various lines of work until 1890, when he entered the employ of the Pawnee Railroad Company at Pawnee, continuing thus for fifteen years, when in 1905 he retired. In national affairs he votes the straight Democratic ticket, but in local matters

supports the man best fitted for the office. While living in Madison County, he served six consecutive years as Collector, and has held the same office for two terms in Pawnee. For thirty-five years he has been a member of the I. O. O. F. Mrs. Miner is a Methodist, while Mr. Miner carries out the Golden Rule in his dealings with his fellow men.

The marriage of Mr. Miner occurred in Madison County, November 28, 1869, to Clara C. Jones, born in that county, May 20, 1849, a daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Jones. Both were natives of Madison County and there died. There were seven children born to the first marriage of Mr. Jones: Charles, Marinda, and Mrs. Miner, living; Norcrass, Palestine and Margaret, deceased, and one who died in infancy. Later he married Eliza Kirkendall, but she bore him no children. The Jones family settled in Madison County, Ill., at an early date, and participated in the stirring events of that day. When a girl, Mrs. Jones' grandmother started home with a neighbor girl to pay a visit, but changed her mind and came back. The other, going on her way, was killed by the Indians, as was her mother, and this would have been the fate of Mrs. Jones' grandmother, had she not altered her plans.

Mr. and Mrs. Miner have had three children: Daisy, born in Sangamon County, October 23, 1871, married F. M. Masters, resides in Fort Smith, Ark., three children—Glenn, Clara and Morrell; Tule K., born in Madison County, May 30, 1876, is in the employ of the Clayton Dry Goods store and lives at home; and Benjamin H., born in Madison County, April 3, 1886, lives at home, being in the employ of the Chicago & Great Western Railroad Company as a surveyor.

During the many years he has been a resident of Pawnee, Mr. Miner has made many friends, and is numbered among the most esteemed of its citizens, and one who can always be depended upon to give public-spirited support to all measures looking toward securing good government.

MISCHLER, Phil.—The social life of Springfield presents delightful opportunities for the display of charming hospitality, and the leaders here are noted for their lavish entertaining. Mr. Mischler is one of the most popular men in Sangamon and adjoining counties, where he is so well and favorably known as buyer for The John Bressmer Dry Goods Company, one of the largest companies of its kind in Illinois.

Mr. Mischler was born in Springfield, Ill., January 8, 1847, a son of Philip and Elizabeth Mischler. Mr. Mischler received an excellent education and business training, and since 1867 has discharged the duties of his responsible position in such a manner as to command the confidence of his employers, reflect credit upon his ability as a business man, and also to add to the prestige of his concern which he represents.

On May 8, 1877, Mr. Mischler was united in marriage with Susie E. Schick, at Mt. Pulaski, Ill. Three children have been born of this union: Agnes E., Helen V. and Frances M. Miss Agnes Mischler is recognized as one of the leaders in musical circles throughout Central Illinois. She has been most carefully trained in the best musical conservatories of Chicago and is making use of her talent by imparting instruction to pupils who come to her from the city and surrounding towns. Miss Mischler has entertained thousands who have listened delighted to her interpretation of the masters, and Springfield is very proud of her.

Mr. Mischler is a Democrat, is a member of Company C, Fifth Illinois National Guard, an enthusiastic member of the Knights of Columbus, Springfield Council No. 364, he is easily the leading spirit of his lodge. He is also a most liberal supporter of the Roman Catholic Church, and is highly regarded in his congregation.

A tireless worker, and accustomed to come in contact with a large circle of business men, Mr. Mischler enjoys a wide acquaintanceship, and understands how to conduct the line of business in which he is engaged, and preserve the dignity of his position. Both he and his family stand among the foremost representatives of Springfield society, and have contributed their full share towards the development of present very desirable conditions.

MITCHELL, John F., a veteran of the Civil War and for many years foreman in the rolling mills at Springfield, has lived retired for the past eight years. He occupies the comfortable home at 1505 North Eighth Street which was built thirty-eight years ago, and besides this property owns various city lots. He was born near Youngstown, Westmoreland County, Pa., February 2, 1845, son of George Mitchell. The father was born in Pennsylvania, in 1819, and was a son of Rev. Mitchell, who came to America from Ireland and married a lady of German extraction. After the death of his parents George Mitchell accompanied his brother James to Westmoreland County and there worked at his trade of blacksmith, which he had previously learned. He also learned the trade of tanner, but did not follow that to any extent. He moved to Johnstown, Pa., and there for some years followed his trade, continuing same for a few years after his location in Springfield in 1873. Later he worked at the rolling mill under the supervision of his son John F., then a foreman. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a Democrat, and while living in his native State held various county offices. He died in 1897 in Springfield, where his wife also passed away. Their children were as follows: Isabelle died at the age of twenty-four years; John F.; Ellen, Mrs. August Andre, of Pennsylvania; Thomas, of Madison, Ill.; Mary Ann, wife of John Barren, of Springfield; Sue, Mrs. Harry Price, of Colorado; George, of Chicago; Lou, Mrs. Robert Williams, of Colorado; James,

of Springfield; Joseph, in the West; Phronia, Mrs. Seymour, of Los Angeles, Calif.

After receiving his education in the schools of Johnstown, Pa., John F. Mitchel learned the trade of blacksmith with his father, and was employed in this capacity by the Cambria Iron Works, remaining in their employ several years. On August 12, 1862, he enlisted at Harrisburg as a private in Company B, One Hundred Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Butler and Col. Spekman. The regiment was assigned to the Fifth Army Corps and participated in the Battles of Antietam, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, and minor engagements, being mustered out at Harrisburg at the expiration of nine months, in 1863. Mr. Mitchell returned home and for a few months resumed his former occupation, then entered the employ of the Government in the rolling mills at Chattanooga, where he remained until the close of the war. He went to Pittsburg, worked two years at his trade, and there in 1867 married Miss Margaret Elizabeth Crumb, who was born in Richland County, Ohio, February 8, 1843, daughter of Nicholas Crumb. Her mother died when she was an infant and she was reared by her grandparents, David and Mary (Catts) Early, farmers of Columbiana County, Ohio. David Early was a soldier in the War of 1812, and his wife, who died as the result of a severe fall, at the age of ninety-three years, was well and strong up to that time.

After his marriage Mr. Mitchell worked five years in Baltimore and one year in St. Louis, then came to Springfield and soon found employment in the rolling mills, where he was soon promoted to the position of foreman. He kept this position for a period of twenty years, and at the time of retiring from active life in 1903 was one of the most trusted employes of the company. He was always most careful and painstaking in the discharge of his duties and the work which was done in his department was of the best. He is a life-long Democrat and is a member of Stephenson Post G. A. R. While not a member of any religious organization, he frequently attends the Third Presbyterian Church, to which his wife belongs, and is a generous supporter in its good cause.

Children as follows were born to Mr. Mitchell and wife: Frank died at the age of two years; George L., at home; John Elmer, also at home; Walter R., of Springfield; Arthur H., Eugene, Leroy, of Springfield; Ralph, of Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Mitchell's successful career well illustrates what a man may accomplish by ambition and industry, though unaccompanied by the assistance of money or influential friends.

MITTS, Edward Grant.—The history of the business houses in Sangamon County, indicates that the advancement which has been universally shown is the result of persistent effort intelligently directed by enterprising men, who understand their work in all its details. A prosperous merchant of Springfield, who controls a large trade, Edward Grant Mitts, of No. 1128 South First Street, was born in Dawson, Ill., April 12, 1870, a son of John and Nancy Ellen (Myers) Mitts, the former born in Richmond, Va., June 26, 1834, and the latter in Chillicothe, Ohio, August 15, 1840. The father (a farmer by occupation) was personally acquainted with John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame, and took part in the notable incidents of that period. He was one of the early settlers in Sangamon County and held many offices in his community.

After attending local schools Edward Grant Mitts went to Illinois College at Jacksonville. He grew up on a farm, learning habits of thrift and economy which were to assist him materially later in life. Upon leaving college he entered the government service as railroad mail clerk, and later began manufacturing stock and poultry food. Still later he took up general publicity and commission advertising. He eventually established himself in his present business and is now handling a general line of merchandise.

Mr. Mitts is a Methodist and has always been a steadfast Republican. When he was twenty-one years old he joined the Masonic fraternity and he has taken the degrees up to and including the Thirty-second. Always true and loyal, Mr. Mitts believes that true friendship is one of the most valuable things on earth. Benevolent, although not ostentatiously so, the recipient of his generosity often does not know the donor of the gift, Mr. Mitts is a man whose friends are many, and who is rightly numbered among the solid citizens of the Capital City.

MOHR, Anthony.—The farming interests of Sangamon County are in the hands of men who have made the business of farming a life study, and to this fact may be credited, to a large degree, the flourishing conditions to be found there. Anthony Mohr, who, with his sister Franciska, lives on his excellent tract of eighty-seven acres of land on Sections 14 and 15, Woodside Township, is one of the scientific agriculturists of Sangamon County. He was born in this township, December 30, 1861, a son of William A. Sr. and Maria Ann (Buittman) Mohr.

William A. Mohr, Sr. was born in Wevelsburgh, Westphalia, Germany, in which place both his parents spent their entire lives, and (as is the custom in that country) he served his time, two years and seven months, as a soldier in the Prussian Army. After receiving his honorable discharge in 1855, he emigrated to America, and came by way of New Orleans to St. Louis, Mo., and thence to Springfield, Ill. He located near the village of Pleasant Plains and married Elizabeth Hines, of Nassau, Germany. To them were born two sons: one, born August 2, 1857, died September 7, 1857, and the other, Frederick, born January 11, 1859, died February 15, 1859. The mother of these children died on March 14, 1859. All were buried near Spring-

field, in what was formerly known as the Hutchinson Cemetery. Mr. Mohr then left for St. Louis, Mo., where he soon formed the acquaintance of Miss Maria Ann Buittman, whom he married at Springfield, Ill., in the former St. John's Catholic Church, then located on East Adams Street, by the Rev. J. Jansen. He immediately found employment with Washington Iles Sr., by the month, and continued four years in that position, until he accumulated enough to purchase a five-acre tract from his employer, on South Eleventh Street, between Laurel and Ash, which was sold when he settled on Sections 14 and 15 in Woodside Township, the present home of his son and daughter, Anthony Mohr and Franciska Iles. He then engaged in agricultural pursuits and spent the remainder of his life on his farm, where his death occurred November 17, 1887.

Mr. Mohr was highly esteemed by all who knew him as a diligent and upright man. He was a Democrat in political views and a Catholic at heart, and remained a faithful member of the Church until his death, when he was anointed by the last rites of the Catholic Church. His wife, Maria Ann (Buittman) Mohr, was born in October, 1832, in Langen, Osnabruck, Hanover, Germany, and came to the United States in 1856, settling at St. Louis. She received her education at the St. Benedict Parish school, in Germany. She was a faithful worker all her life and possessed all the qualities of a good mother that anyone could have, her death occurring on the same premises as the death of her husband, on March 10, 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. Mohr the following children were born: Anna Katherine, who passed her school-days at SS. Peter and Paul's School, corner Sixth and Reynolds Streets, Springfield, and died in 1881 on the home farm; Lewis died in Sangamon County at the age of two years; Anthony, whose name stands at the head of this sketch; Mary Caroline, who married Nic Krueger, and agriculturist and carpenter of Sangamon County, and has a family of nine children; Regina, who married S. J. Ridder, of Morgan County, Ill., and they have five children; Franciska, who married David Iles, of Sangamon County, and has one child, Ruth, born in 1892; Ludowika, who married, June 1, 1891, in Springfield, Henry Ridder, of Morgan County; and William J., who married Mary Williams, of Sangamon County, and they have five children.

Anthony Mohr secured his education in SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic School, in Springfield, and was brought up to work on the farm, by his parents, utilizing his spare time to add to his education by study, and daily gaining knowledge and experience in the line of farming. He remained at home with his parents, assisting his father in cultivating the home farm, and after the latter's death took charge of the property, of which he and his sister, together, own eighty-seven acres. Mr. Mohr has a well-developed piece of land, which yields good crops, and he has improved it with handsome, substantial buildings, and raises full-blooded stock. He is recognized as an authority on scientific farming, and is looked upon as one of the township's intelligent and enterprising agriculturists.

Mr. Mohr has never married. He is a Democrat in political views, but has never cared for public office. Reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, he has remained a faithful member of that denomination, and can always be depended upon to support any movement for the church or of a charitable nature. He has travelled but little, and during the many years he has lived in the township, he has seen some wonderful changes take place. A pleasing conversationalist and congenial companion, he has made many friends, and is popular throughout his township.

MONTGOMERY, James Frederick, engaged in a general horse-shoeing business at No. 115 South Seventh Street, Springfield, is one of the live, progressive men of the city, and one who commands the respect of his customers by reason of the quality of his work and the honesty of his methods. Mr. Montgomery was born February 10, 1874, in Orange County, Ind., being a son of Robert M. and Mary (Morgan) Montgomery. The father was born near Louisville, Ky., but later moved to Orange County, Ind., where he bought 160 acres of land, operating it until his death, which occurred when he was seventy years old. His wife died in Illinois, in 1898. There were three children in their family: James F., Florence, now Mrs. Robert Grandy, of Canada; and Hattie, of Scott County, Ill., who married Thomas Maguire.

Mr. Montgomery's educational advantages were limited, and after he was fourteen years old he earned his own living. His first work netted him nine dollars a month, and was secured in Orange County, but three months later he came to Carrollton, Ill., where he worked on a farm until sixteen years old. At this time he began learning the trade of horse-shoeing with William Sunderland, at Kane, Ill., remaining with him for three years, and for his work receiving two dollars per week and his board. After he had learned his trade Mr. Montgomery worked at it in Kansas City, Decatur, and other points. He finally started business on his own account, in Illinois, and soon after spent six years at Alsey, Ill., and ten years at Argenta, then came to Springfield to open his present establishment, since which time he has built up a large trade which extends over a wide territory.

Mr. Montgomery was married at Roodhouse, Ill., in 1895, to Emma Darling, of Sand Prairie. Two children were born of this marriage, Carles and Hal. Mr. Montgomery was married a second time, at Argentine, Ill., in September, 1901, to Miss Laura Deihl, of that town, daughter of Jerry and Malinda (Slagle) Deihl. No issue. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery are consistent members of the Methodist Church and in politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he is a

Knight of Pythias and member of the Court of Honor. While not active in public affairs he is interested in securing good government and in protecting the interests of the people. He is industrious and upright, and has worked very hard all his life being certainly a self-made man.

MOORE, Samuel.—Mining and mines represent such a large share of the interests of Sangamon County, that no review of it would be complete without the names of some of the men identified with this vast industry. An experienced mining man is Samuel Moore, manager of the Springfield Co-Operative Mine, who is living at No. 1619 North Eighth Street, Springfield. He was born in St. Clair, three miles from Pottsville, Schuylkill County, Pa., June 17, 1854, the fourth son of John and Grace (Lamb) Moore, natives of Durham County, England, the former born August 14, 1810, and the latter in 1816.

John Moore started to work in the mines in his native country when very young, was there married to Grace Lamb, the family coming to the United States in 1836 and settling in Schuylkill County, Pa., but a few years later removing to Mahonoy City, where Mr. Moore helped to open up the mines of the St. Clair Valley. At that time there were no railroads, but after a railroad had been constructed between that point and Port Carbon, the miners loaded their cars and sent them to the canal boats, where the product was disposed of. Mr. Moore rose to be a mine boss, a coal contractor and the owner of a small mine, and during his later years made a trip to Iowa and Illinois, mining in these States for a short time. His death occurred in 1897, he having survived his wife some twenty years. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children were: Thomas, a member of the Second Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Civil War, died at the age of fifty-two years; Frank, deceased; John, in Colorado; John; and Mary, George and William, deceased.

Samuel Moore had little chance to secure an education, as the Civil War had taken so many men away that teachers were hard to secure, and, as a consequence, he is self-educated. At the age of nine years he went to work picking slate at the mines, and at the age of twelve years began working inside the mines, pumping air to the men. He then became a mule driver, later a laborer, and finally a full-fledged miner. In February, 1876, he came to Springfield and went to work in the old North Mine, and after one year there began traveling through different States, but in 1880 again came to Springfield, where he has since resided. In 1888 he took the contract for sinking the Capitol Mine, and in 1892 sunk a mine at Selbytown. He sunk the mine for the Junction Coal Company, and opened up the big Jones and Adams mines near the Fair Grounds. At this work he is an expert, but has also done much mine repair work. In September, 1908, he accepted his present position as Manager of the Springfield Co-Operative Mine.

Mr. Moore was married in Springfield, September 7, 1882, to Miss Rebecca Roy, of Springfield, daughter of John Roy, and to this union children have been born as follows: Grace, William R., Elsie, Elmer, twin of Elsie, Arthur, John, Samuel, Anne, George, Clifford and Walter. Mr. Moore is a Presbyterian in his religious belief. He is a stanch Republican in politics and his fraternal connection is with the Knights of Pythias.

MOORE, William Eaton (deceased).—One of the leading factors of success among the farmers of Sangamon County is their growing interest in high-grade stock. Probably no man in the region made a wider reputation for his fine strain of horses than William Eaton Moore, whose farm, now within the city limits of Springfield, was one of the finest stocked in the Mississippi Valley. Mr. Moore was an extensive importer of the finest breeds, making a specialty of the German coach horse. He made semi-annual trips to Germany for the purpose of purchasing the finest grade to be found in European markets. His horses were sold throughout the United States at high prices, averaging about twenty-five hundred dollars each. Mr. Moore became known among breeders and horse dealers throughout the country, both as an importer and as a dealer, and achieved the highest reputation for enterprise and business integrity, as well as ability in his line of operation. He was successful to a large degree, and had one of the finest suburban homes of Springfield, where he and his wife delighted in entertaining their many friends.

Mr. Moore was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 27, 1848, a son of W. H. and Anna Jane (Eaton) Moore, the former a book publisher. The family came to Illinois in 1876. William E. Moore attended high school in Cincinnati and later took a course in Sewickley (Pa.) College. After coming west he located in Sangamon County, where he secured a farm adjoining the city of Springfield, and now within its corporate limits.

Mr. Moore was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 10, 1870, to Miss Mary B. McGechin, a native of that city, and they had five children, three of whom are living: Gertrude, Mrs. DeWitt Smith, of Springfield; Willa, at home; and Jeanette, the wife of J. Russell Yates, of Springfield. The family are prominent in social and other circles, and have the esteem and regard of their friends and acquaintances, being well known in the city and vicinity, their home for so many years. Mr. Moore departed this life, July 15, 1907.

MORGAN, Michael, an enterprising Irish-American citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1832, a son of William and Mary (McCann) Morgan. He

lived with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age and was educated in his native country. Both of his parents died in Ireland. In 1855 Mr. Morgan emigrated to America, landing in Canada June 1, and lived in that country ten years. He was living in Canada during the Civil War and about the time hostilities were over, he came to Illinois, locating at Springfield, where he has followed mining most of the time since. He has been industrious and thrifty and has become the owner of several pieces of property in the city. He is a public-spirited citizen and much interested in the public affairs of his adopted country. He now lives at 1729 East Jackson Street, and has many friends in the neighborhood, where he is well known.

Mr. Morgan was married in Ireland, in August, 1852, to Miss Ellen McQuade, born in Ireland in 1832, the daughter of a farmer. Her parents and grandparents died in Ireland. Six children were born of this union, three sons and three daughters: William, born in Ireland, now lives in Springfield, where he is employed by a railroad company, is married and has seven children; John, born in Canada, in 1858, married Ellen Reddy, lives in Springfield and has four sons and two daughters; Michael, born in Canada, but lives in Springfield, married Catherine Gannon, who died in 1907 leaving two daughters—Catherine and Josephine; Mary Jane, born in Canada, married Tom Reddy, of Springfield, and they have one child—Ella; Matilda, born in Canada, married Pat McGon, of Springfield, who died in 1905; they had seven children, six of whom are living; another daughter, Ella, was born in Springfield, and died in 1907. Mr. Morgan is a devout member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and in politics is a Democrat. He belongs to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and to the United Mine Workers Union.

MORRIS, James F., a self-made man, and a highly respected citizen of Springfield, Ill., is best known in connection with the work he has accomplished in the interests of the Illinois State Federation of Labor. He has held the office of Secretary and Treasurer of this organization continuously since 1901, and also various positions of honor and trust in public life. He is a man of pleasing manner and interesting personality, and has won influence and position through his force of character and determination to make the most of his opportunities. Mr. Morris was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, June 24, 1859, son of Thomas and Catherine (Farrell) Morris, both natives of that county, where they were farmers.

The education of James F. Morris, was acquired in the English National School and he spent his early years on a farm. He was married in 1880, to Bridget O'Dwyer, daughter of Michael and Jonanah (Hanley) O'Dwyer, of County Tipperary. Soon after his marriage Mr. Morris and his wife came to America. He worked for a time in a freight house in New York City. He came to Illinois in January, 1881, and first worked for the Spaulding Nursery Company at Riverton, Ill., and soon after began working in the coal mines there. Later, he worked in the coal mines of Peoria County and in 1887, became employed in the mines in the vicinity of Springfield.

Mr. Morris first became identified with the labor movement by joining the Knights of Labor in 1882. From that time on, he took an active part in the labor movement being very active in the organization of the miners progressive union in 1886, and again in organizing the United Mine Workers of America in 1890, and ever since has been a member of the U. M. W. of A., having represented his union in both District, State and National conventions at various times. In 1901, he was first elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Federation of Labor, and has been re-elected by acclamation each year since. He has given the affairs of the organization the most careful attention and has taken a sincere personal interest in the success of the movement. In 1880, Mr. Morris was elected County Constable in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, on the Democratic ticket; elected to the office of City Clerk in the village of Riverton in 1895, on the License ticket, and was elected to the Legislature from the Forty-fifth Senatorial District, comprising the Counties of Sangamon and Morgan, on the Democratic ticket, November 3, 1908, and re-elected November 8, 1910. During the sessions of the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh General Assembly, Mr. Morris served on the following committees: Appropriations, Enroled and Engrossed Bills, Fees and Salaries, Insurance, Labor and Industrial Affairs, Libraries, Mines and Mining, Penal and Reformatory Institutions, State and County Fairs, State and Municipal Civil Service Reform and State Geological Survey. Fraternally, he is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters, Independent Order of Redmen, Loyal Americans of the Republic, Modern Brotherhood of America, United Mine Workers of America, and Order of Owls. He is a member of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Morris takes a keen interest in every movement for the public welfare and progress and may be depended upon to contribute his share to every worthy cause which comes to his notice.

To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Morris were born nine children, two of whom died. Those who are living are as follows: Thomas Francis, Josephine Theresa, Mary Agnes, Nellie Marie, Margaret Adela, Nora E., Catherine Alphonsus Patricia. Mr. Morris owns the residence of the family at 824 So. Cleveland Avenue, Springfield. His many friends are chosen from all walks of life and by all, he is accorded sincere respect and esteem.

MORRISON, John W. (deceased), who came to Williamsville, Ill., about 1850, was a native of Edinburg, Scotland, born March 17, 1823. His father was a weaver and both parents spent their entire lives in Scotland. John W. Morrison was educated in his native country and there learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed most of his life afterwards. He came to America as a young man and worked at his trade for a time in New York, then followed the same occupation at various places for many years, and after spending five years in Lafayette, Ind., where he was married, came to Williamsville and located in the home where his widow now resides. He went West on a prospecting tour in 1862, and was last heard of in Idaho, after which it is supposed he was lost in the mountains, as he never returned.

November 1, 1846, Mr. Morrison was married, in Lafayette, Ind., to Elizabeth Mills, born at Williamsport, Pickaway County, Ohio, October 12, 1824, daughter of James Mills. Mr. Mills was a native of Virginia and his wife of Kentucky, and they were married in Ohio. They lived for a time in Menard County and were among the early settlers of Williamsville, Ill., where he engaged in the blacksmith and wagon-making trade, and continued in this business until his death, in 1866. His widow died in 1869. Four children were born to Mr. Morrison and his wife, of whom but one survives, James W., who resides with his mother. Mrs. Morrison owns a beautiful home in the village, where she has resided the past fifty years, and she is well known and highly respected in the community. Mr. Morrison was an Episcopalian and his widow is a member of the Christian Church. He was a Democrat in politics. He was a man of reliability and stability of character and had the confidence and regard of all with whom he had dealings. He was industrious and successful at his trade and a man of good habits, and is remembered by many of the older residents of Williamsville as a man of kind heart and a public-spirited citizen.

MORSTATTER, George.—Ever since its incorporation Sangamon County has been noted for its phenomenal development, due not only to the fertility of the land, but to the enterprise and public-spirit of its citizens. Especially has this growth and development been apparent in the last few years, during which it has taken its place in the front rank of Illinois counties. One who has done his share in bringing about such a condition of affairs is George Morstatter, engaged in agricultural pursuits on Section 26, Illiopolis Township, where he has an excellent property. Mr. Morstatter is a native of Germany, born in Bavaria, February 28, 1836, a son of Jacob and Magdaline Morstatter, natives of the Fatherland. Jacob Morstatter, who was a fruit grower in his native country, came to America at an early date and settled in New Haven, Conn., where he conducted a wine garden until his death. He had served in the German army during the Franco-Prussian War. Of his family of six sons and four daughters George is the only survivor.

Mr. Morstatter was educated in Germany and assisted his father until coming to America in 1856, and after landing in New York went to New Haven, Conn., where he secured employment in a factory. One year later, however, he came west to Decatur, Ill., and followed gardening for seven years, eventually moving to Illiopolis Township and purchasing his present fine farm of 110 acres. He has been successful in his agricultural pursuits, and has also done his duty as a citizen, serving as Road Commissioner in Macon County for several terms. In political matters he is a Democrat. He is a Roman Catholic in religious belief, while Mrs. Morstatter is a member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Morstatter was married in Decatur, Ill., in 1863, to Malinda Barger, who was born in Maroa, Ill., daughter of a Macon County farmer, and to this union there were born two children: Dora, wife of John Erlinbush, living in St. Louis, Mo.; and Sarah, wife of Andrew Jackson, living in Creston, Iowa. Mrs. Morstatter died in Decatur, and Mr. Morstatter was married (second) July 13, 1876, to Mary E. Doolin, who was born in Jefferson County, Ill., October 1, 1855, daughter of a farmer of that county. To this union there were born eleven children, of whom nine are now living: Harvey, who resides in Buffalo, Ill.; Delilah, wife of James Pearson, living in Morrisonville, Ill.; Anna M., who married J. B. Stubblefield, living in Decatur; Mary K., wife of Frank Sargent, living on a farm near Illiopolis; Martin R., a resident of Fort Worth, Tex.; Lula B., wife of Charles Roelinger, of Shelbyville; Amelia E., wife of Harry Henry, of Decatur; Georgia, wife of Guy Ready, of Chatham, Ill.; and Arthur W. There are twenty grandchildren in the family.

MORTIMER, C. F., was born June 23, 1875, and graduated from Bethany College, of Bethany, W. Va., in the Class of 1896. He received his legal education in the law office of Conkling & Grout, in Springfield, Ill., entering that office in the winter of 1897 and remaining there about three years, being admitted to the Bar in 1900. Mr. Mortimer is a Republican in politics and was elected City Attorney in the spring of 1901. He has held no other political office. During the Spanish-American War, he was a private in Troop H, First Illinois Cavalry, Volunteers. He is a member of a number of fraternal and social organizations, including the Modern Woodmen, Court of Honor, Elks, Knights of Pythias and Masons, being a Shriner and a member of Medinah Temple, Chicago, and belongs to the Sangamo Club and resides on West Edwards Street.

Mr. Mortimer was marred February 7, 1904, to Frances F. Fawcett, a daughter of Andrew L. Fawcett, a highly respected citizen of many years' residence in Springfield. Both Mr. and

Mrs. Mortimer are members of the Christian Church.

MORTON, Salmon H.—Strength of purpose, success in business ventures, faithfulness to duty, all aid a man in securing material prosperity and winning the respect and confidence of those with whom he is brought in contact. One of the solid men of Springfield is Salmon H. Morton, residing at No. 101 East Madison Street. He was born in Bureau County, Ill., May 9, 1851, a son of Salmon and Zebiah H. Morton. The parents were born in New York, in 1811 and 1809, respectively. They came to Illinois in 1850, settling in Bureau County. The father died when about seventy-eight years old, the mother living to be eighty-three. They both died in Pierce City, Mo., to which they had moved. Mr. Morton has one brother who lives in Oklahoma, and a sister, Mrs. Van Buren, living in Missouri. Mr. Morton left home when seventeen years old, and learned the broom making trade, worked at it for fifteen years, and is still engaged in that line.

Having made a study of government and social conditions, Mr. Morton has come to the conclusion that the remedy for existing ills lies in Socialism, and so is a strong supporter of the Socialist party. He realizes that the people have to be educated to an appreciation of the doctrines he holds, and does all he can to present convincing proofs of what he believes. As he is earnest and honest in his convictions, he never lacks for an audience. In religious faith he is independent but attends the Christian Church. He is unmarried.

MOYER, Charles E.—It is to the solid, substantial citizens of any community that we must look for the strength of that section, rather than to the brilliant, flighty operator, who, while occasionally achieving a large measure of success, is often liable to overstep his mark and end his career with a failure that envelops not only himself but others and tends to the detriment of his locality. Charles E. Moyer, an agriculturist of Pleasant Plains, may be depended upon to be a support to his community and a leader in any movement that will assist its advancement, one of the men who do right because it is right, and for no other reason. He was born in Gardner Township, January 16, 1865, a son of Charles and Mahala (Cruzan) Moyer.

The grandfather of Mr. Moyer was one of the pioneers of Sangamon County, and at an early day opened and conducted a tavern on the State Road, which is now known as the Bradford, later entering land which he operated until the time of his death. His trade was that of a millwright and, in addition to his farming operations, he conducted several mills and warehouses. Charles Moyer, the father of Charles E., was born in Pennsylvania in 1822, and was reared on a farm in Lehigh County, but after coming to Illinois, was married in Gardner Township, where he made his home until 1884, when he sold his farm there to purchase one in Salisbury Township, this being his place of residence at the time of his death. He and his wife were the parents of nine children: William H., who died in Pleasant Plains in April, 1909; Charles E.; Anna May, wife of James Jones, a grocer of Petersburg, Menard County; George, a resident of Williamsville; John, a brick-mason, who died in October, 1908; a daughter who died in infancy; Ella, the wife of James Merry, a farmer near Williamsville; Ada, the wife of George McKinzie, a resident of Williamsville, with whom Mr. Moyer's mother makes her home; and Daisy, who died in young womanhood in 1900.

Mr. Moyer was reared on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. At an early age he had to take charge of the home farm, and remained in charge until he was twenty-six years of age, when one of his brothers took up the work where he left off. On August 12, 1891, he was married to Lucy I. Crawford, who was born in Salisbury Township, November 2, 1864, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Box) Crawford, both natives of Kentucky. The Crawford family came from Kentucky to Illinois in 1858, and about 1875 removed to Missouri, where Mr. Crawford died in 1879, when his widow came back to Sangamon County, and here the remaining days of her life were spent, her death occurring March 6, 1899. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, namely: a child who died in infancy; Campbell W., a resident of Chatham, Ill.; Margaret A., wife of Alpha A. Miller, a farmer in Gardner Township; Catherine E., wife of Hosea Baker, a resident of Spaulding, Ill.; Mary E., wife of Marion Miller, a farmer of Salisbury Township; Amaretta, the wife of Christian Knudsen, a farmer of Island Grove Township; Mrs. Moyer; and James Madison, a resident of Jacksonville, Ill.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Moyer rented land in Gardner Township, where they remained until 1894, at which time they rented land in Montgomery County, and Mr. Moyer operated 320 acres there until 1898. In that year he took charge of the Hugh Gardner farm of 200 acres, and continued to operate this until 1902, when he purchased a run-down eighty-two acre farm in Gardner Township, which he developed into one of the best properties in the township. Having purchased the property for $82.50 per acre, in 1906 he sold it for $125.00 per acre and purchased a fifteen acre tract within the corporation limits of Pleasant Plains, and here he has devoted his attention to the breeding of pure Duroc hogs and Orpington chickens, of which latter he has now forty-one. Mr. Moyer is a self-made man, having started life empty-handed and built up his present prosperous condition through his own ability. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian Church, in which he is

a Deacon and his wife a member of the Missionary Society. He is a Republican in politics and a stanch adherent of temperance, while his fraternal connection is with the Pleasant Plains Lodge of Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Moyer had one child who died in infancy, but on October 13, 1910, they adopted a child, Bernice.

MUELLER, Gerhard Anton.—The German-American element is one of the best this country knows. Germans are industrious, thrifty and loyal, and when they come here they bring with them many customs we would do well to follow. Few are poor and many Germans help in supporting institutions to care for destitute persons of other nationalities. A leading business man of Springfield who demonstrates in his everyday life his sound principles and reliable judgment, is Gerhard Anton Mueller. He was born in Leer Ostfriesland, Germany, April 5, 1849, a son of Hane and Catherine (Loop) Mueller. The father was a manufacturer of furniture, and carried on that line of business all his life, which ended while he was on a visit to his son, in 1872. His remains are interred in beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield.

Mr. Mueller was educated in his native land, and when he finished school came to the United States, locating at Indianapolis. He remained there a short time and when he was seventeen years old came to Springfield. This was in 1868, and since then this city has been his home. After holding several positions as bookkeeper and clerk Mr. Mueller embarked in business for himself, and has been eminently successful in his endeavors.

In 1873 Mr. Mueller was married, in Toledo, Ohio, to Regina Huber, daughter of William and Elisabeth Huber. Her father was a merchant of Westphalia, Osage County, Mo. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mueller, of whom the following are living: George Adolph; Elise Regina; Eda; Fred; William and Marguerite.

One son, George A. Mueller, is in business with his father. The family reside in their pleasant home on the southeast corner of Seventh and Reynolds Streets.

Mr. Mueller is a man of pleasing manner, and his genial, kindly nature wins for him hosts of friends. He can always be depended upon to give his support to any measure that is calculated to be of benefit to his community, and his charities are numerous.

MUELLER, Hans Edward.—The younger generation of Springfield's business men are proving that they are alive, active and progressive, in favor of improvements and desirous of developing the Capital City to its fullest extent. Among these representative citizens is Hans Edward Mueller, who was born in Springfield, November 27, 1874, a son of the late lamented Henry E. Mueller and his wife, Genevieve (Kun) Mueller. Henry E. Mueller was born in Germany in June, 1844, and came to America in 1863, locating first in Indianapolis, where he remained until his removal to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1867 he came to Springfield, where the remainder of his life was spent. He worked for some time as manager for Robert Rudolph, and later established a business of his own. He operated under the firm name of H. E. Mueller & Company, first at the corner of Sixth and Jefferson Streets, and several years later, a short time before his death, purchased property and located his business at 712 Adams Street, between Seventh and Eighth. He became known as one of the leading business men of Springfield and had a high standing in various circles. He enjoyed to a large degree the companionship and confidence of his family and immediate friends, being a man beloved by many for his kindly disposition and upright character, and his charities were so large that no one but himself knew of their extent. Soon after coming to the city he purchased his beautiful residence, which became known as "Maplelawn," on Douglas Avenue. In April, 1868, he married Miss Genevieve Kun, and the following twelve children were born of this marriage: Mrs. Kate Jones, of Springfield; Hans Edward Mueller, formerly of Toledo, but now of Springfield; Mrs. Jennie Smith, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Clara McKinnie, of Springfield; Mrs. Stella Westerberger, of Springfield; Mrs. Anna Fisbeck, of Terre Haute; Herman, Paul and Kurt, all of Springfield; the Misses Hulda and Mayme Mueller of Springfield and Robert, of San Francisco, Cal.

Henry E. Mueller passed away at his home March 11, 1905. He had been ill for some time and suffered a paralytic stroke the day before his death. He was one of the best known men in the city and owned large real estate interests there, besides his business and mining interests in the west. He was a man who readily made friends and retained their respect and esteem.

Hans E. Mueller, third child of his parents, was educated in the public schools of his native city and at early age entered his father's business, of which he took charge at the latter's death. He has also been interested in general contracting and pursued that line of business for some time at Toledo, Ohio. While in that city he served two years as Sergeant in the Ohio State Volunteers.

On October 10, 1906, occurred the marriage of Mr. Mueller and Miss Mary Alice Greenhalgh, daughter of James and Mary Greenhalgh, of Chicago. Mrs. Greenhalgh resides with Mrs. Mueller, but the father is deceased. He was for twenty-seven years a mechanic for the Wabash Company and later with the Illinois Central Railroad Company for ten years prior to his death, and was one of the road's trusted employes. One son, James Edward, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mueller, July 10, 1907. Mr. Mueller is a Republican and, while not connected with any church, is Protestant in relig-

ious belief. He is one of Springfield's bright young business men, of pleasing manner, and enjoys the confidence of his business associates.

MULLIGAN, William Thomas, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser on Section 8, Island Grove Township, Sangamon County, was born at Sinclair, Morgan County, Ill., September 27, 1867, a son of Samuel and Nancy C. (McConnell) Mulligan, the former a native of County Fermanagh, Ireland, born June 25, 1826, and the latter born in Ralls County, Mo., March 8, 1833. He came to America at the age of twelve years, then beginning life on his own account. He was a son of well-to-do parents, but having heard of the advantages offered to young men in the New World, left home in 1838, landing alone in the city of New York. He came west and began work as a farm hand in Morgan County, Ill., and finally purchased eighty acres of land on his own account, near Sinclair. He erected a log cabin and otherwise improved his land and continued at odd times to work by the day or month, and thus was able to provide for his immediate wants while developing his farm. He was thus engaged when the war broke out, and he was one of the early volunteers, in 1861 becoming a member of Company I Tenth Illinois Infantry. He went to the front with his regiment and served for some time under General Thomas, for whom he named his first-born, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Mulligan took part in many long marches and heavy engagements, but never shirked his duty and proved a brave, faithful soldier. He accompanied General Sherman on the "March to the Sea." At the end of the three years for which he had enlisted he re-enlisted and served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged.

After the close of the war Samuel Mulligan returned to Morgan County and continued the improvement of his land, which occupation he had left to go to the defense of the cause he considered right. He was married, January 2, 1867, to Mrs. Nancy C. Craig, and they located on his farm, where they established a good home for themselves and their children. His health was much impaired from his hard service in the army and he had to content himself with such achievements as he could manage in the work of improving his farm, but accomplished his cherished purpose of becoming a land owner in his adopted country. Death claimed him October 14, 1872, and he now rests in the cemetery near Sinclair. He was a devout and faithful member of the Methodist Church and always ready to perform his part in the support of church work. He was a Republican after the organization of that party, and was honored and respected as a man of honor an integrity. He was a great friend and admirer of General Thomas, known by his familiars as "Pap Thomas." Two children were born to Samuel and Nancy Mulligan: William Thomas, of this sketch, and Sarah, who married Rev. W. M. Hailey, of Barry, Ill., editor of the "Barry Record," and they have four sons and one daughter—Howard William, Arthur Bowman, Foster, Margaret Lucile and Cordell Stephen. Mrs. Nancy Mulligan died August 3, 1905, and is buried at Concord, Ill. She was a devout and faithful member of the Methodist Church and much loved for her noble character and good deeds.

William Thomas Mulligan was reared on the farm his father had purchased, remaining there until the death of the latter, when the mother moved with her children to Concord, Morgan County, where he attended the public school. He later attended Whipple Academy at Jacksonville two terms, and after leaving school accepted a position as attendant at the Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville, where he worked fifteen months under Dr. H. F. Carriel, and in 1891 began working on a farm. On August 26, 1891, he married Miss Ella Kirby, born at Murrayville, Morgan County, April 3, 1863, a daughter of John and Fannie (Leaks) Kirby, both natives of England. Mr. Kirby was a leading farmer of his section of Morgan County and a good citizen, and he and his wife were active members of the Methodist Church. He died November 27, 1909, and his widow now resides near Franklin, Morgan County. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby had four daughters and two sons, namely: Emma, Rachel, William, George, on the home farm with the mother; Mrs. Mulligan; Anna, deceased.

After his marriage Mr. Mulligan and his wife settled on a farm on Joy Prairie, Morgan County, where they lived three years. Two children were born to them: Fletcher Kirby, August 6, 1892, and Vern, December 1, 1893, and later at Berlin, Glen S. born March 26, 1896. In 1894 Mr. Mulligan and his family removed to the vicinity of Franklin and in the following spring to Berlin, Island Grove Township, where he rented 135 acres on Section 8, which he has now operated fifteen years. He pays particular attention to stock-raising.

Mr. Mulligan has been most successful in his farming operations and is known for his honest purpose and earnest efforts, by which he has proven himself worthy of the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens. He is most practical and progressive in his methods, as is well shown by the results of his fifteen years in his present location. An upright and public-spirited citizen he has many friends. His farm is what is known as the Rose Place, and upon it he keeps a good grade of stock and reaps a high degree of success from all branches of his farming. He has always been actively interested in school work and, for the past nine years, has been a member of the Berlin School Board, lending his influence to hiring the best teachers and other good movements. This school is one of the best in the county and a matter of pride in the commun-

ity. Mr. Mulligan and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he holds the position of Steward, and for the past five years has been Superintendent of the Island Grove Sunday School.

MUNROE, Grafton, D. D. S.—One of the representative dentists of Springfield is Dr. Grafton Munroe, who is pleasantly situated at No. 304 Ferguson Building, corner of Sixth and Monroe Streets, while his residence is at No. 1300 North Fifth Street. He was born at Annapolis, Md., August 5, 1863, a son of James and Matilda Rebecca (Walter) Munroe.

Dr. Munroe is a graduate of St. John's College of Annapolis, Md., Class of 1882, degree of A. B. The further degree of A. M. was conferred on him by the same school in 1890. His dental training was obtained in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1885, with a degree of D. D. S. He also graduated from Edward H. Angle School of Orthodorthia, of St. Louis, Mo., 1900. From the time of his graduation until 1888, Dr. Munroe practiced dentistry at Annapolis, Md., and then moved to Springfield, Ill., which has since been his home. There he has built up a large and constantly growing practice, some of his patients having been with him all these years.

On October 2, 1890, Dr. Munroe was united in marriage, at Springfield, Ill., with Bettie Jane Brown. Three children have been born of this marriage: Ogden Brown, Frances Josephine, and Grafton, Jr. (deceased). In national matters, Dr. Munroe is a Republican, but in local affairs he votes for the man he thinks will best fill the office. He was brought up a Methodist, but later became a Presbyterian, and now is a supporter of that church.

Dr. Munroe is one of the solid men of Springfield, whose example tends to elevate the tone of the community. He has many warm, personal friends here, and is justly recognized as one of the leaders in his profession in Sangamon County. He is the author of the article in this work entitled "The history of Dental Surgery in Springfield and Sangamon County."

MURPHY, James, who for many years carried on farming in Sangamon County, since 1905 has lived in the city of Springfield, retired from active life. He is a representative Irish-American citizen, intelligently interested in whatever concerns the public welfare, and ready to perform the duties of good citizenship. He was born in County Galway, Ireland, in January, 1839, son of Mathias and Catherine (Lynsky) Murphy, also natives of Ireland. The parents spent their entire lives in Ireland, where the father was a farmer, and they were parents of three sons and one daughter, and of these children but two survive: James, of this biography, and Patrick, who lives in Ireland.

Mr. Murphy received his education in his native country and helped with the work on his father's farm until he came to America, in 1864. He landed in New York City and came thence direct to Sangamon County, but soon afterwards spent six months in St. Louis. Returning to Sangamon County, he took up farming and followed this occupation until retiring from active life a few years since.

October 10, 1871, Mr. Murphy was married in Springfield, Ill., to Miss Rebecca Walker, who was born in Boston, Mass., June 9, 1848, a daughter of John C. Walker. Mr. Walker was born in Limerick, Ireland, and his wife in Dublin. He came to America as a young man and for many years worked in the ship yards at Boston. He was married there and when Mrs. Murphy was two years old the family came to Sangamon County, making the journey from New York by stage. They settled on Lick Creek and Mr. Walker helped lay ties at the time of the construction of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, which was then being built through that part of the State. An uncle of Mrs. Murphy was serving as Road Master, and Mr. Walker worked for the company the remainder of his life. The family lived for some time in a log cabin on Lick Creek, then moved to Chatham, where the father died May 7, 1888, and the mother March 15, 1877. They were parents of one son and seven daughters, of whom six children now survive, those besides Mrs. Murphy being: Letitia, Mrs. John Canham, living near Auburn, Sangamon County; Mary, wife of Jacob Hoggsheimer, of Durango, Colo.; Rachel, wife of Jerry Morford, of Mountayr, Iowa; Sarah, wife of Edward Neil, of Bronson, Iowa; Robert, of Springfield.

Five children were born to Mr. Murphy and wife, of whom four survive, namely: John M., the oldest, of Sioux City, Iowa; Carrie, deceased; James O., at home; Robert, of Springfield; and Lettie B., at home. There are four grandchildren in the family. Mr. Murphy well remembers Abraham Lincoln, whom he knew personally. He is a member of St. Agnes Parish Roman Catholic Church, and his wife belongs to the Presbyterian Church. He is a Democrat in political belief. He owns a very comfortable home at 925 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, and has many friends in the neighborhood, as well as in other parts of the county.

MURPHY, Patrick (deceased), was long well and favorably known in Sangamon County. For years he was a farmer, but then became a railroad man, and in each capacity wielded a genial personal influence which made him beloved by all who were so fortunate as to be associated with him. He was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1841, a son of Thomas Murphy, a farmer, and was brought to the United States by his parents in 1843, when he was about two years old. The family settled near Chathan, on Sugar Creek, Sangamon County, Ill., where Mr. Murphy carried on farming, and where he and his wife died. Of the four sons and four daughters of Thomas Murphy only two daughters are now living:

Mrs. Stacia McKelvey, of Springfield, Ill.; Mrs. Bridget Kelley is living in Kansas.

Patrick Murphy was educated in common schools in Sangamon County, and in his earlier years worked for his father on the home farm. Soon after the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted in Company C, Tenth Illinois Cavalry, at Springfield. He took part in much hard service, was in a good deal of spirited fighting, and served until mustered out at the end of the war, at San Antonio, Tex. His brother Michael was a member of the same company for the same period. Returning to Sangamon County, Patrick Murphy resumed farming. After his marriage he operated a farm near Buffalo two years, then became an employe of the Wabash Railway Company. In 1873 this service was begun, and it was continued till July 12, 1880, when he was accidentally killed. He was a Democrat and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Murphy married Alice (Barregarye) Dwyer, at Springfield, in 1870. She was born in Ireland, November 25, 1843, a daughter of Edward Barregarye, who came from her native county, Tipperary, to the United States, settling at Buffalo, Ill., where the father died, and the mother died in Ireland. They had two sons and two daughters: Matthew, the surviving son, is a citizen of Springfield. Alice Barregarye married John Dwyer, at Springfield, in 1865. He was a native of Tipperary, Ireland, and died in 1869, leaving a widow and two daughters, one of whom, Miss Bridget Dwyer Murphy, is living. Mrs. Murphy bore her second husband five children, three of whom survive: Thomas Murphy, of Buffalo, foreman for the Illinois Traction System; James, of Evanston, Ill.; and Mary, a member of her mother's household.

MURRAY, Alexander B. (deceased), was for many years a resident of Springfield, and was well and favorably known for his industry and ability in the line of work which he followed for over thirty-five years. He was employed seventeen years by the Wabash Railroad Company as general foreman of their bridge building department. He had the good-will and esteem of all with whom he was associated and at his death was widely mourned. He was born near Aberdeen, Scotland, December 27, 1850, son of Hugh and Margaret Murray, also natives of Scotland, where they lived on a farm. He spent his boyhood on the farm with his father and was educated at Peterhead. Upon leaving school he learned the trade of carpenter and bridge-builder, and at the age of nineteen years emigrated to America. He located first at Chicago, and was employed by various roads, becoming a foreman and contractor. He reached his position with the Wabash Road by reason of his ability and integrity, his career having been marked by industry and energy. He died May 31, 1904, and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield. He left a widow and eight children to mourn his loss, besides a large circle of friends. He was affiliated with Blue Lodge No. 71, A. F. & A. M.; the Maccabees, the Woodmen, the Court of Honor and the Scottish Clans. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and in later life was a Democrat.

Mr. Murray was married, at Little Rock, Ark., March 18, 1876, to Miss Susie Spriggs, who was born in Muskegon County, Mich., daughter of William and Charlotte (Thornton) Spriggs, who were born near Liverpool, England. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Murray were as follows: Anna Louise is married and lives in Springfield; William Egbert is married and lives in Moberly, Mo.; Alexander is married and lives with his mother; David F. is unmarried and lives in Kansas City; Margaret S., married and living in Springfield; Jessie, Hugh and Thomas S., are single and reside with the mother, the latter two attending school. Before coming to America Mr. Murray had served in the Scottish Volunteers.

MURRAY, George W.—Springfield, as the Capital of Illinois, naturally can boast of more than its share of men of legal ability residing within its limits; men who are recognized the country over as authorities on all matters pertaining to the law in all its branches, and among this class may be mentioned the eminent jurist, Judge George W. Murray, whose reputation, especially as Judge of the Juvenile Court, is national. Judge Murray was born July 7, 1839, in Covington, Miami County, Ohio, a son of David and Elizabeth (Mikesell) Murray.

The Murray family is of Irish descent, Andrew Murray, grandfather of the Judge, having come over from Ireland and settled in Franklin County, Pa., and later removing to the vicinity of Dayton, Ohio, where he settled as a pioneer. David Murray was born in Franklin County, Pa., coming with his father to Ohio when a mere boy, spending most of his life in Ohio, his father's vocation being that of a farmer and he was a minister of the German Baptist faith. He died at Phillipsburg, Ohio, in 1884. The mother of the Judge, passed away in 1854. Her parents had also come to Ohio from Pennsylvania, both dying near Pleasant Hill, Miami County, Ohio.

George W. Murray began his education in the public schools, later continuing his education in the Dayton high school. He was reared on the home farm, and in 1859, when twenty years of age he began teaching school in Bond County, Ill., but in 1860, returned to Dayton, where he taught school four years. There he became a law student in the office of General Moses B. Walker, a lawyer of great ability, under whose personal direction he was, and in March, 1871, he was admitted to the bar in Dayton, and at once began the practice of the law. In April, 1886, he was chosen to represent his ward in the City Council in the City of Dayton, where he served for three years, and was active in the procurement and building of

the present water warks of Dayton. In 1887, he came to Sangamon County, and for two years practiced his profession at Auburn. At the end of this time, he came to Springfield, and in 1882, he was elected to represent Sangamon County in the State Legislature, his election as County Judge coming in 1890. At the end of his term he became a candidate for re-election, Judge Charles P. Kane being his opponent, but Judge Kane was elected, the entire Republican ticket being elected. However in 1898, four years later he again took his place on the bench, and in 1902, he was re-elected by a majority of 2,494 votes. Judge Murray has gained a wide reputation, as Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver, Colo., has repeatedly referred to him as one of the most effective juvenile judges in the United States. He gained his reputation by absolute work in the Juvenile Court. The large oil painting, modeled by himself during his official career and painted by an eminent artist, for the benefit of the children, showing "The Two Ways Of Life," a copy of which may be found in another part of this work, has attracted great attention all over the country. Judge Lindsey, of Denver procured from Judge Murray, a large size photograph of this chart, and has given Judge Murray great credit on various occasions for his work in the Juvenile Courts.

Judge Murray, was a few years ago called to the State of Texas, and there delivered a lecture before the Legislature of that State, on Juvenile Court work, and aided much on that occasion in procuring the passage of the Juvenile Court Law then before the Legislature of that State, for which he afterwards received the thanks of the House of Representatives for his address on that occasion.

On October 2, 1860, Judge Murray was married at Dayton, Ohio, to Emma Niebert, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Coffman) Niebert, of Dayton, Ohio, born in Hagerstown, Md., and Rockingham County, Virginia, respectively. Six children have been born to Judge and Mrs. Murray, namely: William W., a member of the Springfield bar; Ida May, wife of Samuel J. Hanes, of Springfield; Katie Lee, wife of Frederick Latimer, of San Francisco, Cal.; George Walter, recently married and residing in Chicago; Jacob Frederick, of Chicago; and Jennie, who died at the age of two years in Dayton, Ohio. Since December, 1910, Judge Murray has resumed the practice of the law, in Springfield, Illinois.

MURRAY, John William, was born at Woodsend, Morgan County, Ill., August 31, 1866, and is a son of Patrick and Bridget (Dolton) Murray. Both parents of Mr. Murray were born in County Tipperary, Ireland. The father came to America a boy of fourteen and after a short period in the city of Philadelphia, came to Jacksonville, Ill., where he found employment with Jesse Henry, in feeding cattle. After his marriage he engaged in farming and in 1867 came to Sangamon County. For two years he lived near Sanger, Ill., and then broke a section of land near Curran, Ill., and lived there some years, paying a large amount of money out in rent. He then purchased 204 acres situated one and one-half miles north of Curran, which he later increased to 284 acres, and resided there until 1890, when he was elected Sheriff of Sangamon County. This office Mr. Murray held for four years and then returned to his farm which he had mainly turned over to his son's management. In 1909 he retired, and with his wife went to Springfield where they occupy a comfortable home at No. 304 South State Street. Patrick Murray has always been a stanch Democrat. He is a member of the Owls and the beneficiary order of Royal Arcanum. He was married at Jacksonville, Ill., and both he and wife are members of St. Agnes Catholic Church, Springfield.

John William Murray was the second born in a family of thirteen children, four of whom are deceased. He attended the public schools of Curran, Ill., and those at Kelly's Point, leaving when eighteen years of age in order to assist his father in his large agricultural operations. After a number of years of hard work he became manager for his father and then went into the business of buying and selling stock and grain, dealing heavily for some years. When his father became Sheriff, he served as his deputy through the four years and in his official character became known and respected all over Sangamon County. Prior to entering into the mercantile business, Mr. Murray was concerned for some five years in the insurance business, since which he has been connected largely and successfully with the city's commercial life. He was reared in the Democratic party and exerts no little influence in its ranks in Sangamon County. Under the late ex-President Cleveland, Mr. Murray served as a United States Deputy Marshal.

Mr. Murray was married in St. Agnes' Catholic Church at Springfield, Ill., on June 20, 1894, to Miss Mary O'Brien, a daughter of William and Anna O'Brien. The parents of Mrs. Murray were natives of Ireland. The father is now deceased but the mother survives and resides with a daughter, Mrs. George Reisch, at Springfield. They had six children, Mrs. Murray being the youngest of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Murray have two children: Helen, who is a student in the Dominican Convent; and John W., who attends St. Agnes Parochial School. Mr. Murray and family are members of St. Agnes Catholic Church. He is identified, like his father, with the Owls and the Royal Arcanum.

MURRAY, Thomas James, a successful business man of Springfield, Ill., was born at Atlanta, Logan County, Ill., December 1, 1858, son of James and Bridget (Brennan) Murray. James Murray was born in County Carlow, Ireland, August 15, 1818, and his wife was born in

County Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1835. He was a blaster by occupation and came to the United States about 1854. He and his wife had six children. Thomas J. Murray received his education in the public schools of Springfield and afterward went to work in the rolling mills there. He worked seven years in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company, and then embarked in business on his own account. He has been in this business for twenty years and has met with gratifying success, having a good trade.

Mr. Murray was married, in Decatur, Ill., October 4, 1894, to Miss Nora Cullen, daughter of John and Kate Cullen, who was born in Decatur, in March, 1871. Her parents were natives of County Waterford, Ireland. Mr. Murray and his wife have no children. He is well known as an enterprising business man, of strict honesty and integrity, and has many warm friends. He is a devout member of the Catholic Church. He is a Democrat in politics and was a member of the Board of Supervisors when the State Fair was located in Springfield. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He has spent all of his life in Springfield and has been a witness of many changes and improvements.

MYERS, Alvah O., Jr. (deceased).—The capital city of any State affords abundant opportunities for those interested in the building trades, and many of that calling flock to these centers. One of the men who was connected with some of the best work in his line in Springfield for many years prior to his death, was the late Alvah O. Myers, Jr., a carpenter, builder and contractor. He was born in New York State, on February 20, 1809, a son of Alvah O. Myers, Sr., and his wife Martha (Fleming) Myers, natives of New York State, who spent their lives in their home State, where the father carried on a carpentering business.

During a boyhood spent in attending school and learning his father's trade, Alvah O. Myers, Jr., developed an ambition to see something of the world which lay outside his own State, and so after he had taught school for some time in Broom County, N. Y., he moved to Petersburg, Ill., where he opened and operated a butcher shop. At the expiration of seven years, he sold out this business, and resumed his trade as a carpenter in Springfield in 1880. Here he built a comfortable residence at No. 729 South Fourteenth Street, where his widow now resides. During the years that followed his location in Springfield, Mr. Myers was associated with some important contracts and was noted for the quality of his work as well as the conscientiousness with which he carried out his contracts.

During the Civil War he served for four years in Company F, Third Missouri Cavalry, receiving an honorable discharge at close of the war. During his later years, his services received recognition by the bestowal of a pension, which he enjoyed to his death, and which is now received by his widow.

The marriage of Mr. Myers occurred on May 30, 1872, in Broom County, N. Y., to Electa Lobdell, born in that county, November 25, 1845, a daughter of Jason and Mary Ann (Watterman) Lobdell. Both parents were also born in Broom County. Mr. and Mrs. Myers were the parents of two daughters and two sons: one daughter and one son are deceased; Lilly, married November 15, 1902, James H. Veachel, and they reside with her mother, having had three children—Catherine, Joseph and Edwin. Mrs. Myers has resided in her present home for thirty years, and it is associated in her memory with many pleasant events as well as sad ones, for in it died her beloved husband, on February 4, 1890. His funeral was largely attended by those who sought to honor the memory of a man they had known and loved in life. The services were conducted by the Methodist clergyman, for Mr. Myers had been a consistent member of that church for many years, and upon coming to Springfield had connected himself with that denomination. From the formation of the Republican party, Mr. Myers was an enthusiastic supporter of its candidates and principles.

Being a man of quiet habits, devoted to his home and family, Mr. Myers never figured in public life. He had no desire to come before the public for office, but could always be counted upon to lend his support to all measures which he deemed would work out to the betterment of mankind. Earnest in his church work, he carried his religion into everyday life, and while he endeared men to him, made few if any enemies. His was a lovable character, and even after the lapse of twenty years, he is deeply mourned by the faithful partner of his life, who knew and appreciated him as no one else. Mrs. Myers is one of the truly good women of Springfield, devoting much of her attention to church work, charitably inclined, although but few know of her kindly deeds, for she is too modest to talk of them. She has many friends in her circle and church, and her daughter and three grandchildren are deeply attached to her.

MYERS, Harry L. of Springfield, Ill., is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Franklin County, November 6, 1866, son of Peter and Susan (Teech) Myers, both born in Pennsylvania, he in 1822 and she in 1836. The parents spent their entire lives in Pennsylvania and for forty-five years lived near the Mason and Dixon line. The father spent eleven years working for a man named Fred Angle, for one hundred dollars per year, then purchased a farm of his own, which he occupied until his death. Three of his sons served throughout the Civil War, namely: Matthias, a bugler; and Philip and William, privates.

The childhood of Harry L. Myers was passed on his father's farm, where he lived until seven-

teen years of age, being educated in the public schools of the locality. February 27, 1882, he reached Illinois, landing at Maryland Station at two o'clock A. M. He nearly froze before daylight, then started to walk to his brother's farm, one mile away from the station. The snow was deep and drifted and so hard on top that he was able to walk over the tops of the fences. Mr. Myers remained with his brother until the first of March, then began working on a farm for Mort Headrick, who lived near Polo, Ill., receiving twenty dollars a month for the season. He had previously worked a short time picking corn, at two dollars per day. In the fall of 1883 Mr. Myers became employed as clerk in a hotel at Forreston, Ill., remaining there one year, then worked five years for Peter Knoddle, who owned a bus and dray line at Mount Morris, Ill., also carrying mail and express.

In 1887 Mr. Myers began learning the trade of blacksmith, which he followed fifteen years, then about 1905 retired from this vocation. He traveled one year through Wisconsin for a hardware firm, then for eighteen months worked for the Lund Land Company, of Chicago. September 28, 1906, Mr. Myers became a resident of Springfield, where he has since made his home. After clerking one year for the clothing firm of Menter & Rosinbloom, he became agent for the Prudential Insurance Company, holding this position one year and then being promoted to the position of Assistant Superintendent, which he also filled one year. He then began work as solicitor for historical publications, and has since continued in this line of work.

Mr. Myers is a man of pleasing personality and has many friends. He is a Republican in politics and fraternally is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, to which he has belonged eighteen years. In religious views he is a Dunkard. He is a good business man and has had experience in many lines of work. He resides in Springfield.

Mr. Myers was married, October 1, 1894, at Franklin Grove, Lee County, Ill., to Nellie May Cover, who was born April 12, 1873, daughter of Aaron E, and Elizabeth Cover, the former born in Connecticut, January 1, 1800, and the latter born in Vermont, in 1834. Mr. Cover taught school in a small log building in Baltimore, Md., when a young man. He was a drummer boy in the War of 1812, at the age of twelve years. Mrs. Myers had six brothers who served through the Civil War, as well as three brothers-in-law. She also had two brothers who served throughout the Spanish-American War. Mr. Cover died in 1894 and his wife in 1875. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. Myers and his wife: Naomi, born June 21, 1895; Inez, November 21, 1898; Charles H., June 24, 1907.

NAPIERSKI, August.—Emigration from Germany continues, fortunately for this country, for have we always had need of the sober, industrious, thrifty sons of the Fatherland, who make such desirable citizens wherever fate takes them. One of these prosperous and desirable German-Americans of Springfield, belonging to the younger generation, is August Napierski, born in Germany, August 24, 1879, a son of Michael and Regina (Zeigmand) Napierski, both born in Germany, he in 1830 and she in 1837. The father was a blacksmith, who followed his trade in his native land, never leaving it, but dying there in 1894. His widow survived him until 1905. They had the following children: Wilhelmina, Louisa, Adam, Gotlieb, Henrietta, Caroline, Charlotte, William, Michael and August.

August Napierski was brought up in Germany, where he was educated and taught blacksmithing. When he was twenty-five years old, on April 22, 1905, he came to Dawson, Ill., and on March 15, 1907, located in Springfield, buying his present home at No. 1031 Wheeler Avenue and an additional lot adjoining, which he has developed into a beautiful residence.

Prior to leaving Germany he was married, by the German Lutheran service, on August 26, 1904, to Louisa Dudda, born in Germany, September 10, 1882, daughter of Gustave and Henrietta (Dill) Dudda, natives of Germany. They had children: Gustave, Mrs. Napierski and August. Mr. and Mrs. Napierski have had the following children: Gustave, born August 26, 1905; August William, born June 19, 1907; Hendrick Frederick, born August 5, 1909. Mr. Napierski is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, as is his wife. In politics he is a Republican, but he has not put himself before the public for office.

NEAL, Charles Newton, D. D. S.—The learned professions are represented by men of intelligence, who have had long training in the direction of their chosen work. The professional man of today must of necessity be experienced before he commences practice, and in this way the safety and comfort of the people at large is assured. One of the leading exponents of the dental profession in Springfield, is Dr. Charles Newton Neal, born August 20, 1875, at Chatham, Ill. He is a son of John Ross Sr. and Anna Virginia (Squire) Neal. In 1870 the father came to Springfield, from Carlisle, Ky., and twenty years ago became clothing salesman for the E. & W. Clothing Store of this city, which position he still holds, having proven his worth and reliability by years of faithful service. The grandparents were prominent in Kentucky, and New Jersey.

Dr. Neal attended the public schools of Springfield, and then, having decided upon dentistry as his life-work, entered a university, where he took up its study, being graduated in the Class of 1904. He entered upon active practice, May 14, of the same year. He is a skillful dentist and his work is his best recommendation. He understands every branch of his

profession, and his increasing practice shows that his ability is appreciated by his patients.

In political views Dr. Neal generally espouses the Democratic platform. He is Dental Surgeon for the Illinois National Guard, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Maccabees and the Red Men. His religious home is in the Christian Church, where he has many warm friends, and is one of the most popular of its young men members.

NEALE, Thomas M. (Vol. I, p. 394.)

NEEF, Frank, a merchant of Springfield, Ill., is a typical German-American citizen and has made his own way in the world from early youth. He was born at Treis on the Moselle, Germany, September 5, 1856, a son of Hubert and Catherine (Traben) Neef, natives of that country. His father was a laborer and the youth was early taught lessons of self-reliance and industry. He was educated in Germany and reared in the Catholic faith. He came to America, arriving at Chicago, Ill., October 8, 1871, and located in Springfield on the 13th of the same month. After working in various lines he established himself in business in Springfield and is now located on North Fifth Street, where he has built up a good business. He stands well in various circles and is well known in the city. He has been a Democrat for many years and is much interested in the welfare of his party and in local improvements and progress.

Mr. Neef is a trustee of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, of which he is a devout member, and is affiliated with several societies. He joined St. Vincent's Unterstuetzungs-verein in June, 1874; St. Peter's Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, in March, 1895; Springfield Schutzenverein in 1895; Springfield Nest, No. 1191, Order of Owls, in January, 1910, and Lincoln Lodge No. 3, Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, in 1881. He has been successful to a gratifying degree and owns a pleasant home at No. 530 South Glenwood Avenue.

Mr. Neef was married at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Springfield, October 30, 1883, to Miss Katie Spies, who was born in the city September 15, 1861, daughter of Gustav and Catherine (Bauman) Spies, and the following children have blessed this union: Emma K., born October 16, 1884; William C., December 19, 1887; Philip J., March 7, 1890; Julia M., July 1, 1893.

NEEF, Frank W.—It is easy to identify a man of energy and enterprise from one who is content to remain in obscurity, by simply watching the course of their business careers. The industrious man will grow and develop, his establishment will enlarge and enter better quarters, and his business will branch out and embrace other lines. Such has been the career of Frank W. Neef, of 207 North Eleventh Street, Springfield, the progressive son of a progressive father. He was born August 29, 1881, on Washington Street, Springfield, and is a son of Matthew J. and Sophia (Heitle) Neef.

Matthew J. Neef was born in Germany in 1852, a son of John and Lizzie Neef, who came to the United States in 1871 with Matthew J. and Mary, the only surviving children of their family of six. They traveled from Bremen to New York, and went immediately to Chicago, where they remained but a short time, owing to the great fire of that year. Both died in Springfield. Matthew J. Neef attended school in Germany until fourteen years of age, and after coming to Springfield followed farming for two years, then started a business on Washington Street, between Fourth and Fifth Streets. Five years later he removed to Fifth Street, between Washington and Jefferson streets, and after five years at that stand came to his present location, No. 1157 North First Street, at the corner of Grand Avenue, where he bought a substantial two-story brick building, and there has since continued in business. He is a member of SS. Peter and Paul Church, and is a stanch Democrat in politics. He was married in Springfield, in 1880, to Miss Sophia Heidler, daughter of Joseph Heidler, and to this union there were born four children: Frank W.; John, at home; Joseph, who died at the age of twenty-one years; and Frances.

Frank W. Neef first attended the SS. Peter and Paul German school and later went to the Trapp school and the high school for two years, finishing the latter at the age of seventeen years, and then assisting his father in business for one and one-half years. For nine years he was engaged in the grocery and meat business, and later conducted a business at Eleventh and Mason Streets, but eventually sold out to re-enter the grocery business at Eleventh and Madison Streets. Finding that his business warranted removal to larger quarters, he erected his present place at No. 207 North Eleventh Street, where he has since carried on a flourishing business, carrying a full line of fancy and staple groceries and fresh and salted meats. Mr. Neef's success has been due not only to his shrewd business nature and progressive ideas, but to his fair dealing with his customers, his own personal popularity, and his prompt delivery of orders. His patrons include some of the best people in Springfield. Like his father, Mr. Neef is a Democrat in politics and a member of the SS. Peter and Paul's Church. Fraternally he holds membership with the Owls, St. Vincent's Society and the butchers' and grocers' organizations.

NEER, Catherine, widow of Samuel Neer, has been a resident of Springfield the past twenty-two years. She was born at Athens, Menard County, Ill., January 23, 1859, daughter of James and Catherine (Claypool) Hall, the latter a native of Pittsburg, Pa. James Hall was a brick mason and contractor at Athens, and a very prominent citizen. He was successful in business and well known in the community

where he lived. His daughter spent her childhood in Athens and there received her education. Her parents both died at Athens, after which she moved to Oldenburg, Ill., where she remained until her removal to Springfield. Her brothers, Henry and Charles Hall, served in the Civil War, and her brother-in-law, William England, was killed while a soldier in that struggle.

Catherine Hall was married, at Carthage, Ill., the ceremony taking place in the Christian Church there, to Samuel Neer. One child was born of this marriage, Kitty Marie, who lives with her mother, on East Washington Street, Springfield. Mr. Neer was a prominent member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and was a Republican in politics. Mrs. Neer and her daughter are members of the Christian Church at Fifth and Jackson Streets, Springfield.

NELCH, Adam (deceased).—It is always a matter of public regret when a man who is in the prime of life is removed from his useful sphere, just at a time when his family and community have need of his services and influence. When such a man has proven during his whole life, his fitness to occupy a high position in the estimation of his fellow citizens; has established a record for integrity and honest business dealings; when he is beloved in his family, and trusted among his associates, then such an untimely loss appears all the harder to bear. The late Adam Nelch, one of the best known contractors and builders of Springfield, was a man whose business probity was never called into question, and whose personality was of such a character that he attached men to him and carried their friendship with him through life. Mr. Nelch was born February 26, 1850, at Beardstown, Ill., being a son of John Nelch, one of the sturdy German-Americans who located in Springfield early in the sixties.

Adam Nelch was apprenticed, in the good German way, to Contractor Kane to learn the bricklayer trade, and his education was obtained in the schools in the vicinity of Petersburg, and those of Springfield. After leaving Mr. Kane, he was employed in the Springfield Rolling Mills for nine years, when he began contracting for himself. Later he continued to conduct his own business, and was ultimately associated in the construction of some of the most important buildings in Springfield and vicinity, including the St. Nicholas hotel, the annex to it, the Springfield boiler works, both the Booth and Baker buildings, the Trinity Lutheran Church, Salzenstein livery, the Johnson building, the Dresser block, the Lanphier building, the Reisch building, the Academy of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the Million building, the Keys block, the Buck building, the Myers Bros. block, the Ferguson building, the new Bressmer building, as well as countless of the finest residences here. His work of all kinds was of such a character that it stands as the best monument he could have, and will as long as the city endures.

Mr. Nelch was married on March 26, 1873, to Anna E. Tipton of this city, daughter of J. P., and they had nine children, seven of whom with the widow survive, they being: Mrs. Barnum, wife of Dr. Lee Barnum of Illiopolis; Mrs. Charles Patterson of No. 1425 East Adams Street; Annie; Mary, wife of Raymond McClelland, 1401 Lowell Avenue; William T., George and Adam Jr.; all of Springfield. The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Nelch were extensive, including membership in Elwood Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar; Sangamon County Lodge of Perfection; Springfield Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 1; Central Lodge A. F. & A. M., No. 71; Flower City Chapter Order of Eastern Star, No. 152; Liberty Camp, No. 1534, Modern Woodmen of America; Springfield Council No. 136 Yeomen of America, and Abe Lincoln Lodge, I. O. M. A., now called the American Home Circle.

The death of Mr. Nelch occurred on August 26, 1909, at his residence, No. 713 North Fourth Street, after his having been ill for a period of three months. His funeral was in charge of Elwood Commandery and Central Lodge A. F. & A. M., No. 71, the Rev. F. A. DeRosset officiating. The services were sublimely affecting, and his remains were laid to rest in beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Mr. Nelch was essentially a self-made man, whose remarkable success in life was due to his own unaided efforts, intelligently directed by a brain that was ever busy. His business activity gave him but little time for public life, but he was always intelligently interested in current events, and supported his political convictions with that strength of purpose which was so characteristic of all his actions. His place is empty both in his home and business circles, but his influence remains, and those who were associated with him are the better for his example, and his family appreciate more fully, day by day, the love and devotion he ever gave them.

NETTLETON, William.—Many Englishmen, not finding in their native land the opportunities for which they are seeking, emigrate to their colonies or to the United States, where they can find an opening and establish themselves in life. Some of those who come to this country select in Springfield or its contiguous territory a home, and few if any are dissatisfied with results. One of those who have thus acted is William Nettleton, a gardener on Section 2, Woodside Township, whose ten acres of land, two miles from Springfield, is worth $900 per acre. He was born in Yorkshire, England, November 22, 1854, a son of William and Hannah (Thompson) Nettleton, born in Yorkshire and Dunnington, England, respectively.

The father was a groom, who made a specialty of taking care of fine horses, but died in his native land, when his son was only twelve years old, his widow still surviving, making her home in England at the age of eighty-two

years. She bore her husband six children, two sons and four daughters, all of whom survive, although William Nettleton is the only one who came to this country. The latter was educated in England and early began to earn his own living in his native country, working as signal man for the London & Northwestern Railroad for several years. In 1873, he sailed from Liverpool, landing in New York, after a voyage occupying thirteen days. After reaching New York he came west to Michigan where he remained two years, there learning the broom-making business, and working at his trade for some time in Hillsdale and Tecumseh, Mich. After this he spent a short time in both St. Louis and St. Charles, Mo., after which he came to Springfield to take up farming, also working at the broom-making business. In 1884 he bought some land in Springfield Township, which has continued to be his home. His ten acres yield him a larger income that many large farms, because he knows how to make every inch bring forth its biggest possible crop. His product meets with ready sale because of its superior quality and easy access to market.

Mr. Nettleton was married in Springfield, at Saint Paul's Pro-Cathedral, November 21, 1878, to Lavinia Price, born in England, October 11, 1855, but brought by an uncle and aunt from her native land when twelve years old, being than an orphan. Mr. and Mrs. Nettleton became the parents of twelve children, eleven of whom are living, viz.: Nettie, wife of John Welsh, of Springfield; Charles, of Springfield; Amy, wife of Harry Sauer, a fireman on the Wabash Railroad; Harry of Springfield; Alice, wife of George Solle of Springfield; Jessie, a stenographer for Edwin A. Wilson of Springfield; Hannah, at home; William, George, Jean and Helen, also at home. There are three grandchildren in the family.

The family are members of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Springfield, and are active in church work. Mr. Nettleton is a fine type of the sturdy Yorkshireman, and is proud of his native land, as he is also attached to the one in which he has succeeded so well and in which his children have been born.

NEU, Jacob, now living retired in his pleasant home at 423 West Adams Street, Springfield, Ill., is a representative and public-spirited German-American citizen, and spent most of his life in hard work and industry. He was born in Germany, January 24, 1838, son of Henry and Katherine (Faust) Neu, both natives of Germany, who died in Baltimore, Md., the father in May, 1892, and the mother at the age of seventy-two years. The father was a blacksmith and brought his family to the United States in 1856, locating permanently in Baltimore.

The education of Jacob Neu was acquired in his native country, and at the age of fourteen years he began assisting his father, who owned a farm, in addition to working at his trade. The young man remained on the farm four years, being eighteen years of age at the time he accompanied the rest of the family to America, and remained with them two years in Baltimore. In 1858 he came to Springfield, Ill., leaving his parents in Baltimore, and found employment in the blacksmith shop of John Schubert, Seventh and Jefferson Streets, with whom he remained four years, then found similar employment with Mr. Booth. In 1861 he became a member of the fire department, whose location was on South Seventh Street, in the building now occupied by Johnson & Hatcher. Mr. Neu was employed at Davidson & Henley's for four years before his retirement in Springfield.

At the age of eighteen years Mr. New became a member of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, and for many years has been a member of the German Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he served some time as Trustee. He has been a Democrat in political views ever since locating in the United States. He is industrious and thrifty by nature and has won a fair degree of financial success. He is a great lover of his home and greatly enjoys the comforts his past years of hard work have won for him, and which he knows how to appreciate. It is such men as he who comprise the best citizens of the country.

Mr. Neu was married, in 1860, to Katherine Lutz, who was born in Germany, in 1841, daughter of Conrad and Mary (Fisk) Lutz. Mrs. Neu's brothers were extensively engaged in meat-packing and during the Civil War secured large contracts for supplying meat to the Government. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Neu, a son, who died in infancy, and a daughter, Mary, who married George Bettinghaus, a contractor and builder of Springfield.

NEU, John C. (deceased).—Few veterans of the Civil War are left of the vast army that bravely responded to the country's call and risked their lives on the battlefield, or languished in loathsome prisons. An honored soldier of Springfield was the late John C. Neu, born in Prussia, in 1840, a son of Peter and Elizabeth Neu. Leaving school at fourteen years of age, John C. Neu began working, and when sixteen came with a cousin, Chris Neu, to the United States. They landed in Baltimore, where he learned his trade of cooper. When his country had need of his services, he enlisted, serving in many hard-fought battles. Being taken prisoner he endured for ninety days the unspeakable horrors of Libby prison. He left the service when the war was over.

When he was twenty-six years old, Mr. Neu was united in marriage with Elizabeth Neu, and in 1869 they came to Springfield, where he obtained employment in a cooper shop. Following this, he worked in a woolen mill until it closed, when he employed his time doing odd

jobs, always discharging his duties faithfully and well. His death occurred on June 16, 1910, and his remains are interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was a member of the German Methodist Church, and acted as one of its Trustees for many years. In political faith he was a Democrat, but never aspired to office.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Neu were as follows: John of Springfield, connected with the Otto Rededer Company, dealers in wall paper, married Lydia Schutz, of St. Louis; Ida K., at home; William T., a farmer of Sangamon County, married Minnie Schniep; Edwin went to Texas; Charles, a grocer of Springfield, married Elizabeth Irwin. Mr. Neu's memory is tenderly cherished by his family, for he was a man who gave liberally of himself and never spared his efforts at the expense of others.

NEUMAN, John.—There has been too much tendency on the part of young people of the country during the past few years to leave the farm and seek their fortunes in the big cities, to quit the clean, pure life of the country for the bustling, nerve-wrecking hustle and bustle of the metropolis. It has been said by a certain notable public man, "We must look to the farm," and, in urging the young people of the country to remain in their present surroundings and do a work that means the promotion of the nation's prosperity, he gave figures and statistics going to show that the agriculturist, if his labor shall be expended in the proper manner, will reap a richer reward than the average youth in the large cities. A notable example of what scientific farming will accomplish can be found in the career of John Neuman, who owns a tract of 260 acres of farming land in Woodside Township, where he resides, as well as the fine property consisting of 111 acres, in Ball Township. Mr. Neuman was born September 14, 1856, in Springfield, Ill., a son of John G. and Mary (Greab) Neuman.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Neuman, who was a native of Germany, spent his whole life in the Fatherland and died there, while on the maternal side, the grandfather came from Germany to the United States at an early date, and died in New York. John G. Neuman was born in Germany, as was his wife, and on coming to America first settled in New York, but later removed to Springfield, Ill., and subsequently settled on a farm in Sangamon County. On this property, which was known as the Rutledge farm, Mr. and Mrs. Neuman spent the remainder of their lives, carrying on agricultural pursuits and rearing their children to lives of usefulness.

John Neuman secured his education in the public schools of Springfield, and as soon as he was able to do so took his place on the farm and began doing his share towards cultivating the soil and developing the property. On reaching manhood he took up a property of his own, and year by year, by intelligent and energetic labor, cultivated it, added to it and eventually became the owner of his present fine farms in Sections 24 and 25, Woodside Township, and in Ball Township. As new machinery has been invented, with its time and labor-saving devices, Mr. Neuman has installed it upon his land. He has studied much on agricultural matters; has experimented with tiling, grading, draining and ditching; has followed crop rotation, and as a result, has two of the finest properties to be found in Sangamon County. His buildings are large and substantial, his pastures are neatly and regularly fenced, and the entire general appearance of his farms denotes the enterprising, progressive agriculturist. Mr. Neuman is a Republican in political matters and has served his township as School Director for twelve years. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist Church, while his wife belongs to the Lutheran denomination.

On September 9, 1879, Mr. Neuman was married in Springfield, Ill., to Margaret Doerfler, who was born May 23, 1857, in Sangamon County, daughter of John and Lizzie (Traeger) Doerfler, natives of Germany, the former of whom died in Sangamon County, while the latter resides in Springfield, being in her eighty-second year. To Mr. and Mrs. Neuman have been born eight children, all in Woodside Township: Charles, born September 25, 1880; Etta, born January 24, 1882, married Art Ginther and lives in Sangamon County, having one son, John E.; Catherine, born on October 11, 1884; Clara, born January 21, 1886; Ursula, born November 1, 1888, married Dave Ginther, and resides in North Dakota, having one son, Walter; Emma, born August 31, 1890; Tom, born October 9, 1892, and Esther, born October 4, 1894.

NEUMAN, John C., who has long been prominently identified with public affairs in Springfield, is a man who has made his own way in life through earnest and persistent effort. He has taken advantage of his opportunities and has at all times shown his ability to attain success. He was born on what was known as Vinegar Hill, Springfield, April 6, 1853, and belongs to an old and prominent family. His father, John Frederick Neuman, was a native of Oldenburg, Germany, born in 1814 and educated in his native country, where his marriage occurred. He and his wife had one child born in Germany, Helen, now the wife of Frank Willer, living on West Grand Avenue, Springfield.

In 1851 John F. Neuman brought his wife and their daughter to the United States. He came by way of the lakes to Chicago, and thence to Sangamon County, where he had friends. He made a permanent settlement in Springfield, and erected a substantial residence on Edwards Street. This house, which was built in 1855, was one of the earlier homes in the neighborhood. Later he erected another dwelling and eventually sold the remainder of his land there. He was a market gardener for many years and on Sundays devoted his time to preaching. He helped organize the German Baptist Church in

Springfield and temporarily filled its pulpit. He belonged to an old and highly respected German family and after coming to Springfield was much esteemed for his piety and public spirit. He was a Republican in political belief but in local affairs voted for the man he considered best fitted to hold office. He never cared for public honors for himself, and was well satisfied to live in accordance with his ideal of an upright, private citizen. He died in May, 1898, at the age of eighty-four years. He and his wife had four children after they came to Springfield, namely: John C.; H. Frederick, who is married and has five children; two who died young. The mother died in 1857 and she and her husband are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, lying side by side.

John C. Neuman attended the public schools of Springfield until about twelve years of age, then served an apprenticeship to the trade of printer in the office of the Illinois State Democrat, a German paper. After remaining there one year he went to Cincinnati and secured a position as compositor for the Baptist Publication Society, remaining there one year. He then returned to Springfield and learned the trade of tinsmith under the direction of C. H. Edmands, with whom he remained for a period of sixteen years, during ten years of which he was foreman of the tinsmith department, where tinware, roofing and gutters were manufactured. Upon leaving the employ of Mr. Edmands, Mr. Neuman engaged in business on his own account, forming a partnership with O. A. Melcher, under the firm name of Neuman & Melcher, which arrangement, continued six years. When they dissolved partnership in 1888, Mr. Neuman remained in business at the old location until the building was destroyed by fire, and afterwards occupied several other stores. He came to his present place of business, in 1899. He has an extensive trade in all kinds of tinware, roofing, gutters, and various kinds of piping. In 1902 he put in sixty furnaces and has since had a large patronage in this line. When he first began to sell them it was in a small way, putting in only a half-dozen the first year, but his trade steadily grew and he has carried the highest grade of furnaces and makes a careful study of the needs of each building which he equips in this manner.

Mr. Newman's marriage occurred in 1876 at Alton, Ill., when he was united with Miss Mary E. Adams, a native of Fredericksburg, Md., born May 4, 1853, and brought in early childhood to Alton, where she was educated. Her father was killed at the Battle of Missionary Ridge during the Civil War, but her mother still survives and lives in Alton with a son and daughter. Mr. Newman and wife have four children: John A., a graduate of the Springfield High School, works with his father; Lulu E., also a high school graduate, taught one year in the public school; Edward W., a clerk in the First National Bank; Bessie M., a student. Mr. Newman is a member of the Central Baptist Church and his daughter Lulu has charge of the infant department of the Sunday School. He belongs to Capital Lodge, Knights of Pythias; to the dramatic order of the Knights of Khorassan; Springfield Camp No. 14, Modern Woodmen of America, and to Capital Tent No. 1, Knights of the Maccabees. In politics he is an earnest Republican and has been actively identified with public affairs since 1888. He lived for twelve years in the Second Ward in Springfield, then moved to 321 South Douglas Avenue, which is his present address, and was elected from this ward in 1899 as a member of the City Council, being reelected in 1901 and again in 1903. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Streets and Alleys and later on the Committees on the City Water, Street Lighting, Public Grounds and Buildings, Manufactories and Industries, and in these various capacities used his influence for the benefit of the public welfare and for any movement he considered would advance the interests of all. He was well known for his upright dealing in public matters and gave the city good service. He is well known as a business man of integrity and probity and has a good reputation in the various circles where he is known.

In 1874 Mr. Newman became a member of Company C of the Governor's Guard and served three years. His older son is now a member of Company C, of the Illinois National Guard. The family are prominent socially and have a large circle of friends.

NEVIUS, Joseph O.—In looking for a reason for personal success, the seeker invariably finds that the men who rise above their fellows are those who have kept everlastingly at what they started out to accomplish, and through sheer perseverance surmount all obstacles and finally reach their goal. These are the kind of men who have brought Sangamon County to its present state of prosperity, and a prominent man among them is Joseph O. Nevius, who is carrying on agricultural and stock-raising business adjoining the village of Loami on the south. Mr. Nevius was born August 25, 1868, in Calhoun County, Ill., a son of John and May E. (Joy) Nevius, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of West Virginia.

John Nevius came to Macoupin County, Ill., with his parents, but on account of the wild state of the prairies and swamps there at that time, the grandfather left Macoupin and settled in the timber of Calhoun County, where he planted extensive orchards of all kinds of fruit, became well-to-do and resided there all of his life, dying when about seventy years of age. John Nevius remained on the farm with his father until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he crossed the river and joined the Seventy-second Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and, having been prepared for the practice of medicine, was made Assistant Regimental Surgeon. Having

been captured by the enemy and thrown into prison, he contracted a chronic diarrhea, which so impaired his health that, after he had been exchanged, he received an honorable discharge on account of disability. On partially recovering his health, he located on Lick Creek and rented some land in Loami Township, but not having the strength to farm his land, he engaged in school teaching. Shortly after coming to Loami Township he was married to Miss May E. Joy, and went to Calhoun County, where he remained until the spring of 1869, in that year returning to Sangamon County, where shortly after his death occurred. His widow survived him until December 12, 1881, dying in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which both she and her husband had been lifelong members. Three children were born to this couple: Nellie, the wife of Henry J. Brown, a farmer of Talkington Township; Joseph O.; and Nora, the wife of W. F. Cleveland, a broker of Minneapolis, Minn.

Joseph O. Nevius was but one year old when his father died, of whom he consequently has no remembrance, although he treasures a tin-type of him taken in military uniform, some small surgical instruments and his meerschaum pipe. His boyhood days were spent in Loami Township, where he attended the public schools until thirteen years of age, and then hired out at $8.00 per month to herd cattle for I. H. Campbell, continuing this employment for seven years, and carefully saving his wages. On account of ill health, Mr. Campbell broke up his home and went west, and in February, 1889, Mr. Nevius made a trip to Portland, Ore., where he went to work on a farm and ranch, engaged in herding cattle for $40 per month. In May, 1892, he returned to Illinois, went to work on a farm and on October 3, 1894, was married to Miss Edith Campbell, who was born in Loami Township, March 6, 1875, a daughter of S. P. and Kate Campbell, honored pioneers of Sangamon County. She died March 30, 1896, having been the mother of one child, a daughter, Lonely, born June 16, 1895. This daughter is being given superior educational advantages, and is now attending the Bettie Stuart Institute at Springfield, after having passed through the seventh grade in the grammar school. She has been given a musical training, is a talented violinist, and sings in the choir of the Christian Church, of which she is a faithful member.

After his first marriage Mr. Nevius located on his wife's mother's estate. On March 10, 1909, he was united in marriage with Miss May Dodd, who was born in Sangamon County, Ill., a daughter of Theodore Dodd, one of the pioneers of the county, and now a farmer in Curran Township. They have one son, John G., born August 25, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Nevius located on the beautiful home at the south end of the village of Loami, which Mr. Nevius' daughter owns, and here they have resided to the present time. Mr. Nevius has twenty-seven acres of fine land, and here he breeds Hambletonian horses, Poland-China hogs and Jersey cattle, and ships his butter to Springfield.

Mr. Nevius has been prominent in Democratic politics in this section for some time, having served as County Central Committeeman for four years and as Constable of Loami Township for two years. He is also well known socially, being a charter member and having gone through all the chairs of Loami Lodge No. 901, I. O. O. F., also having been a representative to the Grand Lodge of the State. Enterprising and progressive, he is looked upon as one of his township's representative men, and his friends and acquaintances throughout this section are legion.

NEWELL, Claude P.—The career of a self-made man is interesting to follow, as it shows what may be accomplished by those who have the industry, perseverance and determination to succeed. It also serves as a good example to the youths of the community who are just entering the field of business. Claude P. Newell, who deals in groceries, hardware and feed, at No. 619-621 East North Grand Avenue, has built himself up a flourishing business in Springfield. He was born at Moberly, Randolph County, Mo., April 5, 1873.

Mr. Newell's great-great-grandfather emigrated from England at an early day and settled in New York State, whence he later removed to Susquehanna, Pa. Stephen Newell, the grandfather of Claude P., was a native of the latter state, where he spent his life engaged in the grocery business. He married a Miss Wilcox, and among their children was Charles C., the father of Claude P., now a fruit grower of Salem, Mo.

Claude P. Newell was five years old when taken by his parents to Louisiana, Mo., and he attended McCune College and the public schools, spending his vacations in clerking in a grocery store. When twenty-two years of age he went to Salem, Mo., to assist his father in conducting his fruit farm, and there continued until 1899, when he came to Sangamon County, to engage in farming. After four years spent in agricultural pursuits, he went to the town of Auburn, where, with J. W. Wineman, he established the grocery firm of Wineman & Newell, which they conducted there one year, and then came to Springfield, locating in business at Mr. Newell's present location. On November 1st of the same year Mr. Newell sold his interest in the store at Auburn to his partner, bought his partner's interest in the store in Springfield, which he has continued to operate to the present time. "Newell, the Grocer," as he is familiarly known, has a large and lucrative patronage, due to the excellence of his goods, his promptness in delivering all orders, and his personal popularity.

On February 5, 1902, Mr. Newell was married in Auburn, Ill., to Miss Virginia Hill, of that city, daughter of the late William R. Hill, an

early settler of Sangamon County. Three children have been born to this union: Virginia Ruth, born June 8, 1903; Mildred Isolde, born September 30, 1904; and Helen Jane, born August 14, 1908. Mr. Newell was reared in the faith of the Baptist Church. He is a stanch Republican in political views, and fraternally is connected with the Odd Fellows.

NEWTON, John B., an honored veteran of the Civil War, now living retired at his pleasant home, at No. 123 South Glenwood Avenue, Springfield, Ill., is a native of Erie County, Pa., born February 3, 1834, a son of Elijah and Melinda Newton, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father, who was a farmer, served in the War of 1812. The family moved to Michigan in 1854, and there the father died in 1866, and the mother in 1855. One son, Henry C., was killed in Kentucky in 1863, while a soldier in the Civil War.

The education of John B. Newton was acquired in a log school house in the country, and upon leaving school he followed farming four years and then went to Kansas and took up a claim there. He joined John Brown's Company and fought against the Missouri raiders. President Buchanan sent troops to the territory to protect the settlers. Mr. Newton returned to Michigan in 1856 and soon after moved to Logan County, Ill., where he resided until 1907, then located in his present home in Elkhart. In 1903 Mr. Newton made a trip to Los Angeles, Cal., and from that city traveled along the coast to Portland, Ore., returning to Illinois the same year.

Mr. Newton enlisted in Company E, Seventh Illinois Regiment, and after spending a short time in camp at Springfield, went to Alton, Ill., thence to Fort Hope and from there was ordered to the front. They went up the Ohio River, took Fort Henry, and went on to Pittsburg Landing. Mr. Newton was wounded in the Battle of Shiloh and was sent home, but returned at the end of thirty days to his company. He served as First and Second Lieutenant under Captain Roberts, of Company K. The latter was taken prisoner at the battle of Shiloh and during the six months he was held, Mr. Newton was acting Captain. Mr. Newton was wounded the second time, October 5, 1862, at the battle of Hatchie River, where he lost one of his lower limbs. His record speaks for itself and he proved himself to have been a zealous soldier. He is a member of Leo Myer Post No. 182, G. A. R., and his wife is a member of John R. Tanner Circle No. 54, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mr. Newton is a strong Republican and has always been active in the interests of his party. He served as Police Magistrate of Elkhart, Ill., in 1868, and two terms as member of the City Council. He is a member of the Baptist Church of Springfield, a man of pleasing personality and has many friends. He owns a two-story brick house in Elkhart, Ill., and has been successful in his business enterprises.

Mr. Newton was married, in Lincoln, Ill., November 1, 1861, to Miss Mary V. Bishop, daughter of Harrison and Agnes Bishop, the father born January 15, 1812, and the mother December 20, 1814. Mr. Bishop and his wife were both natives of Virginia and came to Sangamon County among the early settlers, spending the remainder of their lives there. He died in November, 1862, and the mother, January 4, 1858, and both are buried in Fancy Creek Cemetery. Five children were born to Mr. Newton and his wife, namely: Nellie E., born April 12, 1867, married John R. Follis, a clerk in a dry-goods store at Elkhart, Ill., and they have two children—J. Denner, born May 26, 1898, and Mary G., born April 1, 1907; Harry E., born August 7, 1872, employed as Assistant Dispatcher in the post-office at Springfield; Francis, born April 26, 1878, living in Lincoln, Ill., and Deputy County Clerk.

NICOLAY, John George. (Vol. I, p. 399.)

NICOLL, Byron William, one of the highly esteemed veterans of the Civil War, living retired from active life, in the pleasant home in Springfield, Ill., which he owns at 921 South Fourteenth Street, was born in Granville, Ohio, January 19, 1840, a son of Robert L. and Clara (Brown) Nicoll, both natives of Underhill, Chittenden County, Vt., the former born in 1808 and the latter in 1818. Robert L. Nicoll was a stone cutter and carver, and came with his parents to Ohio in early days. His father was killed in the war of 1812. Robert L. came to Illinois in June, 1854, locating first in Cumberland County. Later he moved to Mattoon, Coles County, where he died in 1888. He and his wife had three children, one daughter and two sons.

The education of Byron W. Nicoll was acquired in the country schools of Licking County, Ohio, where he was reared on a farm, and upon leaving school helped in the work of carrying on the farm. He came with his parents to Cumberland County, Ill., in 1854, and since 1892 has been a resident of Sangamon County. He had a very long record as a soldier of the Civil War and underwent many hardships and dangers, having many narrow escapes from capture and taking part in many hard-fought campaigns. He enlisted, August 2, 1861, in Company E, Thirty-Eighth Illinois Infantry, under Captain J. M. True, and served four years and seven months with this company, enlisting at Mattoon, Coles County, and being mustered out in Victoria, Tex., in March, 1866. Among the battles in which he participated were those of Knob Gap, Perryville (Ky.), Fredericktown (Mo.), Stone River, Liberty Gap, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, the Atlanta Campaign from Rossville to Jonesboro, Franklin (Tenn.), and Nashville. He proved his bravery and reliability and is reasonably

proud of his record. He is a prominent member of Mendal Post G. A. R. Though Mr. Nicoll is a member of no religious denomination he endeavors to shape his actions in conformity with the Golden Rule, and has malice in his heart toward none, treating all mankind as brothers. He is a general favorite with his acquaintances, who enjoy his society and whose friendship and good-will he fully appreciates. In political affairs he is a Democrat.

Mr. Nicoll was married, December 4, 1873, at Vandalia, Ill., to Harriet A. Maxwell, born in Ohio, August 28, 1857, and one of the thirteen children born to James and Elizabeth Maxwell, the former born in Philadelphia, Pa., and the latter in St. Clairsville, Ohio. Mrs. Maxwell's youngest brother participated in the Civil War. Mr. Nicoll and his wife have no children.

NIESEN, William (deceased).—Springfield owes much to the sturdy, reliable Germans who located here and gave forth of their best to make the city what it is today. One of those who did his duty as a man and good citizen, but no longer is here to enjoy the benefits of what he helped to accomplish, is the late William Niesen, a tailor by trade, who made Springfield his home from 1871. He was born on the historic Rhine in Germany, August 6, 1848, being a son of Jacob and Agnes Niesen. Like many Germans, Jacob Niesen was a soldier, but when his term of service expired, he brought his family to America, this being about 1864 or 1865. Settling in Cleveland, Ohio, the father worked at his trade of tailoring, and there he and his wife both died. Their children were: Henry, Arnold, William and Odell.

William Niesen received but few educational advantages but he was taught the tailoring trade, working at it in Germany, and with his father after the family migration to this country. On July 6, 1871, he was married in Cleveland, to Marie Killian, and came to Springfield the same year. Here he found plenty of work at his trade, and worked at it until his death, April 9, 1900. He was a well-known, capable man, whose word could always be depended upon. A Republican in politics, he supported the candidates of his party, while not seeking office for himself. He had been a member of the I. O. O. F. sixteen years. In March, 1890, he bought the family residence at No. 718 South State Street, where his widow now lives. She was born in West Prussia, January 6, 1851, but came to the United States when only eighteen months old. She is a daughter of Karl and Augusta (Dann) Killian, both of whom died in Germany.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Niesen were: Jacob of Springfield, where William also resides; Agnes at home; Mary, Mrs. Louis Myerhoff of Springfield; Catherine, Mrs. Charles Springer of Springfield; Henry is also at home; Odell and Frank, at home. There are four grandchildren in the family. The family are well known in the city, and retain the respect which attaches to the name kept untarnished by the husband and father who was called away from those he loved.

NISIUS, Peter.—Springfield is the home of many business firms and houses which put out a high class of work. The men controlling them are experienced and well trained, and are able to meet any demand made upon them along their special lines. A thrifty business man of the Capital City, who has worked up from a small beginning to his present comfortable circumstances, is Peter Nisius. His birth took place in Germany, December 17, 1848. There he grew to manhood, receiving a meagre educational training. In 1881, believing that in this country he could make better progress, he came to the United States, landing in Baltimore. From that city he came direct to Springfield, where he found immediate employment with the Illinois Watch Company, remaining with them for one year. He was industrious and thrifty, and seeing an opportunity for engaging in business for himself, he left the factory and established himself at No. 410 East Adams Street. There he continued until 1902, when he removed to No. 404 East Adams Street, where he conducts a regular locksmith and grinding business. He does razor concaving, sharpens scissors, and lawn mowers, files saws, makes keys of all kinds, repairs and covers umbrellas, and does a general repairing business. From the beginning he turned out nothing but good work, and this was the best kind of advertisement. It brought him new customers, and retained his old ones, and he now has a thriving trade. Thrifty and industrious, Mr. Nisius has been able to forge ahead, and demonstrates that a man can accomplish much if he is willing to devote himself closely to his task.

NOBLE, Theodore, a notable example of a self-made man, is a successful farmer of Cartwright Township, Sangamon County. He was born on Rushville, Schuyler County, Ill., November 29, 1854, a son of William L. and Louisa (Johnson) Noble, the former born near Louisville, Ky., and the mother's parents being born in England. The parents of William L. Noble brought him to Schuyler County in boyhood and there he reached maturity. They were among the early settlers of the county and the young man learned the trade of cooper. He sold his early product to a packing house at Rushville and was one of the leading citizens of that village. He was a man of public spirit, was a Whig in early life, later helping in the organization of the Republican party. He was elected to various offices of public trust, and served as a Justice of the Peace and Collector for some time. For fifteen years he was City Marshal and Street Supervisor and during the war was appointed by President Lincoln to the office of Deputy Marshal of his district. He was never known to shirk a duty or be-

tray a trust, and was called into many dangerous places in arresting deserters and traitors to the Government. In his capacity of Deputy Provost Marshal he became known throughout his district a fearless upholder of justice.

To William L. Noble and wife children were born as follows: John W., a farmer and merchant of Richland, Ill.; Theodore, of this sketch; Josina M., wife of J. W. Lawler, of Rushville; Simon died in infancy. The mother of these children died when Theodore Noble was about eight years old and, in 1862, his father married Susan Goodwin, by which union he had two daughters and three sons: Mollie, wife of William Frazelle, of St. Louis; Roland, of Rushville; Thomas, a traveling salesman whose home is in St. Louis; Nellie, wife of George Bateman, of Joppa, Ill.; James, the first-born, died in infancy, and William was killed while working on a railroad, near Peoria. The mother of these children died about 1902.

William L. Noble still calls Rushville his home, but spends much time visiting his children in Sangamon County, and other places. Although born in 1826 he holds his own well and has always taken an active interest in local affairs. He is a Republican and during the war was one of the true patriots of Schuyler County. He has long been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Rushville, and during the war belonged to the Union League and to the promoters of the Underground Railroad.

Theodore Noble was educated in Rushville schools, and after leaving school began working at farming by the month. Being a young man of industry and perseverance, he was able to save money and make a start in life for himself. He remained near his home until he was about eighteen years of age, and in 1872 came to Sangamon County, though at that time his cash capital was but seventy-five cents. For eight years he worked for others and, as a result of close economy, had become able to marry. He was united with Miss Amelia R. Croney, about 1883. She was born in Cartwright Township, where she has always lived, a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Rose) Croney, both natives of Germany, who settled on Lick Creek, Sangamon County, but both are now deceased. After marriage Mr. Noble rented land and began farming on his own account, thus beginning the career in which he has been so successful. In 1886 he purchased eighty acres of land on Section 16, Cartwright Township, which was in a raw condition, soon after purchasing a small frame house which he moved on to his place. He improved his farm, set out shade and ornamental trees and shrubs, tiled part of the land, and brought it into a high state of cultivation and it is now one of the most productive farms in the county. About 1901 the old house was removed and a handsome two-story seven-room dwelling erected on its site. Mr. Noble has been successful as a farmer and stockman and raises a high grade of stock. His wife is an enthusiastic raiser of chickens, and has high grade White Orpingtons that are pure bred and fine fowls. For many years she has raised Partridge Cochin chickens, and has about 300 of this kind. She has reaped success in her endeavors in this direction and takes great interest in the work.

Four daughters and one son have been born to Mr. Noble and wife, namely: Maude, at home; Mary, wife of Hiram Parkes, a farmer of Cartwright Township, Theodore Clyde, who assists his father with the farm work; Gertrude Lane, at home; and Fannie Bell, at home. Each child has been given a good common school education, and the son took a three-year course in a business college at Springfield.

For the past four years Mr. Noble has operated 360 acres of land in addition to the eighty acres which he owns, and is regarded as a practical and capable farmer. By dint of good management and untiring industry he has reached a point in life where it would be possible at any time for him to retire. Like his honored father, he has always supported the principles of the Republican party. He has held various township offices of honor and trust in which he has given excellent service, and fraternally is a member if the Modern Woodmen of American, Camp No. 139. His wife is a member of the Court of Honor, and she and three other members of the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Pleasant Plains. During the thirty-nine years of his residence in Sangamon County Mr. Noble has witnessed many changes there, and has done his full share in promoting the general progress of events.

The parents of Mrs. Noble, Henry Croney and wife, were neighbors in their native land and both came to America in youth. They were married in New York City and not long afterward settled on Lick Creek, Sangamon County, but in 1865 he purchased a farm on Section 16 of Cartwright Township. He first purchased eighty acres of land and later added another eighty to it, and at the time of his death was considered one of the well-to-do citizens of his township. He lived there until after the death of his wife in 1883, and then removed to Springfield, where he died about 1892. Five of their children reached maturity. Four of these are: Lucy, wife of Edward Lynder, of California; Caroline, wife of Charles Purcell, of Paola, Kan.; Frank, of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Noble.

NOEL, John (deceased), who for many years carried on his farm in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, was well known as an upright citizen, a kind friend and neighbor and an industrious farmer. He was an active member of the Christian Church and ready to advance the interests of every movement for the public benefit. In politics he was a Republican

and in 1860 voted for Mr. Lincoln for the presidency. Mr. Noel was born in Cass County, Ky., in 1826, a son of Moses and Jane (Hurst) Noel, both natives of Kentucky, and the former a farmer. The parents became early settlers of Clear Lake Township, where they lived several years on a farm, then returned to Kentucky, where the father died, the mother dying in Sangamon County. They were parents of one son and one daughter, both of whom are now deceased.

The subject of this sketch received a meager education in his native State and early began working on the farm for his father. He was ten years of age at the time the family came to Illinois, and remained with his parents until his father returned to Kentucky, after which he continued farming in Clear Lake Township the remainder of his life. The family removed to Mechanicsburg after his death and there his widow still resides.

The marriage of Mr. Noel occurred in Clear Lake Township, January 1, 1869, when he was united with Pheby Gibson, a native of the township, born March 29, 1854, a daughter of Samuel Gibson, who died when she was a small child. Mr. Gibson, who was a native of Indiana, was an early settler of Sangamon County and became owner of the land where the Clear Lake summer resort is now located, and he and his wife both died on the home farm. There were five sons and five daughters in the family, of whom four daughters and two sons now survive. There were born to Mr. Noel and his wife three children: Edward, a resident of Mechanicsburg; Emma J. and Delica, both living at home. There are three grandchildren in the family. Mrs. Noel has many friends in the county, where her entire life has been spent. Mr. Noel's death occurred December 4, 1895, aged sixty-nine years, seven months and nineteen days.

NOLAN, Edward, general road foreman of engineers for the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad system, is a man whose promotion to his present position has come about through insistent labor and faithfulness of service. He was born at Minocka, Grundy County, Ill., February 29, 1864, son of Frank Nolan, born in Bagenalstown, County Carlow, Ireland, who came to the United States in the early 'fifties, landing in New York City, whence he came to Illinois. He was married at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to Mary J. Hand, born in County Meath, Ireland, but brought to the United States in childhood by relatives, her parents having died in Ireland. The father was a railroad man for many years, but later in life became a farmer. In 1871 he moved to Joliet, but died in Chicago, in 1897, aged seventy-eight years. His wife died in 1879, aged fifty-four years. Their children were: Lawrence, who is superintendent of terminals of the Grand Trunk System at Detroit, but prior to this appointment was with the Chicago & Alton Company for twenty-seven years, working up from section hand to train master, married Lizzie Felsby; Mary Ellen, deceased; Christopher, an engineer in the Chicago Stock Yards, married May B. O'Brien; John and Kate, both of Springfield.

In 1871 Edward Nolan was taken to Joliet by his parents. There he attended public school, and he kindly remembers his excellent teachers. When he was fourteen years old, he began working to help support the family. His first employment was picking stone used in making one of the boulevards of Chicago, and he was paid one dollar per day for this work. Two years later he began firing on what is now the Sante Fe road, and later was with the Chicago & Alton, as fireman. From that position he was promoted to be engineer, running between Bloomington and Chicago. In 1888 he went as engineer on the Missouri Pacific road, running between Kansas City and Wood, Mo., thus continuing until 1895, when he left that road and, after being in the employ of several in western States, came to Springfield, where until 1909 he was locomotive engineer between Peoria and St. Louis, but was then made Superintendent of Engineers. On August 5th of the same year he was again promoted, to Master Mechanic, and is now general road foreman of engineers, the company recognizing his peculiar fitness for such a position.

Mr. Nolan was married in Joliet, December 22, 1898, to Miss Julia Mack of Peoria, daughter of John and Julia (Shea) Mack. They have children as follows: Mary Marguerite; Verna and Vera, twins, the latter being deceased, and Francis Edward. Mr. Nolan belongs to St. Joseph Catholic Church. In politics he is a Democrat, while fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is an earnest, faithful citizen, and his promotions have been well earned.

NOLAN, John M.—The grocery business is one that requires sagacity and foresight, as well as a knowledge of existing demands, for its successful prosecution. To outstrip competitors a grocer must buy carefully and be able to sell at a close margin. Some of the most enterprising men of Springfield have engaged in this line of activity, and one who has made considerable progress is John M. Nolan, whose place of business is at the corner of Thirteenth and Cass Streets. He was born in Fancy Creek Township, Sangamon County, Ill., March 6, 1881, a son of Michael and Ellen (Madden) Nolan, both natives of Sangamon County.

John M. Nolan attended St. Mary's School and the Springfield Business College, completing his commercial course at the age of sixteen years, and for four years clerked in the store of George S. Connolly. For the next ten years he was with J. M. Fitzgerald, obtaining a wide and varied experience with these two enterprising business men, so that when, in 1908, he embarked in business for himself, he was able to do so with a full knowledge of his work.

Since then he has built up a large trade and enjoys the confidence of his customers, who know they can depend upon him for fair and honest treatment. So successful has he been that he has enlarged his store and greatly increased his stock.

Mr. Nolan is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and one of its most liberal supporters. The Democratic party receives his vote and he is active in its work. His associations with the Knights of Columbus are very agreeable and he has now passed the Fourth Degree in the order, and was formerly an officer. Mr. Nolan has already accomplished much, and his future spreads out before him invitingly. There is no doubt that he will impress himself vigorously upon the business life of the city, in which he is now an important factor.

NORDMEYER, John A. (deceased), an industrious and useful citizen of Springfield, where he had lived about eleven years at the time of his death, was a native of Germany, born in 1854, son of John A. and Sarah (Metz) Nordmeyer, both natives of Germany. The parents emigrated to the United States and secured a farm in the State of Indiana. There John A. Nordmeyer, Jr., subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood and attended the public school. He afterward worked with his father on the home farm until learning the trade of shoe-maker, which he followed many years in Springfield.

Mr. Nordmeyer was a good workman, industrious and thrifty, and secured a good standing among the people with whom he was associated, on account of his many good qualities of mind and heart. He was a small boy at the time his parents brought him to America. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church and in politics was a Democrat. Mr. Nordmeyer was in the prime of life at the time of his demise, having been married but a few years, and his death came as a shock to his many friends. He passed away February 6, 1895, at his home in Springfield, and his remains were interred in Calvary Cemetery.

The marriage of Mr. Nordmeyer took place at Springfield, May 10, 1891, when he was united with Miss Annie Sunderman, born September 10, 1864, in Riverton, Sangamon County, daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Schaffer) Sunderman, natives of Germany. Mr. Sunderman and his wife were early settlers near Riverton and secured a farm there. Her death occurred in 1891 and her husband died three years later, both being buried in Calvary Cemetery. Two daughters were born to Mr. Nordmeyer and his wife, Grace and Blanch, twins, born in Springfield, October 5, 1894, living with their mother in the pretty home at 1307 North Eighth Street.

NORTHCOTT, William Allen, United States District Attorney of the Southern District of Illinois, and formerly Lieutenant-Governor of the State, is a distinguished citizen of Springfield, where his business, professional and social interests are many. He has been more or less identified with public life since 1876, when he began to discuss public questions on the forum, and he early gained the training and experience which the later demands of his life made it necessary he should possess. In the stormy field of politics, Mr. Northcott has borne a man's part, and has had his share in the great work of making the American Nation.

William Allen Northcott was born in Murfreesboro, Tenn., January 28, 1854, and is a son of Robert S. and Mary C. (Cunningham) Northcott. His father was an officer in the War of the Rebellion, being Lieutenant Colonel and brevetted General, of the Twelfth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. The youth attended the public schools of Clarksburg, W. Va., until 1869, when he entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., where he remained until 1873, subsequently entering upon the study of law, and he was admitted to the Bar at Clarksburg, in July, 1877. As indicated above, Mr. Northcott had already become interested in public affairs and engaged in the discussion of political problems and as his horizon widened, his views broadened and deepened, and he became a prominent factor in the political life of the State in which he chose to make his home. In 1880, he was appointed Supervisor of Census for the Seventh Illinois District and in 1882, was elected State's Attorney of Bond County, Ill., an office he continued ably to fill for the next decade. In 1897, Mr. Northcott became one of the leading figures in public life in the State of Illinois, being elected Lieutenant-Governor, and in that exalted position served the Commonwealth with efficiency through the more or less stormy years of the period from 1897, until 1905, and in May, of the latter year, was appointed United States District Attorney of the Southern District of Illinois. Through these many years of public service Mr. Northcott has performed many arduous duties and has been called upon to play the diplomatist in many important cases, but has never failed in either tact or courage, whatever may have been the circumstances. In January, 1904, the law firm of Northcott & Orr was established, and in May, 1905, Mr. Northcott established his home in Springfield. Aside from his professional and official interests, Mr. Northcott has business connections. He is President of the Inter Ocean Life and Casualty Company, of Springfield, which was organized in 1907, and is in a very prosperous condition. This organization furnishes life, health and accident insurance and has 21,000 policy holders.

Mr. Northcott was married at Marine, Madison County, Ill., September 11, 1882, to Miss Ada R. Stoutzenberg, and they have two children, namely: Nathaniel D., who is aged twenty-nine years; Amy Allen, aged twenty-four years. The beautiful family residence is situated at No. 835 South Second Street, Springfield. Mr. Northcott and family attend the Episcopal Church. He is identified with fraternal, political

and social organizations, being a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Modern Woodmen, and from 1890, until 1903 was Head Consul of the Modern Woodmen of America. On many occasions Mr. Northcott has been present at the meetings of the Hamilton Republican Club, of Chicago, of which he is a member and has been an honored guest. He belongs to the well-known social bodies, the Sangamo Club and Illini Country Club, of Springfield, and is a Director of the latter.

NORTHCOTT, William A. (Vol. I, pp. 400-401.)

NOTT, Walter Harrison.—The Nott family, a representative of which is well known in Springfield, comes of old and distinguished stock in England. The family originated in Nottingham, England, one member being John Nott, who was Lord Mayor of Londan three different times. Other members of the family have been statesmen, ministers and public men of all ranks and conditions. The monogram and crest are still preserved, the motto being "Never Despair," and the crest a raven. Walter Harrison Nott, of Springfield is proud of his descent from these illustrious forebears. He was born at Toulon, Ill., June 13, 1871, being a son of Arthur Slatt and Elizabeth (Ullum) Nott. The father was a traveling salesman, and the grandfather moved from Hartford, Conn., to Cleveland, Ohio, and thence to Illinois, arriving in the latter State in 1860. During the Civil War, the father served bravely in Knapp's Battery, First Pennsylvania, and after the conflict was over, located at Toulon, Ill. At present he and his wife reside at Mt. Vernon, Ill.

The school days of Walter Harrison Nott were passed in Wisconsin and Illinois, and he remained at home with his parents, who taught him to be useful. He drove a physician's vehicle and later learned the trade of barber. He moved to Galva, Ill., and thence to Sandwich, locating in the latter place in the fall of 1899. In April, 1903, he came to Springfield, where he opened his present tonsorial parlors, and has been very successful. He is an Odd Fellow, Knight of Pythias, Woodman and Elk. The Congregational Church holds his membership and he is regarded as one of its most valuable members. In politics, he is a Republican.

Mr. Nott was married in Peoria, Ill., August 16, 1891, to Mary Belle Mellor, born in Kewanee, Ill., April 13, 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Nott have three children: Emmett Walter, born September 30, 1892; T. Bernard Arthur, born October 5, 1895, and Erma Elizabeth, born December 10, 1897. Mr. Nott is one of the enterprising young business men of Springfield and takes an interest in public events. His standing is high in the community, and he has fairly earned the success he has attained.

NOTTINGHAM, Walter.—The younger generation of farmers are teaching Sangamon County agriculturists how to operate their farms according to scientific principles, and their remarkable success is proving that they know what they are doing. One of the progressive young farmers of this locality is Walter Nottingham, of Section 31 Cartwright Township. He was born August 29, 1871, a son of John and Mary A. (Corson) Nottingham. John Nottingham was born in New Jersey, but was brought to Cartwright Township when a lad by his parents, and after reaching manhood served four years as a Methodist minister, following a circuit, after which he continued to be a local preacher the remainder of his life. His father, Jonathan Nottingham, entered land in Cartwright Township, Sangamon County.

After his marriage, John Nottingham went to Menard County, but after a short residence there came back to Cartwright Township, and erected a house on Section 26, where his son John still resides. This place was his residence until his death, July 18, 1890. His widow still survives, her home being at Delaware, Ohio. John Nottingham was an excellent man, a good farmer and a worthy citizen, active in the work of the Methodist Church, which claimed his earnest devotion and contributions throughout his life. He was active in Sunday School work and enjoyed his religious associations. Strong in his support of temperance principles, he was an ardent Prohibitionist and regretted that he could not live to see the doctrines of his party accepted almost universally, as he firmly believed they would be sometime. He and his wife became parents of ten children: Arthur, a farmer of Cartwright Township; Walter; Luther, of Pleasant Plains; Jonathan owns eighty acres of the old homestead; Frances lives with her mother, as also does Richard; Elizabeth married Floyd Weaver of Delaware, Ohio; LeRoy, of Pasadena, Cal.; Frank, of Delaware, Ohio; Ida May, who died in infancy.

Walter Nottingham spent his boyhood on the farm, attending school whenever opportunity offered. As soon as he was prepared, he entered college at Lebanon, Ill., where he took a three years' literary course. Finishing, he returned to the farm and for three years assisted in operating it. On January 1, 1896, he married Amy E. Roby, born in Pleasant Plains, March 21, 1875, daughter of George and Ellen (Rose) Roby. Mr. Roby was a successful contractor and builder of Pleasant Plains. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nottingham rented a farm of I. P. Smith, north of Pleasant Plains, remaining there for six years. During this time, Mr. Nottingham operated 200 acres with remarkable results, and then in 1902, rented 400 acres south of Pleasant Plains from E. D. Boynton, and as before made a success of his work. In 1901, he bought land on Section 25 Cartwright Township, but did not live on that farm, renting it until 1909, when he sold it and bought 186 acres on Section 31, Cartwright Township, to which he moved the same year. For the past two years he has been farming this property, feeding hogs and cattle. He believes in a good grade of stock and has demonstrated that it pays to keep only that kind.

He has an eight-room residence, well fitted with modern conveniences, while his barns and outbuildings are in fine condition. His home was the old Peter Cartwright farm, and the old barn put up so many years ago, still stands.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nottingham: a son who died in infancy; George, who died when nine months old, born October 28, 1900, died July 19, 1901; Edna, born July 31, 1903; Walter Jr., born August 25, 1905; Mary Ellen, December 23, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Nottingham are members of the Methodist Church, of which he is steward. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to the Anti-Horse Thief Association. An excellent farmer and a good business man, Mr. Nottingham has steadily risen, and is now one of the substantial men in his part of the county.

OBERLY, John H. (Vol. I, p. 406.)

O'BRIEN, Bessie.—Several years ago, in St. Agnes' Catholic Church, at Springfield, was a little girl who always took her place in the choir loft on the side of the soprano singers. She was so small that the choir paid very little attention to her, in spite of the fact that her sister, Miss Mary O'Brien, was organist. But she sang for the great joy and happiness of it; the Latin words of the Mass appealed to her, and that she was allowed to sing them at all in the big choir, was the most wonderful part to her. Every Sunday and on feast days she was in her place, and after awhile the other singers began to notice the clearness and beauty of her tones. One eventful day a great master-teacher was present, who immediately began to ask questions. He went to her home and told her mother and brothers of his discovery of the little girl. She was encouraged at once, and began to study with him; success crowned her efforts, and soon she gave a recital of her own, being then only fifteen years of age.

The musicians of Springfield began to realize that they had a singer of rare ability in their midst, and she grew famous, not only in her own city, but throughout the central part of the State, where she sang in both concerts and churches. But the city of Springfield was her home, there were the friends who had first praised her. Would her dreams come true—could she win applause for her voice alone? Among those who did not know her, high praise had been meted out to her when she sang Verdi's "*Aller che forte Correne*," at the concert which the people of Springfield gave to Governor Altgeld.

One Sunday morning at St. Jarlath's Church in Chicago, she sang Verdi's "Attilla," arranged as an "*O Salutaris*," and in this she covered a little less than three octaves, from lower "E" to high "D." The strength of her voice and its exceeding fine quality made itself felt in the quiet church so that even the altar boys stole glances at the choir loft. The next day the Chicago papers announced, in terms of highest praise, the discovery of the wonderful singer at St. Jarlath's, one noted musical critic declaring that she "sang like an angel." So her dreams began to come true, and soon she left for Paris (accompanied by her sister) to study under the famous Madame Eames-Storey, then in that city. She took up her studies with Madame F. Del'iciette, who was so pleased with her that after three months' work she was accorded the distinction of singing at St. Joseph's Church. It was here that she really made her debut during New Year week. Afterwards she studied with Mme. Marchesi, who fitted her for grand opera. In Paris she frequently met and sang for many famous singers, including Melba. After three years of hard work she returned to America and to Chicago, where she was received with the greatest praise, and given the name of "The Modern Patti." It is told that on the morning of her arrival in Springfield she went direct to her seat in the choir-loft of St. Agnes' Church, as though she had never been abroad, and sang the Mass with the others. She has since then constantly received the highest praise from musical critics, the press, and the public of Illinois and other States.

Miss O'Brien and her sister now conduct a studio in the Odd Fellows Building in Springfield, besides which Miss Bessie does concert work throughout the State. With William Armstrong, who lectured on "Music and Musicians," she made a tour doing solo work, and she also served several years as soprano soloist at the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. She is a sister of Frank O'Brien, a grain broker, a biography of whom appears on another page in this work.

O'BRIEN, Frank Patrick, a successful commission broker in grain, of Springfield, was born at Curran, Sangamon County, July 18, 1868, son of Dennis and Marcella O'Brien. The father was born at Skibbereen, County Cork, Ireland, about 1837, and the mother was born at Dungarvan, County Waterford, Ireland, about 1844. He was an employe of a railroad, when a young man, later engaged in the grocery trade, and died in 1906. He and his wife were parents of ten children, of whom Frank P. is the third.

Mr. O'Brien, the subject of this sketch, attended the Christian Brothers School, at Springfield, and received a business education. He was first employed as book-keeper and later as telegraph operator by the Western Union Telegraph Company, working at the latter occupation from 1885 to 1900. For four years he was connected with the United Press, located at Chicago, and spent the years 1889-90 at St. Louis in the employ of the Associated Press. From 1890 until 1894 he was employed in Chicago by the Associated and United Press. In the latter year he located in Springfield, which has since been his residence. Mr. O'Brien is a good operator, and in the performance of his work for the press has been associated with many in-

teresting events. He has been engaged in his present business several years and has met with gratifying success in this line. He is an intelligent and public spirited citizen, much interested in public affairs, and an advocate of progress. Mr. O'Brien is a member of the Catholc Church of St. Agnes, of Springfield, and in politics is a Cleveland Democrat. He is unmarried.

O'BRIEN, John (deceased).—One of the best known men in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, was the late John O'Brien, of Springfield, Illinois, whose genial personality will be long remembered by those who knew and loved him. Mr. O'Brien was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1843, being the second son born to his parents John and Ellen (Royes) O'Brien, farming people who lived and died in County Mayo. They had a family as follows: Michael, was the first to leave the old home for the United States; John; Mary, unmarried, died in Ireland; Bridget married Luke Lavin and lives in County Mayo; Margaret at home; Thomas, died in Springfield; and Andrew who lives here.

John O'Brien received a fairly good education and worked for his father while acquiring it. In 1871, he married Miss Bridget Lavin, also of County Mayo, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Lavin) Lavin, and soon afterwards they sailed from Liverpool for the United States. The journey consumed seventeen days, and as the passage was rough and stormy, they were glad when New York was reached. From there they came direct to Springfield, where Mr. O'Brien went to work for the Chicago & Alton Railroad, continuing with them for seven years, when he bought a farm in Logan County. Here he suffered from a severe sunstroke, which resulted in his retirement to Springfield, and eventual death, in 1898. He died as he had lived, a devout member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, to which he was a liberal contributor. In politics, he was a stanch Democrat. He and his wife had children as follows: Mary; Margaret; Annie, a trained nurse in Chicago; Patrick, a miner; and Nellie. These children and Mrs. O'Brien all belong to St. Joseph's Church. Mr. O'Brien always did what he believed to be his duty, endeavoring to bring up his children correctly and provide for them and his wife the comforts of life. Stricken down while carrying out his farm duties, he never fully recovered, but kept his warm friendships to the last, and died regretted by a wide circle of those who still miss his kindly presence and sympathetic words of praise and advice.

O'BRIEN, Patrick, a public-spirited Irish-American citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born in March, 1829, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Welsh) O'Brien, also natives of Ireland, where the death of both occurred. Thomas O'Brien and his wife were parents of nine children, namely: Michael, James, Walter, Thomas, Patrick, Mary, Kate, Bridget and Ann, of whom all came to the United States with the exception of Bridget, who still lives on the family homestead in Ireland.

As a boy Patrick O'Brien attended school in his native place. While yet a boy he went to England and remained there fifteen years, working on a farm and at his trade of stone-mason. When thirty-three years of age he emigrated to the United States, landing in New York, whence he came to Springfield, Ill., and later went to St. Louis. He was employed on a Government steam-boat during the Civil War for about one year, entering the service in 1862, and later went to Benton Barracks, where he worked another year. In the fall of 1864 he returned to Springfield, and later went to the vicinity of Bloomington, where he lived for thirty years. He has retired from work at his trade, and for several years past has been in the employ of the Park Board of Springfield, to which city he again returned in 1901.

In 1858, before leaving Ireland for America, Mr. O'Brien married Mary Ford, daughter of Michael and Honora (Leach) Ford, who spent their entire lives in Ireland, as did their parents before them. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, of whom two are deceased; Thomas, born and died in Ireland; Marie died in St. Louis, where she is buried; Annie, born in Chenoa, married Charles Ryan, a prominent citizen of Springfield, where they reside, and they have no children; James M., born in Chenoa, is an employe of a railroad and lives in Chicago.

Mr. O'Brien is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church and attends the church presided over by Father O'Reilly. He is also a member of Father Matthew's Society and contributes his share towards the support of various religious movements connected with the church of his faith. He is typical of the best citizenship and proud of his family and his personal success in life. He has always been industrious and thrifty and has become the owner of some real estate in Springfield. The family reside at 815 East North Grand Avenue.

O'BRIEN, Thomas F., a prominent and successful builder and contractor of Springfield, is a native of that city, born February 8, 1864. He is a son of Timothy and Mary (Moore) O'Brien, the former a native of Ireland. The father came to the United States as a young man and located in Springfield. He was a carpenter by trade and worked many years as journeyman, later taking up contracting on his own account. He has achieved a gratifying degree of success and is the owner of many houses and other property in the city.

Thomas F. O'Brien spent his boyhood in Springfield and was educated at St. Mary's School in that city. He has always been fond of hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports. After leaving school he learned the trade of

carpenter, and has since worked at it. His entire life has been spent in Springfield and he has assisted materially in its growth and progress since engaging in business on his own account. For the last six years he has been taking contracts for the erection of houses and other buildings, and has been able to build up a good business. He is an expert carpenter and possesses considerable executive ability, being quick to see the best way of doing a thing and equally quick to apply the knowledge. He has shown intelligence and enterprise in establishing himself in his present line of work, for which he is well fitted, and has an excellent reputation in business circles.

Mr. O'Brien was married in Springfield, April 26, 1897, to Miss Bridget A. Murray, born September 21, 1865, daughter of William and Catherine D. Murray, who spent their entire married lives on a farm until 1909, since which they have lived in Springfield. Mr. Murray was born December 10, 1843, and his wife November 28, 1846. Four children were born to Mr. O'Brien and his wife, namely: Ethel R., born March 10, 1898; Timothy M., April 10, 1902; William M., May 26, 1905; Cyril P., May 17, 1910. Mr. O'Brien owns the comfortable family residence at 1049 North Fourteenth Street. He is a member of the Catholic Church, a Democrat in politics, and fraternally has been a member of the Order of Yeomen since 1901.

O'CONNELL, Cornelius.—Springfield is one of the most delightful residence communities within the confines of the whole Commonwealth. There are gathered congenial people, bound together by civic pride and common interests, who, working in concert, produce conditions that are almost ideal. For this and other cogent reasons, many men locate in the city when they have retired from the activities of a business career, and among those who have shown such good taste and common sense, is Cornelius O'Connell, a retired baker, whose residence is at No. 1511 East Jefferson Street. He is a native of Ireland, born in County Clare, a son of Patrick and Ellen (Killcain) O'Connell, both of whom spent their lives in Ireland, where they died.

After a boyhood spent in his native place, Mr. O'Connell learned the baker trade in Milltown, Ireland, and in 1857, wishing to take advantage of the opportunities offered in America, he came here, landing in New York City, whence he proceeded direct to Bloomington, Ill. There for a year he found employment at his trade, but left that city for Jacksonville, which continued his home for one year more, when he settled in Springfield. Until 1900 he worked as a baker, then retired, feeling that he had done his full duty. During the Civil War, like so many of his compatriots, Mr. O'Connell served his adopted country, giving much appreciated service as government cook at Camp Butler. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic, belonging to St. Mary's Church.

In May, 1864, Mr. O'Connell was united in marriage with Ellen Long, the ceremony being performed in Springfield. Mrs. O'Connell was born in Tipperary, Ireland, where she lost both parents, following which she came to America with an aunt. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell: John and Cornelius, both of whom live in St. Louis; Charles lives in Springfield; Mary is the wife of Samuel Bloom and lives in Springfield; Susan lives in Chicago; Jennie lives at home and is in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company; and Theresa is the wife of Harry Harbold, of Chicago, who is in the employ of Swift & Company. There are twelve grandchildren in the family, of whom Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell are exceedingly proud. Mr. O'Connell is one of the substantial, reliable men of his community. He remembers well the earlier days of the city, and, having come to it when Lincoln and Douglas were something more than mere names, he recalls these distinguished men very well, and relates many interesting stories of them and their associates.

O'CROWLEY, Daniel (deceased).—It is seldom indeed that the public receives such faithful service from one of its officials as was rendered by the late Daniel O'Crowley, who was for twenty-eight years an employe of the Recorder's office in Springfield. Mr. O'Crowley for this long period, displayed a conscientious regard for fulfilment of duty, and as a citizen and official was esteemed and honored. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, April 2, 1834, a son of Daniel and Mary Langton O'Crowley, also natives of County Cork, where both died. Mr. O'Crowley's father was a general merchant.

Daniel O'Crowley secured his education in the County Cork schools, after leaving which, he served as a Customs House official in Ireland for some years. At the age of twenty-five, he left the Emerald Isle for New York City, from whence he went to St. Louis, Mo., and thence to Jacksonville, Ill., where he engaged in school teaching. He arrived in Springfield in 1858, and the outbreak of the Civil War found him, an employe in the Settlers Department at Camp Butler. In 1864, he entered the Recorder's office, and from that time until 1892, he served faithfully and well, performing his duties in such a manner, that it was next to impossible to secure a man to take his place. In 1892, he retired from active life. His death occurred suddenly at his home, in Springfield, on March 13, 1910, his funeral being from the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, of which he had for many years been a devout member.

Mr. O'Crowley was married May 11, 1864, at East St. Louis, Ill., to Mary Kavanaugh. Eleven children were born to this union, three of whom died in infancy. Those surviving are: Mrs. C. H. Jones and Mrs. F. W. Conron, of Minneapolis, Minn., Daniel L., married and residing in Missouri, being connected with the Cudahy Packing Company; John M. and Charles J., residing

in Minneapolis, Minn.; and Josephine L., Florence L., and Vita Alice, all of whom reside at home. The family are well known socially, and take an active part in affairs of the Catholic Church.

OGG, Basil W., a progressive young business man of Springfield, Ill., was born at Scottville, Ill., August 25, 1883, a son of F. T. and Alice (Goble) Ogg, both natives of Scottville, the father born in 1854 and the mother in 1862. The parents came to Springfield in 1890 and have since made their home in the city. The father was engaged in the harness business in early life, but after coming to Springfield became a traveling salesman and has since continued that line of work for a harness company. He is a Democrat in politics and is affiliated with the United Commercial Travelers Association and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife had three children: Diemple, wife of Joseph Conrad; Basil W.; Roy A., a druggist, all residents of Springfield.

At the age of seven years Basil W. Ogg accompanied his parents to Springfield and there received his education, attending the Edwards and, later, the Stewart and Hay (now known as the Lawrence) Schools. Upon leaving school he learned the trade of cigar maker and, in 1903, established a business at his present location, 1006 South College Street, his factory being located in the rear of his residence. He has built up an excellent trade and won quite a reputation as the manufacturer of the "400," the "Oggesta" and the "La Zilia" cigars, made to sell at a popular price. His business structure is 22 by 60 feet, and he has a daily output of 5,000 in a busy season, employing then about twenty-five men. He is well regarded in business circles and has a reputation for strict honesty and integrity.

October 5, 1902, Mr. Ogg married Miss Barbara Marie Diebold, daughter of Roman Diebold and Elizabeth (Stremsdoerfer) Diebold, born in Springfield, October 10, 1881, and left an orphan in early childhood. One son has blessed this union, Stewart B., born November 14, 1905. Mr. Ogg is affiliated with the Eagles, the Elks, the Masons and the Maccabees. In politics he is a Republican and in religious views a Protestant, while his wife is a Catholic. He is a member of the Springfield Commercial Association, the Travelers' Protective Association and the Order of Red Men.

OGLESBY, Richard James. (Vol. I, p. 408.)

OLDFIELD, Seth A., photographer, Springfield, Ill., was born in Jacksonville, Ill., August 12, 1873, a son of William Henry and Sarah (Trigg) Oldfield, both natives of England, the former born near Manchester and the latter near Sheffield, that country. The Oldfields are one of the older families of England, their genealogy being traceable as far back as 1600. William Henry Oldfield after coming to America first settled at Toronto, Canada, whence he came to Illinois, in occupation was a contractor and builder, and in 1880 removed to Wichita, Kan., where the family remained until his death in 1895.

Seth A. Oldfield received his education in the public schools of Wichita, Kan., and Lewis Academy. In early life he devoted his time largely to outdoor pursuits, and being able to handle a gun expertly, became an enthusiastic hunter, and now has a hunter's lodge on Quiver Lake, near Havana, Ill. He early turned his attention to photography, and having become an expert in that line, has traveled quite extensively over the United States in the prosecution of his profession in which he has won a high reputation. His business location is at 111½-113½ South Fifth Street, city of Springfield.

Mr. Oldfield was married July 26, 1903, to Miss Effie Grogan, daughter of Elijah Grogan, one of the older class of settlers in Springfield and a veteran of the Civil War. In religious faith Mr. Oldfield is a Presbyterian and member of the Presbyterian Church of Springfield, and in political views is a Democrat. A man of modest and retiring manner, he has established for himself a favorable reputation as a citizen and business man.

O'REILLY, Rev. Patrick Joseph, pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of Springfield, is one of the most beloved of the clergy of that city. He is a native of Ireland, born at Arvagh, County Cavan, September 21, 1858, the eighth child born to Patrick and Catherine O'Reilly. He was sent to the national schools until sixteen years of age, when his parents decided to educate him for the priesthood, and he was entered at St. Mary's college at Arvagh, then conducted by his cousin, Rev. James Duffy. At the expiration of seven years he was sent to Montreal, Canada, arriving in September, 1879. There he entered Grand Seminary, and took a course in philosophy and theology, being ordained priest on December 25, 1883, by the Right Reverend Archbishop Fabre. Following this he was sent to Virden, Ill., as pastor of St. Catherine's Church there, continuing until 1887.

While serving in this capacity, Father O'Reilly built Girard St. Patrick's Church, and the Church of the Sacred Heart in Franklin, being transferred to the latter parish in 1887 and taking charge at Franklin and Waverly. During his occupancy he made many improvements, including the building of a church and parsonage at Franklin. On May 3, 1893, the house and church were destroyed by fire and they were rebuilt by Father O'Reilly. On July 1, 1893, he was transferred to St. Patrick's Church at Alton, Ill., where he remained until September 1, 1907. At that time he was placed in charge of St. Joseph's Church, of Springfield, where he has since remained. Father O'Reilly is a man of deep reading and wide sympathies, and one who well understands and appreciates his people's needs. Because of his

comprehension and wise guidance, he is much beloved. The financial condition of his parish is excellent, owing to his judicious management.

ORENDORFF, Alfred (deceased), former prominent lawyer and leading citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born on a farm in the northern part of Logan County, Ill., July 29, 1845, the youngest of a family of four sons of Joseph and Elizabeth (Stevens) Orendorff, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Henderson County, Ky. The Orendorff family in Illinois was descended from Christian Orendorff, who was a military officer in Germany, married a Miss Elizabeth Miller, of a prominent German family, and came from Wurtemburg, Germany, in 1751, first settling with his family in Lancaster County, Pa., but a few years later removing to the vicinity of Sharpsburg, Md. Their second son, Christopher, was married at Hagerstown, Md., in 1791, to Elizabeth Phillips, and soon after spent some time in Georgia and South Carolina, but finally settled in North Carolina, where, on November 25, 1804, their son Joseph Orendorff, the father of General Alfred Orendorff, was born. Christian Orendorff and family later resided successively for a time in the States of Tennessee and Kentucky, but in 1818 came to Washington County, Ill., whence a few years later they removed to the "Sangamo Country," settling on Sugar Creek, then a portion of Sangamon County, but which, on the organization of Logan County in 1839, was embraced in the northern part of the latter. Here Christian Orendorff and his family opened up a farm and built and operated on Sugar Creek the first water-power grist-mill in that part of the State, and here, on June 23, 1833, the son Joseph was married to Elizabeth Stevens, who, as already explained, was a native of Henderson County, Ky.

Alfred's father, Joseph Orendorff, died September 18, 1854, when the son was little more than nine years of age, and soon after the mother, with her family, removed to Lincoln, which was founded about that time and named in honor of Abraham Lincoln, later becoming the county-seat of Logan County. Here Alfred received his primary education in the common schools, later taking a course in the Wesleyan Academy at Bloomington and in the military school at Fulton, Ill. In May, 1864, when less than nineteen years of age, Mr. Orendorff took the lead in organizing Company I, One Hundred Thirty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was mustered in for one hundred days, and of which he was promptly chosen and commissioned Captain, serving through its period of enlistment and being mustered out at Camp Butler, near Springfield. Later he turned his attention to the study of law, taking a course in the Albany (N. Y.) Law School, from which he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and in the autumn of 1867, was admitted to practice in the State of Illinois. Taking up his residence in Springfield, he soon after became the junior member of the law firm of Herndon, Zane & Orendorff, this relationship continuing until June, 1873, when Mr. Zane having been elected to the circuit bench, the firm became Herndon & Orendorff. In April, 1877, Mr. Herndon having retired from active practice, Mr. Orendorff entered into partnership with Hon. James A. Creighton, present Justice of the Circuit Court for the Springfield District, which continued until Mr. Creighton's election in 1884 to the judgeship which he still retains. His next partnership was with Robert H. Patton, which lasted for several years. Evidence of his prominence in and his devotion to the profession, is furnished in the fact of his election as the first Secretary of the Illinois State Bar Association on its organization in 1877, and his subsequent election as its President. On several occasions, he served as delegate to the National Bar Association, and in 1906, was elected as delegate to the International Law Association which held its session that year in the City of Berlin, Germany.

Reared as a Republican, General Orendorff's first political relations were with the Republican party, of which in 1870, he was the chosen candidate for State Senator, but failed of election in a strongly Democratic district. In common with many other members of the Republican party in 1872, he aligned himself with what was known as the "Liberal Republican Party," in support of Horace Greeley for President and in the same campaign was elected Representative in the General Assembly, receiving the support of the regular Democrats and serving as a member of the Judiciary Committee during the two sessions of that body. His subsequent political relations were uniformly with the Democratic party, which he served as Member, Secretary and Chairman of its State Central Committee, and Delegate to the numerous local State and national conventions, and was twice, 1880 and 1884, the candidate of that party for State Treasurer. In January, 1893, he was appointed Adjutant General by Governor Altgeld, and held that office three years, resigning January 4, 1896. His experience as a soldier and his knowledge of military affairs rendered his administration of this department highly satisfactory.

The most active efforts of General Orendorff's later years were devoted largely to the interests of the Illinois State Historical Society, of which he was a member for many years, and was chosen President in 1905, serving continuously in that capacity for the remainder of his life. A sketch of his career published in the Quarterly Journal of the State Historical Society for the month of October, 1909, says "He loved the Illinois State Historical Society and no detail of its affairs was too small to secure his interest and he labored for it unceasingly."

Other business interests besides the practice of his profession with which General Ordendorff was associated, included the German-American Loan Association, of which he was Vice President for many years; Director of the Guarantee

Abstract Company, as one of the organizers of the Springfield Improvement Association; President of the Franklin Life Insurance Company, and, at the time of his death, President of the International Bank & Trust Company, of Vinita, Okla. He was also prominently identified with the various fraternal and social organizations, including the Order of Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, Sangamo Club, Iroquois Club, of Chicago, Workmen, Woodmen and others. He was especially active in connection with the Order of Odd Fellows, having served as Representative to the State Grand Lodge, Grand Master and as Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the World. He also served as President of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, was associated as Representative of the State Historical Society in 1908, to the celebration of the Semi-Centennial of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate of 1858, and as a charter member of the Lincoln Centennial Association, took part in the honors paid to the memory of Abraham Lincoln on February 12, 1909.

"On June 22, 1870, General Orendorff was married to Miss Julia J. Williams, a daughter of Colonel John Williams, one of Springfield's most distinguished citizens, who was for fifty years a leading merchant, and for many years President of the First National Bank of that city. Mrs. Orendorff's death occurred May 27, 1908. Their three children, John, Alfred, Alice Elizabeth and Lydia Edna, all survive. The son resides in Joplin, Mo., and the daughters occupy the family homestead on South Second Street in Springfield. "General Orendorff's mother and three brothers all preceded him to the beyond. His mother died May 16, 1866; his brother Christopher, June 28, 1862; Robert, December 21, 1879, and James in 1902."

General Ordendorff's death occurred as the result of a protracted illness, October 22, 1909, and the event was deplored by a large circle of friends in his home city and throughout the State. Among the many earnest tributes paid to his memory none are more worthy of our mention in this connection than those expressed by Honorable J. Otis Humphrey, of the United States District for the Southern District of Illinois, and Judge James A. Creighton, his former business partner in Springfield—the former in an address before the Odd Fellows Grand Lodge, November 18, 1909, and the latter in an address before the Illinois State Historical Society at its annual meeting in May, 1910.

OSBURN, James R., now living retired from active life at the home of his son-in-law, George W. Meredith, at 1172 North Third Street, Springfield, was born at Cadiz, Harrison County, Ohio, January 6, 1842, and served in the Eleventh Ohio Cavalry during the Civil War. He is a son of William B. and Rebecca (Rankin) Osburn, the former born in Westmoreland County, Pa., and the latter in Fayette County, Pa. The father was a carpenter and contractor in Ohio, and he and his wife had eleven children. The father of Mrs. Rebecca Osburn, Robert Rankin, was wounded in a battle in the War of 1812, and after being carried off the field lived to reach his home, but died a few hours later.

James R. Osburn spent his boyhood at Cadiz, Ohio, receiving his education in the public schools of that place, and upon leaving school began working with his father in a blacksmith and machine shop. At the time of the Civil War he enlisted in Company E, Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and served creditably and bravely for three years. At the close of the war he entered the employ of C. Aultman & Company, of Canton, Ohio, and continued this occupation until 1900, when he moved to Springfield and retired from active life. He had the requisite qualifications for a successful salesman and had the confidence and respect of his customers and employers alike.

Mr. Osburn was married, at Cadiz, Ohio, December 25, 1873, to Miss Editha Dickerson, who was born in New Athens, Ohio, daughter of Joshua and Mary A. (Harris) Dickerson, both of whom were born in New Athens. Children as follows were born of this union: John W., a machinist, married and residing in Springfield; Margaret, Mrs. George W. Meredith, lives in Springfield; Frank A., a machinist, is married and lives in Canton, Ohio; James E., chief musician in the First United States Artillery, stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., is also married. Mr. Osburn is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic of Springfield, and has been a life-long Republican. He takes an active interest in public affairs, although he has never cared to hold office himself. He is a member of the Baptist Church. The family is well and favorably known in Springfield, where they have many friends.

OSENTON, John S.—The work devolving upon the county officials is of such importance that it cannot be over-estimated. Especially is this true of that connected with the superintendence of the poor farm, where the county's unfortunates are cared for. Sangamon County is to be congratulated upon its present superintendent, John S. Osenton, a practical business man, and sympathetic official, who, while protecting the interests of the tax payers, knows how to give those under his charge efficient and thorough supervision. Mr. Osenton was born in Grayson, Carter County, Ky., August 2, 1858, being a son of Henry K. and Sciotha (McAllister) Osenton, natives of the same county as their son. Henry K. Osenton was a blacksmith and merchant, who never left Kentucky, John S. Osenton being the only one of the family to locate in Illinois.

After attending the common schools of Carter County, Mr. Osenton worked as a day laborer at whatever work came to his hand, gaining a wide and varied experience. When he came to Sangamon County, in the spring of 1878, he found employment as a farm laborer, but in the fall began manufacturing tile, to meet a growing

demand for that material. For ten years this work engrossed him, and then he branched out into a paving business, and was thus engaged, when appointed superintendent of the poor farm. For the following three years, he acted in this capacity, then retired to take up farming on his own account. In 1901, he was once more called upon to accept appointment to the same office, and for three years more, he gave his services, but again left to carry on his own farm. He was too valuable a man for the people to allow him to remain in private life, however, and for the third time, in December, 1908, he was placed in charge of the poor farm, which is still under his supervision. This property contains 197 acres of excellent land on which corn is raised as the principal crop, although there is sufficient stock for the use of the institution, it being the aim of Mr. Osenton to produce all the inmates need in the way of green vegetables and meat. Being a practical farmer, and fine business man, Mr. Osenton knows how to make the farm support its inmates, and is a very busy man, attending as he does to his own excellent farm of 176 acres, as well.

Mr. Osenton was married June 22, 1886, in Buffalo, Sangamon County, Ill., to Lillie Bradley, daughter of Enos and Sarah Bradley, of Buffalo, natives of Illinois, who had lived in Buffalo for many years. They have been dead for some years, and were most excellent people. Mr. and Mrs. Osenton have had a family as follows: Harley B., Edna Fern, Reed G., Shelby M. Mrs. Osenton died in October, 1908. On October 16, 1909, Mr. Osenton married Ida Kaylor, daughter of Daniel Kaylor, of Buffalo, a farmer and estimable citizen.

Fraternally, Mr. Osenton belongs to Pickwick Lodge, No. 589, K. of P., of Buffalo, and has filled the majority of the offices in it. His family are members of the Methodist Church, which he attends, and contributes largely towards its support. His father and brothers all espoused the cause of Democracy, but since the second Grant campaign, Mr. Osenton has been a Republican and is very prominent in the party in Buffalo, being a member of the County Central Committee and is frequently sent as a delegate to conventions. Upright, honorable, conscientious, Mr. Osenton is an excellent example of the self-reliant man who has worked his own way in life, asking favor of no one, but working hard and saving his earnings. Such a man is a valuable addition to any community.

OSTERMEIER, George Frederick, an enterprising young business man of Springfield, Ill., and a member of the jewelry firm of Ostermeier & Trunk, was born near Springfield, November 11, 1877, a son of August C. and Augustine (Krieger) Ostermeier. August C. Ostermeier was born in Germany, May 6, 1842, and his wife in Darke County, Ohio, March 18, 1853. He came to America with his parents, at the age of eleven years. The family settled first in Ohio, but later Mr. Ostermeier moved to Logan County, Ill., and thence to Sangamon County, where he lived until the spring of 1880, when he purchased land in Christian County, where he and his family have since resided. He has been a farmer all his life. He was married in December, 1870, and he and his wife became parents of four sons and six daughters, all of whom are living, the fourth child being George F. The mother of these children died suddenly, July 12, 1902.

The early education of George F. Ostermeier was acquired in the country schools of Christian County, and he later attended the Northern Indiana Normal School and Business College, at Valparaiso. He had a natural taste for books and the best literature and made the most of his educational advantages. He lived on his father's farm until he reached his majority, then secured employment in the lumber department of the Deering Harvester Company, Chicago, where he remained one year; then became book-keeper and cashier for Joseph P. Wathier Company, retail jewelers, at 178 West Madison Street, Chicago, remaining there six years and acquiring valuable knowledge and experience for his later business career. In January, 1906, Mr. Ostermeier secured a position with the Illinois Traction System, at Springfield, where he remained until August, 1909, when he formed a partnership with Charles A. Trunk, and on October 2nd of that year they opened a retail jewelry store at 518 East Monroe Street, where they conduct a successful and growing business. Both are men of energy and ambition and look carefully after the details of their business and the wants of their customers. They are upright and honest in their dealings and have a good standing in the community. Mr. Ostermeier has not allied himself with any political party in local affairs, choosing to vote for the man rather than the party, but in national issues generally follows the principles of the Democratic party. He is a member of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mr. Ostermeier was married, at Edinburg, Ill., September 12, 1900, to Elenore Fehring, born in Springfield, January 14, 1880, a daughter of Henry and Elenore (Dahman) Fehring, who still reside on their farm in Christian County. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ostermeier, namely: Cecil Henry, born August 11, 1901; Gladys Viola, born December 23, 1903; Mildred Marie, born July 2, 1907; and Florence Louise, born March 19, 1911.

OTT, John (deceased), who was a resident of Springfield, Ill., for more than half a century, died at his home at 323 W. Carpenter Street, where he had lived since 1858, April 13, 1901, in his seventy-first year. Mr. Ott was well known in the city, where he had a large number of friends, as a man of sterling integrity and high character. He was employed by several business firms in Springfield, for whom

he performed faithful service. He was sincerely mourned in social and church circles, where his loss was deeply felt. Mr. Ott was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, October 14, 1830, one of the eighteen children of John and Burkor (Mongall) Ott, both natives of Germany. The father and mother lived on a farm and both died in Germany, he in 1850 and she in 1847. Of their large family six lived to old age.

John Ott, Jr., spent his boyhood on his father's farm and attended the public schools of his neighborhood. At the age of fifteen years he began learning the trade of cabinet-maker, working at it for some years in Germany and resuming it after settling in the United States. He emigrated to America in 1852, first landing at New Orleans, whence he came direct to Springfield, and was first employed by Williams & Link, with whom he remained fifteen years, then worked five years for General Barkley, after which he entered the employ of Priest & Latham, furniture dealers. Mr. Ott was a skilled workman, always performing his work in a satisfactory manner. He occupied the same house during the entire period of his residence in Springfield and up to the date of his death in 1901, and this is now the home of his widow, who also owns property adjoining this on the west. Mr. Ott was a devout Christian and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and was a man of kindly, genial nature, taking great delight in the companionship of his chosen friends.

Mr. Ott was married, February 28, 1858, to Katherine Geisinger, daughter of Philip and Efa Geisinger, the former born in 1802 and the latter in 1807. Mrs. Ott was born in Baden, Germany, August 12, 1837. The parents were both natives of Germany. They came to the United States in 1848, landing at New Orleans, then proceeding directly to Springfield, Ill., where the father died in 1855 and the mother in 1882. They had four daughters and one son, all of whom are living except the son, who died in February, 1858. One son and two daughters were born to Mr. Ott and his wife, namely: Mrs. Emma Erving, a widow, whose husband died in 1885, is a nurse in Kent, Ill.; John, a carpenter by trade; Elizabeth, wife of Elwell Jacobs, a Lutheran minister. Mrs. Ott has ten grandchildren.

OWENS, John William, for many years a fruit and truck farmer now living at Springfield, Ill., was born at Bryant, Fulton County, Ill., December 7, 1872, a son of Thomas J. and Vina (Barton) Owens, the father born at Akron, Ohio, August 30, 1849, and the mother at Muncie, Ind., February 28, 1851. Thomas J. Owens was a miner and farmer by occupation in early life, and in 1860 moved to Memphis, Mo., where for some years he lived on a farm. In 1869 he engaged in coal mining at Bryant, remaining there twelve years, then moving to Peoria, where he continued in that occupation. He subsequently returned to Bryant, but later removed to Lewistown and still later to Canton, and in 1898 to Norris, Ill. One year later he came to Springfield, where he has since lived. He and his wife were parents of twelve children, three of whom are now living: John W., Robert and Edwin.

Mr. Owens attended the district school, the Peoria schools and (one year) night school, and later took a course in the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pa., for Civil Service studies. He worked one year as clerk in a store at Farmington, Ill., at the same time attending night school there, then engaged in mining at Bryant for a time, then went to Lewiston in 1894 and, one year later, removed to St. Louis. In 1896 he located at St. David, and went from there to Canton, where he enlisted, May 1, 1898, in Company K, First Illinois Cavalry, being discharged March 1, 1899.

Mr. Owens was married in 1900, at Maples Mill, Ill., to Lulu C. Windsor, born at that place October 5, 1880, a daughter of James M. and Ella (Bordner) Windsor, the father, now deceased, born at Louisville, Ky., and the mother, born near Lewiston, Ill., but died at Maples Mill in 1883. Of the two children born to Mr. Windsor and wife Mrs. Owens was the younger and the other is now deceased.

After marriage Mr. Owens and wife went to Havana, Ill., where he operated a fruit and truck farm for ten years with excellent success. He sold his interests there in 1910 and purchased a city residence at Springfield, and he is now engaged in mining in the vicinity. He is an industrious and reliable citizen and has many personal frends. He is a Methodist in religious belief and politically is an Independent. He belongs to U. M. W. A. No. 2403. He and his wife have one child, Oscar J., born November 2, 1901. Their home is at 918 South Tenth Street.

In 1904 Mr. Owens was appointed on the police force at Canton, Ill., on which he served a considerable time. In 1910 he was a candidate for Commissioner, receiving a goodly number of votes.

OWENS, Thomas J.—The valuable mines in Springfield and vicinity have attracted there some of the most reliable men of Sangamon County, who are spending their days developing the vast resources of this particularly favored region of the State. Among these is Thomas J. Owens, born at Akron, Ohio, August 30, 1849, son of Evan and Margaret (Alexander) Owens, the former born in South Wales and the latter in Glasgow, Scotland. The father was a farmer and came to America in 1843, first settling in New York, where he worked on a farm three years. In 1846 he went to Akron, farming there until 1857. He is now residing at Billings, Mont. During the Civil War he served in the Fifty-third Missouri Volunteer Infantry, en-

listing in April, 1862, and participating in many important engagements. He was discharged in 1864. In politics he is a Republican and his church affiliations are with the Methodists. He belongs to the G. A. R. His children were as follows: Thomas J.; William, a miner at Fairview; Mattie, wife of William Miller, telegraph operator at Billings, Mont.; Maggie, wife of Joseph Moore, a farmer in Macon County, Mo.; Gilbert died at the age of one year; Rosie, who died in a hotel fire at Clarence, Mo., in 1874; Elizabeth died at the age of four years; Robert E. died at the age of three years; Ellen died at the age of two years; Edward was killed by a train, at Peoria, Ill., June 14, 1906; Maude, wife of Harry Spellman, of Peoria.

Thomas J. Owens had but limited educational advantages, which were confined to three terms in the school at Washington, Ind., night school. He worked for his father on a farm near Memphis, Scotland County, Mo., for eleven years. He then began coal mining and found it so profitable that he has followed this line of endeavor ever since. In 1900 he came to Springfield.

On November 23, 1871, Mr. Owens was married to Fanny Barton, born in Muncie, Ind., January 9, 1853, daughter of John and Luanda (Boswell) Barton, natives of Kokomo, Ind., and Kentucky. There were seven children in the Barton family: Annie, wife of Mahlon Peters; Millie, wife of Patrick Campbell; Mrs. Owens; Adaline, wife of James Paddock; Barbara; Teldon; Victoria, and John. Mr. and Mrs. Owens have had eleven children: John W., born January 17, 1873, married Lula Windsor and is a miner; Robert B., born November 21, 1881, is engaged in the concrete business; Edward E., born May 21, 1885, is an engineer; the rest are deceased. Mr. Owens is a member of the N. M. W. A. and politically is a Republican. He belongs to the Christian Church. His home is at No. 827 East Mason Street. A man who has spent his life in hard work, Mr. Owens has won and retains the confidence of all with whom he has been brought into contact, and is regarded as one of the reliable men in the city.

PADDOCK, James H., Secretary of the Illinois State Senate, 1911, has been continuously identified with this legislative body for a period covering forty-six years and has occuppied his present position since 1877. He was born at Lockport, Will County, Ill., May 29, 1850, and is a son of John W. and Helen Harvey (Tiffiny) Paddock, and a grandson of James Paddock.

It is not a difficult matter to trace the ancestry of a family that has been as prominent in different sections as has the Paddock family. Away back in the Plymouth Records, the founder of this family in America, Robert Paddock, was favorably mentioned in 1634. It is claimed that he came across the Atlantic Ocean on the Mayflower, when a minor, from County Kent, England, and that he was a nephew of William Bradford, who was the first Governor of Massachusetts. From and through Robert to Zachariah (1), to Zachariah (2), James H. Paddock traces his descent to Peter Paddock, who was his great-great-great-grandfather.

In 1740 Peter Paddock with three sons and their families, settled in Duchess County, New York, in what was known as the Oblong, a tract of land claimed by both Connecticut and New York and which was finally awarded to the latter State. Other Paddocks settled in Vermont and Rhode Island.

Jonathan Paddock, the great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, a son of Peter, was born in the town of Yarmouth, Barnstable County, Mass., in 1724. He was a prominent man in Duchess County both before and after the Revolutionary War, in which struggle he was Major of a regiment. His son, David Paddock, the great-grandfather of James H., subsequently moved to Kinderhook, N. Y., and in 1800 to Onondaga County, in the same State. In 1832 a large number of the family moved either to Joliet, Ill., or to Racine, Wis., where David Paddock died at the age of ninety-four years.

James Paddock, a son of David and grandfather of James H. Paddock, married Ann McClaughrey, and died in the fall of 1854, at Kankakee, Ill. John W. Paddock, the father of James H., was born February 14, 1815, in Onondaga County, N. Y., his grandfather David Paddock, having been a private in Captain Waterbury's company and Col. Ludington's regiment, was at the battle of Saratoga. John W. Paddock remained in New York after his father had moved to the West, in order to complete his education. Later he studied law and practiced in Will, Dupage, Kendall, Kankakee, Iroquois and Livingston Counties, Ill., from 1837 until 1861. At the outbreak of the Civil War he assisted materially in raising the Seventy-Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and had a surplus of four companies over and above the necessary number, and these he took as a nucleus for the One Hundred Thirteenth Illinois Volunteers, which was known as the Third Board of Trade Regiment. He served as Lieutenant Colonel of this regiment until his death, which occurred at Memphis, in August, 1863, from disease contracted during the siege of Vicksburg in the malarial regions on the Yazoo River. He was a brave man and his memory is preserved with those of other heroes of the Civil War.

John W. Paddock was married twice, first to a Miss Birch and they had two children: Emma, who is now deceased; and Henry, who was First Lieutenant of his company in the Civil War and is now a resident of Clio, Iowa. John W. Paddock was married second to Mrs. Helen Tiffiny, a widow, whose people, the Harveys and Ransoms, came from Massachusetts. Mrs. Paddock is now in her eighty-ninth year and resides at Kankakee, Ill. The following children were born to the second marriage: Helen,

who died in infancy; John W. and James H., twins, the former of whom died in infancy; Daniel H., who is deceased, was a prominent attorney of Kankakee, Ill.; Frances H., who is the wife of Duff Sherman, of Providence, R. I.; Lucia, who is the wife of W. W. Cobb, of Kankakee; J. W., who is an attorney at Kankakee, and Mary Ransom, a twin sister, who is the wife of George F. Lovell, who is connected with the paymaster's Department of the U. S. Army station at Chicago; Portio Sophia, who is unmarried; and Catherine Ann, who was drowned when about 22 years old.

James H. Paddock was educated in the public schools of Kankakee, Ill., to which place he was brought in 1853, when three years of age. At the age of fifteen years he started as a page in the Illinois State Senate, from 1867 until 1877 was Assistant Postmaster; was made Secretary of the State Senate in 1877; served as Secretary of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission from 1889 to 1893, and as member of the Board of Livestock Commission from 1893 to 1901.

On October 9, 1873, Mr. Paddock was married to Miss Mary L. Crawford, of Kankakee, formerly of Portland, Me., a daughter of Franklin and Frances (Daniels) Crawford, and they have two children: Harry W. and Frances. Harry W. Paddock was born April 6, 1875, at Kankakee, and is now a Tax Attorney of the Chicago Telephone Company, Chicago, Ill. He married Jessie Gilbert and they have one daughter, Mariana. Frances Paddock married George E. Keyes of Springfield, Ill., and they reside at Springfield, and have one son, George E., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Paddock are members of the Episcopal Church. He has been a lifelong Republican and is a member of the patriotic order of the Loyal Legion, of the Union League Club, Chicago, of the Illinois County Club, and the Sangamo Club, Springfield, Ill.

PAGE, Alonzo, who has lived retired for the past twenty years, was long actively engaged in farming in Sangamon County and is honored as a veteran of the Civil War. He now lives at No. 555 West Mason Street, Springfield, and has many friends and acquaintances in the city. He was born in Ohio, July 5, 1838, a son of Archless and Urany (Holmes) Page, the father a native of New York and the mother of Pennsylvania. The parents were married in the latter State and then located in Virginia. Later they moved to Ohio, lived there several years, and eventually came to Pontiac, Livingston County, Ill., the father purchasing 160 acres of land near there, upon which he lived until his death in 1867. He was a soldier in the Civil War, in which struggle he also had six sons at the same time, namely: Alonzo and John, in Company E, Fiftieth Ohio Infantry; Preston in the One Hundred Thirty-ninth Illinois; Lorenzo and William, in the One Hundred Twenty-sixth Ohio; and Henry in the Seventieth Ohio. The father had one brother, Ezekiel Page.

In boyhood Alonzo Page attended the public schools in Ohio and worked on his father's farm, where he remained until he was twenty-two years of age, at which time he enlisted in Company E, Fiftieth Ohio, under Capt. Guthrie, serving three years. They marched from Covington to Perryville, Ky., where they encountered the first battle, which lasted one day. They went to Knoxville, Tenn., built a fort and remained there one month, then moved on to Kingston, Ga., where they camped a short time, whence they moved on to Atlanta, and there took part in their second battle, which lasted one day. They soon afterward participated in their third battle, which was at Franklin, Tenn. Their next serious engagement was the Battle of Nashville, which lasted one day, soon afterward went to the city of Washington, D. C., and thence were ordered to Wilmington, N. C., where they camped a short time, after which they went to Raleigh and later to Salisbury in the same State. Mr. Page was mustered out at Salisbury, June 28, 1865, went to Baltimore, Md., and then on to Cleveland and thence to Camp Dennison, Ohio, where he received his final discharge. He was wounded at the battle of Perryville, the first serious engagement in which he participated. He returned to Fincastle, Brown County, Ohio, after leaving the army. He is now an active member of Stephenson Post G. A. R. No. 30, of Springfield. In politics he is a Republican. He came to Sangamon County in 1882 and engaged in farming, which was his occupation all his active life, but for the past twenty years has been retired. He well remembers Abraham Lincoln, for whom he voted twice, and the noted Mr. Douglas once made a speech in the rear of the house where Mr. Page now lives.

Mr. Page was married in Ohio in June, 1861, to Miss Margaret Cox, daughter of Elzy and Delila Cox, who came to the United States in early life. By this marriage Mr. Page had four children, namely: Cornelius; Noah, of Springfield; Urany, wife of Frank Miller, a painter living in Springfield; William M., a teamster. He also has seven grandchildren. Mr. Page was married (second) April 9, 1901, to Mrs. Margaret (Purnell) Morris, born January 6, 1845, a daughter of John and Sally Ann Purnell, natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Page's father came to Rochester, Ill., and died July 29, 1892, and her mother died January 16, 1892. By her first husband, Mrs. Page had eleven children, of whom three are living, namely: William E. Morris, of Sangamon County; Norah Willeto Courtney, wife of Andrew Courtney, a farmer; Margaret, wife of Brocksen Page, employed at the Illinois Watch Factory. Mrs. Page had eight grandchildren, of whom five are now living. Mr. Page has one great-grandchild.

PAGE, John A., a veteran of the Civil War and a prominent citizen of Woodside Township, Sangamon County, was born in Woburn, Mass., March 14, 1841, son of John O. and Elizabeth (Finnegan) Page, the former born at London-

derry, N. H., and the latter in Limerick, Ireland. The father, who was a tanner and shoe manufacturer, moved from his native state to Massachusetts, where he carried on his two lines of work until his death, in 1880. He had five sons and three daughters, and one child survives besides John A., Oliver H., living in Montreal, Canada. The mother's parents died in Ireland and she came to America on a sailing vessel when a girl with a family, every member of which perished on the way over, leaving her a stranger in a strange land. John O. Page's father was a "Minute Man" in the Revolution.

The childhood of John A. Page was passed in his native State, where he received his education. In youth he worked in his father's tannery. As a boy he ran away to sea and was shipwrecked off the coast of Newfoundland. When he was seventeen years of age he went to Lawrence, Mass., where he spent three years. In 1861 he enlisted as a member of the State Militia of Massachusetts, and in the month of April of that year became a member of Company I, Sixth Massachusetts, for three months, at the end of his term re-enlisting in the Fourth Massachusetts Battery, of which Ben Butler was Brigadier-General, as it was part of the New England Division. Mr. Page became Corporal and later Second Lieutenant, finishing his term in March, 1864, when he resigned.

After the war Mr. Page came to Illinois, settling in Sumner Township, Kankakee County, where he purchased a farm and conducted it two years, then went to Chicago and became shipping clerk for Wall Brothers & Lighthall, of Ainsworth Station, now South Chicago. About 1867 he came to Braidwood and lived in that village about thirteen years, conducting a grocery and bakery business part of this time. He then moved to Springfield, where for twenty years he conducted a dairy business. Since about 1898 he has been engaged in farming and gardening, in which line of work he has been very successful. He lives at the place he first occupied on coming to Springfield and owns sixteen acres of fertile and well cultivated land in Woodside Township.

Mr. Page is member of Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., of Springfield. He was elected School Director in 1880 and served one term. He is a devout member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and active in its support. He is well known in his community and popular with his many friends. He has established himself in the esteem and respect of all and has an excellent reputation.

Mr. Page was married (first) in Lawrence, Mass., in 1861, to Nellie Gray, a native of Massachusetts, who died in 1872, and to this union three daughters and one son were born. The son is deceased and of the daughters: Annie, wife of Nick Rodenes, lives in Springfield; Mrs. Nellie Snyders lives in Kansas City, and the third lives in Richmond, Va. Mr. Page was married (second) in September, 1874, in Joliet, Ill., to Alice DeMars, who was born near Montreal, Canada, in 1841 and came with her parents to Kankakee, Ill. Her father was a farmer and spent his last days in Illinois, as did his wife. They were Canadian-French. Of the five children born to Mr. Page by his second marriage four are living: Edna, widow of Harry Walsh, lives in Springfield; Edgar, living in Bloomington, Ill.; Christopher, lives with his father; Grace, wife of James Ostenbury, living on a farm near Springfield. There are seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild in the family.

PAHNKE, Bernhard (deceased).—Col. Roosevelt, in his late speech in Berlin, stated in effect that Germany had given to America much that was good, and that no country dominated by such virtues as are taught in Germany, could fail to prosper. His views are heartily endorsed by all who have been brought into association with German-Americans, especially those who located in Springfield, where they are always found laboring for good government, excellent schools, and law and order. The late Bernhard Pahnke was one of the best examples of sturdy German manhood that has ever located in Sangamon County. He was born in Prussia, Germany, June 16, 1860, and although taken away in the prime of life, managed to accomplish much. His parents were natives of Germany, where they engaged in farming.

In 1885 Mr. Pahnke came to the United States and to St. Louis, and thence to Springfield, which remained his home until his demise, June 26, 1901. He remained with his parents while living in Germany, and with them farmed, but upon locating in Springfield embarked in a cement business, which occupied him until his death. He never joined any fraternal organizations or took part in public affairs, devoting himself to his family and business matters, although he voted with the Democratic party.

Mr. Pahnke was married in Cleveland, Ohio, to Minnie Hoffe, born in Prussia, Germany, October 20, 1866, a daughter of Charles and Lena Hoffe, also natives of Germany. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pahnke: Charlie L., born January 26, 1889; Gustava, born October 4, 1893; John, born October 8, 1895; and Clara, born January 18, 1898. Mrs. Pahnke resides at No. 1520, East Adams Street, Springfield.

PALMER, George Thomas, M. D.—That the professional man, in spite of the exactions of his calling, may prove himself of inestimable worth to the community in which he resides, by taking an active part in its civic betterment, is demonstrated in the experience of Dr. George Thomas Palmer, to whom belongs the credit of having placed the health department of the city of Springfield upon a sound and efficient basis. Dr. Palmer was born here March 7, 1875, being the son of John Mayo and Ellen Clark (Robertson) Palmer, and grandson of Senator John M.

Palmer. The latter, who became one of Illinois most eminent men, was born in Scott County, Kentucky, but came to Illinois, where he was educated in Shurtleff College. At the beginning of the Civil War, he was made Colonel of the Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Regiment; later becoming Major-General in charge of the Fourteenth Army Corps. Still later, he was made Military Governor of Kentucky, and directed the affairs of that Commonwealth as only a man of his unusual executive ability could have done. His incumbency of the gubernatorial chair of Illinois, to which he was elected on the Republican ticket, was marked by a brilliant and forceful administration, and he was equally valuable in the United States Senate. His election as Senator was made on the Democratic platform, but during the money troubles and free silver agitation, he cast his influence with the Gold Democrats, and ran on the ticket of that party for President. Dr. Palmer was equally fortunate in his maternal grandfather, Dr. William A. Robertson, who was a well-known student, physician and philanthropist of Carlinville, Illinois. An enduring monument to his memory exists in Robertson Hall of Blackburn College, which he built.

John Mayo Palmer, father of Dr. Palmer, was born in Carlinville, Illinois, March 10, 1848, and his wife was born in the same place. Mr. Palmer attended Blackburn College and was graduated from the Harvard Law School with the degree of LL. B. For many years he was engaged in the practice of law with his father and the late William E. Shutt, but in 1888, he went to Tacoma, Washington, later to remove to Chicago, where he formed a partnership with ex-United States Senator James R. Doolittle, of Wisconsin, and Edgar B. Tolman, under the firm name of Doolittle, Palmer & Tolman. So distinguished was his career in Chicago, that he was made Corporation Counsel of Chicago under Mayor John P. Hopkins. Mr. Palmer, who was recognized by his colleagues as one of the most brilliant student lawyers of the State, died at Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1904.

Dr. Palmer passed his boyhood in Springfield and in the State of Washington, attending successively the public schools of Springfield, Wyman Institute at Upper Alton, Illinois, and Washington College, at Tacoma, Washington. In 1898, he was graduated from the Medical Department of the Northwestern University. While still a boy in Springfield, he edited an amateur paper, a paper at Wyman Institute, now the Western Military Academy; was editor of the first school paper in the State of Washington, and has always retained his interest in literary and journalistic work. In connection with his brother, Robertson Palmer, and Herbert S. Hadley, now Governor of Missouri, he managed the Northwestern Law Review, and later became the first manager of the Bulletin of the Northwestern University Medical School. For eight years, he was editor and publisher of The Chicago Clinic, having associated with him Dr. Marcus P. Hatfield, Professor of Pediatrics in the Medical Department of the University of Illinois, and in the Chicago Clinical School.

On leaving medical school, Dr. Palmer engaged in the practice of medicine in Chicago, and, serving under Dr. Marcus P. Hatfield, became instructor in the disease of children in the Chicago Clinical School and founder of the Trinity Diet Kitchen for Infants, the first milk charity for infants to be established in the West. In 1903, he was made assistant secretary of the Illinois State Board of Health and upon his appointment to that office, he returned to Springfield. In 1905, Dr. Palmer rendered valuable service when in charge of the yellow fever quarantine at Cairo, but his desire to resume his professional work, brought about his resignation in 1907, and he entered the private practice in Springfield. In 1909, his public health service received public recognition and he was appointed head of the Health Department by Mayor John S. Schnepp, which office he now holds. During his administration, he has succeeded in completely reorganizing the department and placing it in a position of efficiency said to be second to none other in the State, and with all of the improvement in public service, the expenditures of the office were reduced almost $3,000 during the first year. He is now Trustee of the Orphanage of the Holy Child; Director and First Vice-President of the Illini Country Club, and is physician to the Springfield Hospital, the Old Ladies' Home for the Friendless. He has served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Sangamon County Medical Society and belongs to the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Chicago Medical Society, the Chicago Pediatric Society and the American Medical Editors' Association. He is a very prominent member of Christ Episcopal Church and is a member of the vestry of that organization.

Dr. Palmer is also a member of the committee chosen by the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute to organize a state-wide crusade against tuberculosis, and is Chairman of the Committee on Public Hygiene of the Illinois State Conference of Charities and Corrections.

On June 22, 1898, Dr. Palmer was married at Alton, to Maude Gregg. Mrs. Palmer has been exceedingly active in civic and philanthropic work in Springfield, serving as President of the Springfield Woman's Club for the year 1909-1910.

PALMER, John McAuley, former soldier, Governor and United States Senator, was born in Scott County, Ky., September 13, 1817, the son of Louis D. and Ann Hansford (Tutt) Palmer, the former born in Northumberland County, Va., June 3, 1781, and the latter in Culpeper County, same State. Louis D. Palmer was the third son of Isaac and Ann (McAuley) Palmer, both natives of Northumberland County, the former born November 1, and the latter in April, 1747, both of whom died in Christian County, Ky., within a few months of each other, being then the oldest

persons in that portion of the State. The maternal grandparents, Louis and Isabella (Yancey) Tutt, were born about the year 1750, their ancestors being early settlers of Virginia, the Tutts from England and the Yanceys from Wales. The grandfather Palmer was a soldier of the Revolution, being enrolled as a "minute man" and the receiver of a pension in his later years.

In 1818, Mr. Palmer's parents removed to Christian County, Ky., where the family remained until 1831, and where the children received their rudimentary education, one of their early teachers being Isaac Boone, a relative of the famous Kentucky pioneer and explorer, Daniel Boone. In the year last named, the parents removed to Illinois, settling in Paddock's Prairie in the northern part of Madison County, about ten miles northeast of Alton, where the father built a log house in which the family lived during the first year. The son John remained in Kentucky with his grandparents for the first few months, but in October following joined his parents, crossing the Ohio River at Ford's Ferry, and proceeding through Illinois by way of Equality, Mt. Vernon and Carlyle to Edwardsville, some eight miles northwest of which his parents had located. The youthful immigrant always retained a vivid recollection of this journey through Southern Illinois, especially of his first sight of a prairie landscape in the vicinity of McLeansboro, Hamilton County, and which grew in interest as he advanced northward. The Kentucky home being in the southern part of that State, during a period of much agitation on questions affecting land titles and the interpretation of conflicting laws, as well as at a time when the slavery issue was of growing interest, the impressions there received undoubtedly exerted a deep influence upon the mind of the future citizen of Illinois.

The first summer after arriving in Illinois was spent with his father in working on the new farm, during a part of the time being engaged in driving a team of four yoke of oxen, breaking the prairie sod with a twenty-four-inch plow. During one winter he and a younger brother devoted their time to cutting saw-logs on government land, thereby earning forty-eight dollars, to which their father added two dollars more, with expenses in reaching the Government Land Office, enabling John M. to purchase forty acres of land in his own name, which later was deeded to the father. An accident which occurred about this time in the summer of 1834, is thus described in the "Autobiography of John M. Palmer" as published in "The Bench and Bar of Illinois," issued under the editorship of Gen. Palmer in 1899:

"One evening, while my father and self and younger brothers were discussing the subject of education and matters of that kind, my father said to me, in reply to some expression of a wish to obtain a good education: 'Very well, sir, you owe me four years of service yet; I will give you that; go and get an education.' I looked at him with an expression of surprise, no doubt, and asked in an excited, trembling voice, 'When may I go, sir?' He seemed amused and said, 'Tomorrow morning, if you like.' I remember that I left the room to conceal my feelings. After recovering my composure, I returned to the room where my father was seated and sat for some time in silence, when he said with signs of emotion, 'I have no money to expend for your education, but a healthy boy, as you are, needs no help; you may go tomorrow morning. I give you your time. Do not disgrace me. May God bless you!'"

That this incident proved the starting point in the new career of the future lawyer, soldier and statesman, who, as he says in his autobiography, "had looked forward to the independence of manhood with the eagerness of hope," and "had reveled in dreams of results to be accomplished," is shown by the fact that, after an early breakfast the next morning, starting out on foot, without money and without extra clothes, but—as he again expresses it—"with my newly acquired fortune, 'my time,' with all of its hopes and possibilities," the afternoon found him in Upper Alton, where recently had been established a manual-labor school, which later became the nucleus of Shurtleff College. Here he immediately found employent in making and carrying mortar for a man engaged in plastering a house, thus earning enough money to pay his board, purchase some clothes and finally enabling him, with a surplus of five dollars, to enter college. For a while he paid his board by working on Saturdays, later in company with an older brother, earning some money by clearing a street of timber between Upper Alton and Middletown, a village between Upper and Lower Alton.

Fired by zeal for the independence of Texas from Mexico, in the summer of 1835 he enlisted in a band of "Revolutionists," but while on the way to take passage on a boat down the Mississippi, was fortunately prevented from carrying out this plan by a demand made upon him for the payment of a small debt incurred in the purchase of some clothes. His vacations were occupied in various kinds of employment, at one time (1838) being engaged in the peddling of clocks for a Connecticut firm. It was during this period, while in Hancock County, he met for the first time Stephen A. Douglas, who was then conducting an unsuccessful campaign for Congress against the late John T. Stuart of Springfield.

In the winter of 1838-39 he taught a three-months' school near Canton, Fulton County, and while thus employed began reading law, thus marking a new step in his career. In March following, after visiting his father, he went to Carlinville, where his older brother, Elihu, was pastor of a Baptist church, and there entered the office of John S. Greathouse as a student of law. Regarding this period (again quoting from his autobiography) Gen. Palmer says: "I was aided in my studies by that great promoter of diligence, poverty." His admittance to the

bar took place December 11, 1839, when he made a trip to Springfield for this purpose in company with his preceptor, Mr. Greathouse, there taking an examination by Stephen A. Douglas and J. Young Scammon, and receiving his license from Judges Lockwood and Browne of the Supreme Court. While during a period of nearly sixty years, Gen. Palmer enjoyed an extensive practice which brought him in close contact with the most distinguished members of the bar and jurists of Illinois, including such names as Abraham Lincoln, O. H. Browning, Stephen T. Logan, John T. Stuart, Milton Hay, and Judges Lockwood, Reynolds, Breese, David Davis, and many others, it is nevertheless his public and official life that will be of especial interest in this connection.

While still a student at law in 1838 he was an unsuccessful candidate for County Clerk of Macoupin County, but in 1843 was elected Probate Justice of the Peace, serving in that capacity until 1847, when he was chosen Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of that year, serving in that body as a member of the Committee on Education. During the same year he failed of reelection as Probate Justice, but in May, 1848, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of his predecessor, and in November following was elected County Judge under the new Constitution which he had assisted in framing. In 1852 he came into greater prominence by election without opposition as State Senator to fill a vacancy, his political associations up to this time having been with the Democratic party. On the adoption by Congress in May, 1854, of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, he took a pronounced attitude in opposition to that measure; in November of that year was reelected Senator for a full term as an Anti-Nebraska Democrat, and during the next session of the his first term to the United States Senate. In Legislature (1855) bore a prominent part in securing the election of Lyman Trumbull for 1856 he resigned his seat in the Senate and, on May 29th of that year, served as President of the State Convention held at Bloomington, which marked the organization of the Republican party in Illinois. This event was commemorated by a reunion of surviving members of that convention and citizens of the State, held at Bloomington, May 29, 1900—only a few months before Gen. Palmer's decease—in which he took a deep interest, delivering one of the principal addresses on that occasion.

In 1859 Gen. Palmer was a candidate for Congress, but as the outcome of a vigorous campaign in a strongly Democratic district, was defeated by John A. McClernand, the Democratic nominee. In 1860, however, he was chosen Presidential Elector for the State-at-large on the Republican ticket, casting his vote in the Electoral College for Mr. Lincoln.

Chronologically this brings us to the war period, in which Gen. Palmer bore a conspicuous part. After serving as a member from Illinois of the Peace Conference which assembled in Washington on February 4, 1861, by invitation of the State of Virginia, in the hope of solving the issues presented by the secession movement—but which resulted in total failure—on May 9th following he was elected Colonel of the Fourteenth Illinois, organized at Jacksonville, this being the second Illinois regiment organized under President Lincoln's second call. A few months later he was promoted to Brigadier-General and, on November 29, 1862, to Major-General, serving until September 1, 1866, and taking part in some of the most notable battles of the war, including those of Stone River and Chickamauga. Not the least important part of his service, however, was rendered as Commander of the Department of Kentucky, to which he was assigned by order of President Lincoln in January, 1865, in which, during the last year of the war and the reconstruction period, he had to deal with a number of questions arousing the animosity of the civil authorities of Kentucky, and resulting in indictments for alleged violation of State law. In all of these he showed his courage and independence, as well as his determination to protect the rights of the colored classes. Most of these issues were solved, however, by the final adoption of the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery in all the States. During the latter part of his service he met Gen. Grant in Washington who offered to recommend his appointment to a position in the regular army, which he declined.

Returning to his home in Carlinville after retirement from the army, he soon after entered into partnership for the practice of his profession with the late Milton Hay of Springfield, removing to that city in April, 1867, which continued to be his home for the rest of his life. In November, 1868, he was the Republican candidate for Governor, receiving a majority of 50,099 over J. R. Eden, his Democratic opponent. During his administration he again illustrated his independence by vetoing probably a larger number of bills than any of his predecessors—according to his own statement, the number amounting to 112. The reasons generally given were bad policy, injustice or violation of the Constitution, and, in many cases, where bills were finally passed over his veto, his position was sustained by decisions of the Supreme Court.

In 1872 Gen. Palmer was one of a large number of previous members of the Republican party in Illinois who supported the nomination of Horace Greeley for President on what was called the Liberal Republican Platform, and later acted in cooperation with the Democratic party. In 1888 he received the Democratic nomination for Governor as the opponent of Hon. Joseph W. Fifer, but was defeated. Two years later (1890) he was nominated by the Democratic State Convention for United States Senator, and after a sharp struggle in the session of the Legislature which followed—and in which three Farmers Alliance members held

the balance of power—on the 154th ballot he was elected as successor of Charles B. Farwell. The first joint ballot was taken January 20th and the last March 11th, Gen. Palmer then receiving 103 votes to 101 for Cicero J. Lindley and one for Alson J. Streeter.

In 1896 Gen. Palmer received the vote of the "Sound Money" branch of the Democratic party for the Presidency, and while he failed to win a vote in the Electoral College, his devotion to sound money principles was widely recognized. Retiring from his seat in the United States Senate in 1897, he resumed his law practice as head of the firm of Palmer, Shutt & Lester, but in declining health of his later years, devoted his last labors to the preparation of his "Story of an Earnest Life," which was completed a few weeks before his death.

Gen. Palmer was married (first) on December 20, 1842, to Miss Malinda Ann Neeley, with whom he spent the first year of their married life in a log house on the present site of the court house in the city of Carlinville. Mrs. Palmer died May 9, 1885, having borne her husband ten children of whom the three following survive: Elizabeth, widow of Dr. John Pitt Matthews, of Carlinville, Ill.; Harriet, wife of E. G. Crabb, of Corpus Christi, Tex.; and Jessie Palmer Weber, Librarian of the State Historical Library. John Mayo Palmer, his eldest son, was his law partner and was with him during the Civil War.

April 4, 1888, the General married as his second wife, Mrs. Hannah M. Kimball, a daughter of James L. Lamb, a former prominent citizen and business man of Springfield. The General's death occurred at his home in the city of Springfield, September 25, 1900, his second wife still surviving him. Mr. Palmer was a member of the Baptist church.

Besides the last address of his life delivered at Bloomington, on May 29, 1900, in celebration of the forty-fourth anniversary of the convention held in that city for the organization of the Republican party in Illinois in May, 1856, other memorable speeches and addresses of Gen. Palmer's later life included a speech before colored citizens on the seventh anniversary of the issue of Mr. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation; an address, May 31, 1871, on the reinterment of Gov. Bissell's remains in Oak Ridge Cemetery; the welcome to Gen. Grant, May 5, 1880; a speech in the Hall of Representatives in honor of Gen. John A. Logan, in February, 1887; an address at Snodgrass Hill on dedication of Chickamauga Park, September 19, 1895; and an oration delivered at Galesburg, October 7, 1896, on the thirty-eighth anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas debate in that city. A zealous supporter of the doctrine of "State Rights," he was always an earnest advocate of the rights of the citizen without regard to "race, color or previous condition of servitude."

PALMER, (Gen.) John McAuley. (Vol. I, p. 412.)

PALMER, Mrs. John M.—The lives of all great men are largely formed by their mothers and wives. Too much credit cannot be given to the women who, remaining in the shelter of their homes, exert the most powerful influence in the world, ever pointing upward and onward. The majority of our great statesmen frankly admit their debt of gratitude to the women of their family, and Mrs. John M. Palmer, widow of the distinguished statesman for many years Senator from Illinois, is one who always inspired her husband to deeds that resulted in good to his country and distinction to himself and family.

Mrs. Palmer was born in Springfield, Ill., July 6, 1838, and is one of the most eminent of its daughters. She is a daughter of the late James L. and Susan H. (Cranmer) Lamb. Mr. Lamb was born in Pennsylvania in November 1800, while his wife was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in August, 1803. He was a prominent man, engaging in large enterprises as a merchant and packer, and he left a comfortable fortune at his demise.

The educational advantages enjoyed by Mrs. Palmer were secured at Monticello Seminary, at Godfrey, Ill., where she was a favorite with teachers and classmates alike, and from which she returned home to become, on June 18, 1862, the bride of Legh R. Kimball. For three years she made him an excellent wife, and mourned his death May 30, 1865. Meanwhile John M. Palmer was playing an important part in Illinois affairs. He had been Governor of the great commonwealth and Mrs. Kimball learned to esteem the great statesman. When both were deprived by death of those they had selected as life partners, the distinguished man and the charming widow were mutually attracted, and their admiration for each other resulted in their marriage, April 4, 1888. From then on Mrs. Palmer was her husband's constant inspiration. During the time he was Senator she graced Washington society and she sustained him during his campaign for the Presidency. During his last days she was his comfort and delight, and when he died, September 25, 1900, it was in their beautiful home in Springfield, which her loving care had made so pleasant for him. She now resides at 1104 South Sixth Street, sustained by her memories of him and his devotion to her.

Mrs. Palmer is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, in which she has long been an active worker, and she is loved for her sympathetic nature, as well as for her many graces of character, her wide experience and her knowledge of men and events. The people of Springfield are proud of her and her long associations with the capital city where she was born and which has ever been her home.

PANGLE, Sylvester.—Many of the farmers of today are specializing in gardening, having proven that this branch of agricultural industry is one productive of satisfactory results. San-

gamon County land is so fertile and valuable that much of it is divided up into small tracts, which are devoted to the growing of small fruits and vegetables. One of the men who is successfully engaged in this line of work is Sylvester Pangle of Woodside Township, owner of eleven acres of as good land as can be found in the entire county. He was born in Bates County, Mo., December 14, 1857, a son of Joseph K. and Sarah (Robertson) Pangle, natives of Virginia and Effingham County, Ill., respectively.

Joseph K. Pangle, who was a cabinet-maker by trade, migrated to Illinois at a very early day, settling near Springfield. Later the family moved to Bates County, Mo., where the father continued working at his trade, and manufactured some fine handmade furniture. Owing to the disturbances occasioned by the war, the family returned to Illinois, settling in Effingham County, where the father lived for twenty-five years, at the expiration of which period he moved to Springfield, and there his death occurred. There were seven children in his family, four of whom survive: McClelland, a tile manufacturer, resides in Sangamon County; Mrs. W. Y. Sanford, lives in Danville, Ill., her husband being connected with the Frank Sanford Furniture Company; Mrs. George Summersgill, whose husband is also connected with the above mentioned concern, and Sylvester.

Sylvester Pangle first attended school at Altamont, Effingham County, and finished his education in that place. During the life of his parents Mr. Pangle devoted himself to their care, his father surviving until he was seventy-six years of age, passing away in 1892. The mother survived him until 1905, when she died, being then also seventy-six. This good son, during all these years, did some farming and gardening, and clerked in a store for a time. His knowledge of his work was thorough, and he felt that in gardening he could obtain the best results. In 1904, he came to Woodside Township, where he bought his present home, and proceeded to develop it until he now has an estate of which he may well be proud. It has been his practice to work along scientific lines, using improved machinery, and enriching his land so as to produce the best results. His products are of so superior a class that he secures the highest prices for them, shipping to distant markets.

The marriage of Mr. Pangle occurred in Springfield April 9, 1902, when he was united with Mrs. Susie (Childers) Hughey born in Auburn Township, Sangamon County. Later her folks moved to Curran Township, where she resided until her marriage. She was a daughter of William and Mirilda (Deper) Childers. They were natives of Tennessee and Chatham Township, Sangamon County. They resided in Chatham Township where he farmed until his death June 11, 1910. Mrs. Childers is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Pangle. Her parents were settlers of that locality, and highly respected in their neighborhood. No children have been born of this marriage.

Mrs. Pangle is a consistent member of the Seventh Day Adventists Church and a most charitable lady, who presides with dignity and housewifely skill over her household. Mr. Pangle is a Democrat, but has never been willing to give his name for use on the party ticket. Absorbed in his work, he has no time for public matters, aside from voting for the men he believes will produce the best results. He and his wife have many friends in their neighborhood, and his business associates esteem Mr. Pangle highly because of his honorable dealings and strict adherence to the letter of any agreement into which he may enter.

PAPE, Charles Henry, a highly esteemed farmer of Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, Ill., is a self-made man and has been very successful in his operations. He was born in the Province of Westphalia, Prussia, Germany, February 2, 1840, son of Charles H. and Caroline Pape, both natives of that country, who came to the United States in 1848 and subsequently settled in Monroe County, Ill., where both died. The grandparents all died in Germany. Charles Henry Pape was eight years of age when his parents came to America and he was reared by his mother's brother in Germany, where he received his education. At the age of eighteen years he came to America and spent three years with his parents in Monroe County, then removed to St. Louis, where he obtained employment as fireman for a railroad company. He spent twenty-two years in this line, being promoted to the position of engineer. About 1883 he came to Sangamon County and engaged in farming and later came to his present home. He was always fond of outdoor life and has been successful as a farmer. He owns eighty-three acres of land, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, and still is active in carrying on his farm, although he has reached the age where many men retire.

Mr. Pape has been twice married, (first) in St. Louis, to Lizzie White, who died in that city in 1865, having had three children: Charles, married Rose Rape, and they have three children—Lena, August and Adda; William, married Pet Barker and they have seven children—Earl, Harry, Jessie, Virgil, Dee, Harley and Annie; Lizzie, married John Haines and they have five children—Verne, Goldie, Grace, Viola, Clara and Virgil. Mr. Pape's second marriage took place August 30, 1874, when he was united with Antoinette Theresa Vogel, a native of St. Louis, and they became parents of children as follows: Louisa, born June 7, 1875, married Tom Funderburk, and they have four children—Ray, Carrie, Glenn and Wiley; Henry, born April 26, 1877, married Kate Jones and they have three children—Lewis, George and May; Emma, born September 4, 1879, married Bert Delay, and they have three children—Cecil, Gladys and Ross; Clemmon O., born May 21, 1882, at home; Otto, born October 18, 1885, married Bertha Boardman, and they have one child, Gordon; Clara, born February

28, 1891, at home; three children died in infancy. The oldest son, Charles, is a grandfather, as his daughter Lena is married and has three children, making Charles H. Pape a great-grandfather, in which fact he takes great pride. He and his wife have given their children the best educational advantages within their power.

Mr. Pape and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church but most of the children have joined the Methodist Church. He is a Democrat in general politics, but votes for the principle rather than for party. While living in Montgomery County he served as Road Commissioner, otherwise he has taken little part in public affairs. He is a member of the Masonic Order and of the Botherhood of Engineers. He is genial and pleasant in manner and has formed many warm friendships since coming to Sangamon County, being recognized as a man of upright character and true worth.

PARK, George W.—Sangamon County is noted for its men who have a thorough knowledge of agricultural methods and the science of breeding stock. Probably the conditions in this part of the State are as nearly ideal as anywhere to be found for the successful raising of great crops of grain, and the fertile pasture land is especially adapted to the needs of the stockraiser. George W. Park, a leading agriculturist and stockman of Sangamon County, who is carrying on operations on Section 8, Maxwell Township, was born August 4, 1873, a son of Thomas N. and Sarah E. (Franklin) Park.

Thomas N. Park was born in Sangamon County, Ill., February 16, 1831, on the farm of his father, James Park, on Lick Creek, where the latter had settled on coming from Kentucky, and entered a large tract of land. Thomas N. Park was a member of a family of fourteen children, of whom Sarah J., born July 21, 1821, married D. Gibson, and died August 8, 1889; John G., born July 7, 1822, is a farmer in Maxwell Township; Harriet A., born September 12, 1823, married Allen Short, and died June 6, 1900; Robert M., born December 13, 1824, resides with his daughter near Decatur, Ill.; Mary L., born December 25, 1825, married Frank George, deceased, and now resides in Edinburg, Christian County; Elizabeth H., born February 10, 1827, is the widow of William Morris and resides in Loami, and Julia A., born April 17, 1829, married Joseph Riggs (now deceased), and moved to McDonough County, where she reared a large family and died February 2, 1900.

Thomas N. Park started out on his own account early in life, engaging as clerk in a store at Loami, and later in Iowa, in fact turning his hand to any honest labor that presented itself. Finally, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which almost all of his life was spent, and his perseverance, his hard, unremitting toil and his thorough knowledge of agricultural conditions enabled him to acquire a tract of 500 acres of some of the finest farming land in Sangamon County. Prior to his death, which occurred July 6, 1910, Mr. Park gave to each of his children a comfortable home and provided for their welfare.

Thomas N. Park was married three times, his first wife being Margaret Fowler, whom he married March 17, 1855, and who died November 20, 1859. She was born May 3, 1836, and bore her husband two children: James and Alice, both of whom died in infancy. On December 26, 1861, Mr. Park was united in marriage, with Miss Sarah Y. Hudson, who was born February 9, 1844, and who died January 23, 1869, having been the mother of two children, namely: Luvena, born April 1, 1864, who married D. C. Franklin, a farmer of Maxwell Township, and Mary, born February 13, 1867, who died during July of the same year. The third marriage of Thomas N. Park was to Sarah E. Franklin, who was born near Edinburg, Christian County, Ill., November 4, 1848, a daughter of William Franklin. She was married to Mr. Park in October, 1871, and was the mother of two children: George W. and Thomas Elmer, and died July 30, 1900. In early life she was a member of the Christian Church, but on coming to this location there being no church of that denomination, she united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and died in that faith.

Thomas N. Park was a man of the highest integrity and the strictest honesty. Plain and outspoken and well versed in the topics and happenings of his day, he was fair in all matters and was ever ready to hear another's side of an argument. These characteristics were recognized by his fellow-townsmen as just the sort of attributes needed in the man to represent them as Justice of the Peace, and during his twelve years in that office no decision handed down by him was ever reversed by the higher courts. In addition he served as Supervisor of the township for many years as well as Assessor until he refused to accept another nomination, and in every office in which he served he showed that he was there in the interests of the people and not trying to further his own political aspirations. His political faith was that of the Republican party. Mr. Park was a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and when it came to the union between the Cumberland and the Presbyterian Church he was outspoken in his arguments against such a movement, the idea being repulsive to him that the church in which he had been baptized and in whose service he had spent a long life should be taken over by another body. His death was a severe loss to the community in which he had resided so long, and it will be a long time before another can be found to take his place.

George W. Park was born on the farm and his youth was spent there, his education being secured in the district schools and the Spring-

field Commercial College, where he took a commercial course. With the exception of these three months spent in Springfield, Mr. Park has always lived on the farm, and his occupations of stockraising and agriculture have been uniformly successful. Like his father he has been a stanch Republican, and has served creditably as Justice of the Peace. He is socially connected with the Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 881 of New Berlin, and the Loami Lodge No. 848, Modern Woodmen of America. With his wife he attends the Cumberland Church.

On October 17, 1894, Mr. Park was married to Josie E. Brockelsby, who died February 22, 1898, having had one daughter, Lutie Merle, born January 14, 1896, residing at home. Mr. Park was married (second) October 11, 1900, to Miss Amy E. Reynolds, who was born in Sangamon County, Ill., a daughter of Edward and Harriet (Brewer) Reynolds, farming people of Sangamon County, who went to Cottonwood County, Minn., and in 1899 to Douglas County, Ill., where he now resides. To this union there has been born one son, Lester W., born September 6, 1901.

PARKER, Charles Allen.—Among the pioneers of 1852 will be found the name of Charles Allen Parker, now a resident of Section 35, Cartwright Township, whose efforts in behalf of Sangamon County entitle him to a record in a work of this character. Mr. Parker was born in Robinson County, Tenn., November 13, 1847, he being a son of Jesse S. and Elizabeth (Clinard) Parker. Both parents were probably born in Robinson County, Tenn. In 1852, they came to Sangamon County, renting land from Peter Cartwright, in the township of that name. After several changes, these parents finally bought land about 1860, near Tallula, in Menard County, there developing eighty acres. Several years later this was sold, and Mr. Parker bought the farm now owned by Frank Scott in Cartwright Township. About 1870 he settled upon it, and made it his home until his death in 1884. His widow survived him until 1887, when she, too, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George M. Renshaw. Mrs. Parker was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but her husband was not connected with any religious denomination. In politics he was a Whig, and later a Republican. They had eleven children, six sons and five daughters, five now survive. Those deceased are: George, Susan, Mary Jane, William, and Matilda F. Those living are: Rosa Catherine, Sarah T., Richard and Charles Allen.

Charles Allen was but five years old when the family came to Sangamon County and he grew up in this locality and in Menard County, remaining with his father until he was twenty-eight years old. On May 7, 1876, he was united in marriage with Sarah E. Batterton, born in Sangamon County, March 14, 1850, daughter of William and Eliza (Gaines) Batterton. The father was born in Adair County, Va., but was brought to this county by his parents during pioneer days. His wife was born in Kentucky. The death of Mr. Batterton occurred about 1895, when he was eighty-nine years old, while his wife passed away about 1900, aged eighty-nine years. They had ten children, eight of whom survive: Madison, Richard, Amy, Robert, Henry Clay, Mildred, Maria, Sarah E., Charlotte and George William.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Parker spent a year on the family homestead, then went to Salisbury Township. In 1882, they moved onto a farm in Menard County. In 1886, he bought thirty-five acres on Section 35, Cartwright Township. After improving this property, he added to his holdings until he now owns ninety acres, all in good condition, and here the two children have been born. These children are: Grace, born March 1, 1883, a young lady of remarkable musical talent, which has been carefully cultivated until she is now one of the most successful teachers of instrumental music in this township; and Perry Noel, born August 12, 1885, assisting his father in the farm work.

An enthusiastic member of the Baptist Church, Mr. Parker is appreciated in his congregation. Always a strong Republican, he supports the candidates of his party without ever deviating from the straight ticket. Fraternally he belongs to the Court of Honor. A good business man and farmer, Mr. Parker has steadily forged ahead, gradually bettering his condition through hard work, and his success is certainly well merited.

PARKER, James.—The Irish possess so many excellent qualities that they are welcomed whenever they leave their native land for ours. Here they find ample opportunity for development, and the records show that more of them occupy positions of trust and responsibility, in proportion to their numbers, than people from any other country. One of the men who has prospered in Sangamon County, who was born on the Emerald Isle, is James Parker, now living retired in Williamsville. He was born in Belfast, Ireland, June 4, 1845, a son of John and Eliza (Miller) Parker, natives of Ireland. John Parker was a stone cutter and contractor, who spent his life in Ireland, but his widow came to America with her son and daughter, locating in Geneseo, N. Y., where she spent the remainder of her life. The paternal grandfather was a ship carpenter of Belfast, who worked in the ship yards of Ireland and Scotland, having the distinction of working on the first propeller that was ever launched from Belfast.

Coming to this country in boyhood, James Parker grew up in Geneseo, where he was educated. While attending school he also worked on a farm to assist his mother, spending in all some fifteen years in that vicinity. Then, desiring better opportunities, he came west to

Chicago, where he lived for a year, then joined his sister, who resided at Virden. This continued his home for a year more, when he located in Williamsville, beginning to farm and continuing thus for some years. He has also been engaged in teaming, but when his circumstances warranted he retired, and is now living in comfort in his home in Williamsville.

While residing in Virden, Ill., Mr. Parker was married in 1873, to Lulu Orr, born in Scottsville, Ill., where her parents had early settled, and her father followed his trade of blacksmithing for many years. Later Mr. Orr removed to Kansas, took up a claim, and there he and his excellent wife passed away, highly esteemed by all who knew them. Mr. and Mrs. Parker became the parents of a son, Herbert, now a resident of Muskogee, Okla., where he owns and conducts a barber shop. He is married and has one child, Chauncey. Mr. Parker's home is presided over by a niece, Mrs. Nellie Cruse. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Parker has conscientiously supported the candidates of his party and is influential in its ranks. His religious home is in the Episcopal Church, of Williamsville, of which he is a member. Keen, shrewd, a good business man, and possessed of a kindly disposition and genial manner, Mr. Parker succeeded in business as well as accumulating friends, and is proud of what he has accomplished.

PARKES, James, farmer and stock-man on Sections 7 and 18 Gardner Township, was born in Cooper Township, near Berry Station, April 2, 1851, a son of William and Polly or Mary (North) Parkes. The father was born January 29, 1807, at Jonesboro, Washington County, Tenn., going later to Jefferson County, Tenn., where he married, April, 14 1830. His wife was born in 1810, in Buckingham County, Va. Their two children born in Tennessee died in infancy. Later they moved to Posey County, Ind., where another child was born and died. In 1836, they came to Illinois, settling in what is now Cooper Township, but in 1838 moved to Mechanicsburg, where they lived until 1848, In this year they returned to Cooper Township, where his wife died September 12, 1873. He was there married June 7, 1875, to Mrs. Mary (Enyart) McMurray. He died December 28, 1890, and both he and his first wife now lie at rest in Oak Hill Cemetery, Cooper Township. They were of English and Irish ancestry, and representatives of their families took part in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Parkes was a Whig, then a Republican and was very active in his party. A strong admirer of Mr. Lincoln, he was proud to follow in his footsteps. Both he and his first excellent wife were members of the Christian Church. Both a farmer and blacksmith, Mr. Parkes was always a hard working man, and, dying, left a comfortable estate. Their children were as follows: Caroline, born January 12, 1839, married September 24, 1857, Charles Boslime; Eveline, born January 4, 1841, married January 8, 1863, J. South, and died January 15, 1880; Henry, born January 15, 1843, enlisted in August, 1862, in Company C, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, dying while in service at Chickasaw Landing, June 29, 1863; Minerva, born April 6, 1845, married August 14, 1867, Charles Roberts; Elizabeth, born January 3, 1847, married January 14, 1869, Edgar Eckel; and James Hiram, born April 8, 1854. The other children died young, under six years. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Parkes married Mrs. Sarah McMurray, whose maiden name was Enyart. She died in 1888.

James Parkes was reared on the farm now owned by his brother, and was educated in the district schools, remaining at home until about twenty-four years old when he married. This occurred February 11, 1875, to Hannah Boehme, born near Arenzville, Cass County, Ill., April 13, 1852, a daughter of Henry and Augusta (Polletts) Boehme. Her parents were natives of Hanover, Germany, and her maternal grandfather was for forty-five years pastor of the Lutheran Church at Hanover, Germany. About 1850, the Boehme family came to America, settling in Cass County, Ill., but in 1856, moved to Cartwright Township, this county, where the father died in 1873, and the mother in 1880. Mrs. Parkes was the only child of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Parkes had children as follows: William H., born March 12, 1876, a merchant of Jefferson City, Mo., married Cora Anderson; Robert Edgar, born September 1, 1877, a farmer near Pawnee, Ill., married December 12, 1904, Louise Foster; Ella Belle, born January 22, 1880, married September 28, 1903, W. J. Ross, and they have one child, Ralph Parkes; Bertha Augusta, born November 28, 1883, married Sidney Maxcy of Springfield, one child, Algernon G.; Hiram Arthur, born September 19, 1887, married Mary Noble, on October 11, 1910, and he is operating a portion of the home farm; Mamie Grace, born July 10, 1891; and Lillian and James Russell, twins, born January 20, 1895.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Parkes began farming her parents' homestead, but in 1882, they moved to their present farm, on Sections 7 and 18, Gardner Township. Here they have made many improvements. In addition to his homestead, he owns sixty acres in Cooper Township, making a total of 274 acres in Sangamon County. Mr. Parkes raises horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, specializing on Duroc-Jersey hogs and Shropshire sheep. In all of his operations he is very successful, and is regarded as one of the most progressive farmers of the county. A stanch Republican, he supports the party, but has never desired office. He and his family belong to the Methodist Church. Fraternally he belongs to M. W. of A. of Pleasant Plains. The pleasant home of the Parkes family is a delightful place to visit, for here is found true hospitality.

PASSENT, John H., a prosperous miner of Springfield who has devoted many years to his work, was born in Dubois, Pa., May 22, 1880, a son of Joseph T. and Lucy Jane (Harris) Passent, both born in Staffordshire, England, the former on September 27, 1860, and the latter, September 17, 1860. The father was a miner who came to Pennsylvania at an early age, with his father Thomas Passent. After a number of years spent in Pennsylvania, Joseph Passent went to Missouri, but after spending a short time there he and his wife and son went to England for a visit, and upon their return, in 1889, they located in Christian County where they remained eighteen months when they removed to Sangamon County, Mr. Passent dying in the city of Springfield, June 13, 1907, his wife having passed away on May 21st of the same year. At one time Mr. Passent was manager of the Jones and Adams Coal Company, and was a responsible man. In politics he was a Republican. His religious connections were with the Third Presbyterian Church, of which he died a consistent member. John H. Passent is the only child born to his parents.

The education of John H. Passent was secured in English schools and those of Christian County, Ill., followed by one term in the Springfield schools and business college. When only eleven years old he began working in the mines, thus continuing for eleven years, but when twenty-two years of age, he embarked in the grocery trade at the corner of Fourteenth and Enterprise Streets, conducting this business for five years, when he sold out to resume coal-mining.

Mr. Passent was married in Springfield, February 17, 1900, by the Rev. Dr. Rogers, in the Third Presbyterian Church, to Eva Haynes, born in Girard, Macoupin County, Ill., August 13, 1883, a daughter of John H. and Julianna (Canancy) Haynes, the former born in Logan County, Ill., in 1849, and the latter also born in Illinois. The parents came of English, Welsh and German ancestry. There were six children in the Haynes family: Lucy, wife of Newton Fordness of Springfield; Joseph; Sadie, wife of Demetrius Hoose, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Mrs. Passent, the youngest, with two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Passent had two children who died in infancy and one son still living. Mr. Passent belongs to the U. M. W. A., and in politics is independent. He belongs to the United Brethren Church. Mr. Passent owns five valuable properties, three of which are on North Fifteenth Street, and two on East Grand avenue. He has always striven to make the most of every opportunity, and is a man highly respected by all who know him.

PATTERSON, Frank U.—The Patterson family here described originated in Ireland and emigrated to the United States before the middle of the eighteenth century. The ancestors of Frank U. Patterson participated in the Revolutionary War and the members of the family have always been identified with the progress and improvement of every community where they have lived. Frank U. Patterson is known throughout the State of Illinois as State President of the Master Plumbers' Association. He is Secretary and Treasurer of the firm of Patterson & Stewart, of Springfield, Ill., and an able and energetic business man. Mr. Patterson was born in Springfield, October 14, 1862, son of Isaac D. and Sarah (Hall) Patterson, and grandson of William and Marilda (Denman) Patterson. The family settled at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., before the Revolutionary War and William Patterson was born in that city. He emigrated to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he lived many years, then coming to Mason County, Ill., where he died about 1842. His children were: Ira, who became a wealthy resident of Portland, Ore.; Samuel, a farmer of Mason County, Ill., died there; Julietta, married Samuel Ryan, and died at Danville, Ill.; and Isaac D.

Isaac D. Patterson was born in Orange County, N. Y., in 1813, where he received a common school education, then spent seven years at the carpenter's trade in Columbus, Ohio, and later moved to Mason County, Ill., locating on a farm between Mason City and Athens, Menard County, where he arrived about 1832, being then about nineteen years of age. He worked for a time at the carpenter work on the old State House in Springfield, but later returned to his farm, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1858, when he located in Springfield and spent the remainder of his life there. While living on his farm he was often called upon by his neighbors to construct houses and barns, and for about eight years after coming to Springfield continued at his trade, when his health having failed, he retired from active life. He died in 1877 and was buried at Athens, Menard County.

Mr. Isaac D. Patterson was a radical Republican, and during the Civil War, when Springfield was under martial law, served as police officer. He was also an active member of the Christian Church and for years served as its Deacon.

Sarah Hall, the wife of Isaac D. Patterson, was a daughter of Elisha Hall, and was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, March 17, 1822. Her father removed from Bedford County, Va., to Lawrence County, and later moved to Menard County, Ill., the daughter then being five years of age. The family made the trip to Ohio in a prairie schooner, and stopped on the edge of Springfield so they would not witness the hanging of the first murderer executed there. Mrs. Patterson was one of the following named children: Banks, William, Dabney, Tabitha, Lucinda, Keziah, Nancy, Nelson, Virginia, Tembrooke, Sarah, Susan Delia. Elisha Hall died in what is now Menard

County and was buried at Athens. He married a daughter of John Overstreet, a native of Bedford County, Va., and a soldier in the Revolution under General Washington. John Overstreet enlisted September 17, 1775, for one year; on January 1, 1777, for three years; and re-enlisted in 1781, but the time of enlistment is not stated. Among the battles in which he participated were Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, Stony Point, and Yorktown. When the War of 1812 broke out his son-in-law, Elisha Hall, was drafted for service, but on account of sickness was unfitted for duty. So Mr. Overstreet said, "I 'll take your place, son," and served from March until October, 1814. Both the Overstreet and Hall families were originally from England. At a barbecue given at Athens, Ill., John Overstreet found a Tory in the ranks and, during the parade, dragged him out of line and administered a sound thrashing to him, remarking: "No d——d traitor can march in parade with me."

Frank U. Patterson was educated in the common schools of Springfield, and when sixteen years of age began work in the grocery department of C. M. Smith, where he remained three years, when he began working at the plumbing trade with Hellweg & Snape, serving five years. He worked as journeyman until 1898, at which time he was appointed Plumbing Inspector for Springfield, which office he held six years. He organized the Patterson & Stewart Company, which became a stock company in 1907, with D. M. Stewart as President and Mr. Patterson as Secretary and Treasurer. He is President of the Master Plumbers' Association of Springfield and also of the State organization, and represents the Master Plumbers on the State Examining Board. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order and of the Knights of Pythias. Both he and his wife are members of Central Christian Church and he is a lifelong Republican. He resides at his very pretty home in West Grand Place, which he erected in 1906.

Mr. Patterson was married, in Springfield, September 26, 1900, to Miss Virginia Ellis, daughter of A. Y. Ellis, who was for thirty-five years employed in the post-office at Springfield. They have no children. Both are well known in Springfield, where they have spent their entire lives and have many firm friends.

PATTERSON, Robert, a veteran of the Civil War and an honored resident of Riverton, Ill., was formerly engaged in mining there, but is now living retired from active life. He has a beautiful home in Riverton and receives a fair pension as recognition of his services to his country. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland, February 1, 1831, and is a son of William and Fanny (Cook) Patterson, also natives of Ireland. The father was a farmer and came to the United States in 1838, locating in Jennings County, Ind., where his death occurred. He and his brother entered a half-section of land from the Government and developed good farms in Jennings County.

In boyhood Robert Patterson lived on a farm and received his education in the schools of Indiana. As a young man he worked three years on a Mississippi River steamboat, which he continued three years. At the time of the Civil War he enlisted, in August, 1861, in Company C, Fifty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Winters, of Whitehall. His first engagement was at Pea Ridge, Mo., whence they went to West Plains. In 1863 he began serving with the "Ram Fleet," which he continued until January, 1865, and was mustered out as private at Pittsburg. He swam across the Red River at one time to escape capture. He has reason to feel proud of his record and encountered many interesting experiences, as well as hardships and dangers, during his service. He is a member of Stephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R., of Springfield. One of Mr. Patterson's brothers was killed in 1847, during the Mexican War. Robert Patterson was the youngest of the ten children born to his parents.

Mr. Patterson was married, in St. Louis, January 1, 1868, to Anna Kelley, daughter of Hugh and Anna Kelley, and the eleventh of their twelve children. Mr. Kelley and his wife came from Ireland to the United States in 1838, landing in New Orleans, whence they came to St. Louis. The father died in the latter city ten years later, and the mother died there in 1855. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson: Robert W., born April 15, 1877, living in Riverton; John T. and Margarite Anna, twins, both deceased. Mr. Patterson has three fine grandchildren, who live in Riverton: Francis, Hugh and Margaret.

Mr. Patterson is an active member of the Methodist Church. He is a strong supporter of the principles of the Republican party and devotes considerable time to the cause. He is interested in anything pertaining to the public welfare or prosperity and ready to forward every worthy cause. He has a large number of friends in the community and stands well with all who know him. He was elected a member of the Village Board in 1890 and served very creditably in the office.

PATTON, Charles Lanphier, M. D.—The younger physicians and surgeons of Springfield are taking first place among the members of their profession practicing in Sangamon County. They have had the advantage of training and experience in the medical colleges and hospitals, which cannot be excelled, and which are so far in advance of the one secured by the practitioners of half a century ago. Among the successful and popular physicians of Springfield is Dr. Charles Lanphier Patton, who has well appointed offices at No. 25 Illinois National Bank Building, and resides at No. 1606 South Fifth Street. He was born

in this city, August 13, 1879, being a son of James William and Francine Elizabeth (Lanphier) Patton.

From 1893 to 1896, Dr. Patton attended the Springfield High School, then spent two years at Orchard Lake, Mich., and from 1898 to 1902, attended the University of Michigan. From 1902 to 1903, he was interne in the University Hospital, and then served two years as an instructor in gynecology and obstetrics in the University of Michigan. Dr. Patton was licensed to practice in Springfield, in 1902, soon after his graduation with the degree of M. D., from the University of Michigan, but he spent several years more in his special studies, fitting himself thoroughly for his life work. On June 21, 1904, Dr. Patton married Alice Jess, in Springfield, Ill. Dr. and Mrs. Patton have one son, Robert Jess Patton.

The political affiliations of Dr. Patton are with the Democratic party. He belongs to the Sangamon County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. At present he is on the surgeon's staff of the Springfield Hospital and Training School. Dr. Patton is engaged in a general practice, and has already firmly established himself in the confidence of the people of Sangamon County, who know that in him they have not only the experienced and skilled physician and surgeon, but the sympathetic friend. He is a close student and keeps thoroughly abreast of current events in the medical world, as well as on general topics, and few members of his profession have a brighter outlook for the future.

PAUL, Gabriel (deceased).—In a community where there is a constant increase in population and new building constantly going on, those lines of business connected with the building trades are bound to prosper, and the men engaged in them attain a well-merited success. One of the older business men of Springfield, now passed to his last rest, who attained some distinction in connection with the lumber interests there, was the late Gabriel Paul. He was born in Cumberland County, Ill., April 20, 1859, a son of William and Catherine (McClinton) Paul, the father having been a liveryman for a number of years.

Mr. Paul grew up in his native county, attending the district school and learning to work on his father's farm. He was a lad of good habits being sober and industrious, and when he came to Springfield he found ready employment. Later he established himself in a lumber business, which he developed to large proportions, making it a point to carry out all his contracts faithfully, and to maintain a high standard of business integrity. His death occurred in Lincoln County, Ill., January 1, 1891, after a lingering illness. In politics he was a Democrat, but being retiring in disposition, he did not aspire to public office. His religious affiliations were with the Christian Church, and during his long illness he exhibited a patience and sweetness of disposition that showed he was living in the faith he professed.

Mr. Paul was married in DeWitt County, Ill., February 20, 1883, to Althea Roberts, born there December 20, 1866, daughter of John B. and Amanda Roberts, life-long residents of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Paul had three children: Franklin James, born December 29, 1884; Lucy May, born January 27, 1887, and Clara Viola, born June 25, 1890. Mrs. Paul has been a resident of Springfield for the past twenty years, and is prominent in the Christian Church and well known in her neighborhood. The family residence, at No. 1115 East Adams Street, is a favorite gathering place for the young people, who appreciate Mrs. Paul's hospitality, assisted as she is by her children. The family are well known and have many friends.

PAUL, Henry (deceased), who resided in Springfield, some twenty years, was a native of Germany, born December 26, 1858, a son of Frederick and Anna Mary (Eyemyer) Paul, both also born in Germany, where their entire lives were spent, the father being a gardener by occupation. As a boy, Henry Paul enjoyed the educational advantages offered by the public schools of his native country, and when a young man decided to emigrate to America, having heard from relatives in Springfield of their prosperity and favorable business opportunities. In 1883, at the age of twenty-five years, he left his family and native land and took passage for the New World, coming direct to Springfield, where he soon found employment in the printing office of Mr. Rokker. He was an ambitious young man, being quick to learn the new language and customs of those about him, and by good judgment and industry won friends and advisers in the city. He entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company before he had long been a resident of Springfield, and by his diligence and intelligence became promoted from time to time until he was made foreman in the car-repairing department, which position he held until his death. He was economical and thrifty in the management of his financial affairs, and purchased property from time to time, as he was able, providing a good home for his family and being solicitous for their comfort and well-being.

Mr. Paul was married, May 17, 1861, to Miss Mary Paul, also a native of Germany, daughter of William and Mary (Strubber) Paul, who spent their entire lives in Germany. The father was employed for many years as a postman in his native country. He died in 1895, and Mrs. Paul died when Mary was an infant. Four children were born to Henry Paul and his wife, namely: Elizabeth married F. A. Grospitz, and they live in Springfield; John is a farmer in Alberta, Canada; Frank and Mamie, twins, live

at home with their mother. Frank is a decorator and painter.

Mr. Paul was a stanch Republican in politics and took an intelligent interest in public affairs. He was a faithful member of the German Lutheran Church, of which his widow is also a member. Mr. Paul had established himself in the good estimation of his employers and associates and is kindly remembered by all who knew him. He had come to Springfield as a young man, determined to win a foothold in that city, and had been successful in a gratifying degree, having purchased the home now occupied by his widow, on South First Street, about a year before his death. Mrs. Paul also owns some building lots in the vicinity of her home. Mr. Paul's death occurred December 28, 1903, and he was remembered as a kind husband and father, a true friend and useful citizen of his adopted country.

PAUL, J. Fred.—Germany has given this country some of its most substantial and reliable citizens; men who are the very backbone of the land, and can be depended upon in both war and peace. They left their native land to look for better opportunities for advancement in life, bringing with them their habits of industry and thrift, which, when followed here, work towards such excellent results. J. Fred Paul, of Section 7, Curran Township, is an excellent example of this class of men. He was born in Hanover, Germany, December 6, 1848, a son of Frederick and Gertrude (Shumacha) Paul, both born in 1824 in Hanover, Germany.

In 1876, Frederick Paul, the father, sailed from Bremen, Germany, for New York City, landing there on September 15, coming direct to Springfield, which he reached, September 17, 1876. He bought land in Gardner Township and engaged in farming, remaining on his land for ten years, when he moved to Curran Township, buying the farm now owned by J. Fred Paul. On it the father died in 1884, his widow surviving until 1893. J. Fred Paul was their only son, the three were the only ones of the Paul family to come to this country, the grandparents on both sides dying in Germany.

J. Fred Paul received an excellent education in Germany, learning how to farm under his father's expert instruction. Mr. Paul has always been a farmer, and now owns 160 acres of rich land in Curran Township, which he has developed into a very valuable property, devoting it to general farming and stock-raising.

The marriage of Mr. Paul took place in Springfield, May 29, 1883, to Elizabeth Boshner, born in Germany, August 5, 1861. Her parents never came to this country, she making the trip with a brother, Adam Boshner, of Rochester Township, where he is a farmer. She had three sisters, who survive. Mr. and Mrs. Paul became the parents of four daughters and three sons: Anna, wife of Bert Strain, a farmer of Curran Township; Elizabeth, wife of Earl Cantrell, a farmer of Curran Township; Frank, at home; John, Eva, Sophia and William, also living at home. There are six grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Paul is a Democrat and has served as School Director of Curran Township, making an efficient official. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church and takes pleasure in his religious home. For thirty-three years, Mr. Paul has lived on his farm, and is very much attached to it. He can point with pride to many improvements he has made, and realizes how farming property has increased in value, since his family purchased it so long ago.

PAVEY, Charles W. (Vol. I, p. 414.)

PAYTON, Jesse K.—The first abstract books of Sangamon County, were made by a man named Coon, about 1859, and Mr. Coon afterwards sold his books to Nicholas Strott, who later, with Zimri Enos, formed the partnership of Strott & Enos. Some years later Mr. H. C. Latham acquired the interests of Mr. Strott and the firm was then known as Latham & Enos. Mr. Latham retained the active management for a number of years, having associated with him as partners, successively, Louis Tichnor, Samuel Mendenhall and George H. Souther. On September 24, 1889, the firm of Latham & Souther, together with a number of other men, incorporated a business under the corporate name of The Abstract & Title Guaranty Company.

The Sangamon County Abstract Company was incorporated in February, 1901, with B. R. Hieronymus as President and Walter Eden as Secretary. In February, 1904, the plant and business of the Abstract & Title Guaranty Company was purchased by the Sangamon County Abstract Company, which company also in October, 1905, purchased the business of Hardin & Hallahan, and now has three complete sets of abstract books.

The Sangamon County Abstract Company has a capital stock of $100,000, consisting of 1,000 shares of $100 each, and its present officers are: B. R. Hieronymus, President; James A. Easley, Vice President, and Jesse K. Payton, Secretary and Treasurer.

Jesse K. Payton is a native of Sangamon County, born at Williamsville, in 1867, son of Isaac M. and Mary Jane (Kidd) Payton, farmers of that place. Jesse K. Payton received his education in the public schools of Sangamon County. He is a Republican in politics and has taken an active part in public affairs. He served four years as Chief Deputy Sheriff of Sangamon County, and is at present a member of the County Election Board, being the only Republican serving on it. He has been a member of the board four years and is serving his second term. Mr. Payton has been engaged in other lines of business besides his

present one. For five years he worked as traveling salesman for a clothing house, then engaged in merchant tailor and clothing business. He is an excellent business man, of keen judgment and progressive spirit, and has been connected with the abstract business many years. The firm has an established reputation and does a large business, having a long, clean record back of them. The officers and directors of the corporation are all men of business integrity and stamina, and the concern does a growing business.

Mr. Payton married Miss Laura Forden, a native of Sangamon County, and three children have been born of this union: Howard F., Luella and Helen. Mr. Payton is well known in business circles and fraternally is connected with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

PEARSON, Isaac N. (Vol. I, pp. 415-416.)

PEASE, Hon. Shaw (deceased), who spent many years in Sangamon County, was prominent as an educator and also took an active part in the councils of the Republican party. He represented the Macon district in the General Assembly for one term. He was born in Sangamon County, April 23, 1828, son of John and Amanda (Leslie) Pease, both natives of Loudoun County, Va., where the father was engaged in farming. They became residents of Sangamon County, where their last days were spent, and there they reared their family.

The early education of Shaw Pease was received in the country schools of Sangamon County, after which he attended school in Springfield and subsequently graduated from college, at Quincy, Ill. After leaving school he taught seven years in the public schools of Sangamon County and later became prominent in political affairs, serving as Representative from his district. He became a resident of Springfield in 1885 and there his death occurred, in 1890, at the home now occupied by his widow, at 1530 East Brown Street. He was a devoted husband and father, a kind friend and neighbor, and his loss was genuinely mourned. He was a member of the Methodist Church and in politics was a strong Republican after the organization of that party.

Mr. Pease was married in Springfield, June 21, 1880, to Miss Amanda P. Fox, born June 2, 1836, in Loudoun County, Va., daughter of Dr. Joseph B. and Amelia (Osburn) Fox, both natives of that county. Children as follows were born to Mr. Pease and his wife: Mary L., Lucinda V., Joseph M., Francis S. and Florence Ella. Mrs. Pease owns the family residence, besides other property in the vicinity, and since the death of her husband has devoted herself closely to the rearing and care of her children, all of whom have reached honorable man and womanhood.

PEERCE, John T., one of the most successful business men of Pawnee, Ill., is regarded with a high degree of respect and esteem by all who know him, and has well earned his present position and prosperity. He is always ready to aid those less fortunate than himself and is a true friend and kind neighbor. Mr. Peerce was born in Edmonson County, Ky., November 1, 1856, a son of John L. and Ann (Abell) Peerce, the former born in the same county, April 10, 1831, and the latter born in Marion County, Ky., January 6, 1822. The father was a farmer and moved to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1870, but on account of poor health returned two years later to Kentucky, locating in Grayson County. He came to Sangamon County again March 6, 1892, and died in Pawnee, February 25, 1896. He and his son John T. for a time conducted a meat market in partnership. Mrs. Ann Peerce died in Pawnee, March 11, 1894. The father of John L. Peerce was a native of Grayson County, Ky., was a farmer, and died in his native county, and his wife, also a native of Kentucky, died in Edmonson County. The latter was partly reared in a fort, as the Indians were so numerous in the part of Kentucky where she was born that the white settlers were much troubled by them.

The father of Ann Abell was a native of Kentucky and died in Sangamon County, Ill. He located there at a very early day, when there was plenty of wild game and very few settlers. His wife died in Kentucky, her native State.

Until reaching the age of twenty-two years John T. Peerce lived with his parents, and as a young man worked at farming until 1889, living part of this time on a farm he owned in Grayson County, Ky. In 1889 he returned to Sangamon County and engaged in the meat business, in which he continued some ten years, then sold his shop and returned to Springfield, where he entered the employ of the street railway company. Later he returned to Pawnee, where he worked for a time at the trade of carpenter, then embarked in the transfer business, which he still continues. In 1909 he began dealing in feed and has been successful in both branches of his business, operating now under the firm name of J. T. Peerce & Son.

Mr. Peerce married, at Litchfield, Ky., November 20, 1877, Miss Mattie J. Mudd, born in Grayson County, December 12, 1860, daughter of William A. and Mary E. (Higdon) Mudd, both also natives of Grayson County. After the death of Mr. Peerce's mother his father returned to Kentucky and there married, as his second wife, the widow of William A. Mudd, and they returned to Sangamon County, where they remained until his death, after which the widow returned to Kentucky, in 1897, and now resides in Grayson County, at the age of ninety years, but enjoying very good health. The father of William A. Mudd was a native of

Kentucky and late in life removed to Texas, where he died, his wife having previously died in Kentucky, her native State. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. John T. Peerce were natives of Kentucky, where they spent their entire lives, and lived to an advanced age.

Mrs. Mattie J. Peerce died in Pawnee, June 24, 1909, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery. She had borne her husband the following children: William R., born in Kentucky, June 17, 1887, in business with his father, married May Beynon, a native of Braceville, Ill., November 10, 1909; Mary A., born in Pawnee, October 29, 1889, is unmarried and lives at home; Francis M., born in Pawnee, March 1, 1899, living at home; six who are deceased. The children who died are: Charles A., born in Kentucky, April 12, 1880, died there March 12, 1885; Jessie W., born in Kentucky, June 25, 1882, died there October 12, 1883; Jessie A., born in Kentucky, July 2, 1884, died in Sangamon County, November 25, 1892; Leota, born in Sangamon County, October 13, 1892, died there September 9, 1893; Joseph H., born in Sangamon County, August 29, 1897, died there February 12, 1899; Joseph Howard, born in Sangamon County, January 20, 1901, died there September 10, 1901.

John T. Peerce was one of two children, the other being his brother, James E., who was born in Grayson County, Ky., May 30, 1853, and was married, January 20, 1875, to Fannie Mudd, by whom he had the following children: Lizzie, born in Kentucky, December 29, 1875; C. E., December 14, 1876; Robert E., April 18, 1879; Adie J., June 29, 1880; Francis E., July 7, 1882; Clarence, December 9, 1883; Walter, March 22, 1885; Mattie J., June 27, 1887; John W., July 18, 1888; Mark L., March 21, 1890.

Mr. Peerce is a devout Christian and carries his beliefs into his every-day life. He is a devout Catholic and a member of St. Mary's Church. He belongs to Pawnee Camp, Modern Woodmen. He has always been active in political affairs and is a Democrat in principles. He has served as Alderman of Pawnee.

PEHLMAN, Michael, one of the many enterprising and useful German-American citizens of Springfield, Ill., has lived in the city since he was two years of age, and has seen many changes incident to the growth and progress of same. He remembers when it was almost without sidewalks, witnessed the erecting of the foundations of the State House and the placing of the Lincoln Monument, among the many interesting things that have taken place there. His parents located in Springfield in 1868 and still reside there. Michael Pehlman was born in Bavaria, Germany, August 4, 1866, and is a son of Conrad and Barbara (Tovanrider) Pehlman, both natives of Bavaria, Germany, the father born March 3, 1845, and the mother August 7, 1845. The father was a stone mason by trade and followed same after locating in Sangamon County. He and his wife had seven sons and three daughters, namely: Michael; George, a member of Springfield police force; John, assistant foreman in a mine; Fred, running a truck farm; Kate Green; Anna; Mary; William, Frank and Henry, working at mining. All live in Springfield, and all were educated in the Third Ward School of the city.

Michael Pehlman began working in a brick yard in Springfield when ten years old and three years later began working in the mines, which he has since followed. He worked twelve years in the Old North Shaft, nine years in the New North Shaft, several years in Trudor & Gray's Shaft, several years in Storms' No. 2 Shaft, one year in the West End Shaft, three years in the Black Diamond Shaft, four years in Peabody Mine at Sherman, Ill., and for the last two years has worked for the Springfield Colliery Coal Company. He is an industrious and faithful worker and has been successful in his investments and private affairs. He has three valuable pieces of property in Springfield, owns a fine home at 1121 North Sixth Street, and also other property. He is a highly respected citizen and has at heart the welfare and progress of the community. He is public-spirited and enterprising, and is much interested in current issues and affairs. In political views he has always been a Democrat. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church of Springfield and helps in its good work. He is well known in fraternal circles, being an active member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 6, which he joined in 1901. He is of a social disposition and is popular among his many friends.

Mr. Pehlman was married, in Springfield, April 12, 1893, to Anna Schmitt, who was born in Baden, Germany, July 15, 1870, daughter of Henry and Carolina Schmitt, both natives of Baden, Germany, the former of whom died in 1902 and the latter in 1901. Her parents came to Sangamon County in 1892 and lived at 1123 North Sixth Street, where her father carried on his trade of shoe-maker. Mr. Pehlman and his wife have no children.

PHELPS, Harry Emerson.—Sangamon County is peculiarly well adapted to fruit growing both on account of its fertile soil and the climatic conditions which prevail, and some of the more progressive farmers of this locality have taken advantage of the opportunities offered, specializing in fruit culture. One of the young farmers who has succeeded beyond even his own expectations is Harry Emerson Phelps, who owns fifty-seven acres of very fertile land, three miles west of the city of Springfield. He was born in Springfield, October 15, 1880, a son of Adna and Martha (Meigs) Phelps, the former born in Hebron, N. H., December 28, 1832, while his wife was born in Iowa, in 1840.

Adna Phelps was brought by his parents to Loami, Ill., in 1844. Six years later, removal was made to Springfield. In 1851, Mr. Phelps began teaching school in a small brick structure

on West Capital avenue, west of Spring street, which was recently torn down. Among other pupils were Mrs. John F. Peters, Mrs. John Underfanger, I. N. Ransom, H. L. Phelps, as well as many of the other older residents of Springfield, who remember with gratitude and affection their young teacher. After the death of his father, in 1852, he took his mother and returned to Loami. Here he married, November 16, 1856, and lived happily with his wife until her demise, January 2, 1904. She bore him a family of whom two sons and four daughters survive: David B. and Matilda reside on the homestead; Lillian Raisch of Springfield; Eva Cottet, wife of Eugene Cottet; Daisy, wife of Thomas Hessey of Springfield; Harry Emerson. Mr. Phelps was the oldest fruit grower in the county. He made all of the boxes used for berries, out of pasteboard, tacking them together by hand. He was the first one to bring berries in quart boxes to Springfield. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in Company I, Seventy-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving to the close of the struggle. Returning from the war, he located three miles west of Springfield where he developed his fruit business, thus continuing until advanced years forced him to retire. He spent his last years with his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Hessey, on West Jefferson street, there dying at 4:45 o'clock, Sunday morning, June 12, 1910, aged seventy-seven years, five months and fifteen days. From the formation of Stephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R., he was one of its most honored members. He was a man widely known and universally respected, and his loss is deeply mourned by many outside his immediate family.

Harry Emerson Phelps was educated in the country schools and the Springfield Business College. He worked with his father learning at the same time the trade of a carpenter, but later resolved to devote himself exclusively to fruit growing, and since 1905 has done this. So exceptional has been his success, that his work has attracted the attention of outsiders, and since 1907, he has served as Assistant Superintendent of the Horticultural Department of the State Fair, having been recently reappointed for two years more. For five years he has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Springfield Horticultural Society. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, having joined the order six years ago, and continued actively identified with it ever since. In politics, he is a Republican.

Mr. Phelps was married in Springfield, Ill., May 4, 1904, to Louise Anna Mester, born March 9, 1882, daughter of Julius and Frederika (Heimbrock) Mester, the former born May 26, 1840, and the latter, August 3, 1840, both being natives of Germany. They came to America, and their six children were all born here, they being: Johannah, born February 23, 1875; Alfred, born August 14, 1877; Edwin who died at the age of two years; Mrs. Phelps; Charles F., born June 2, 1884, and Orrin A., born October 10, 1888. Johannah married Conrad Wirth of Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps have one son, —Adna Emerson, born April 4, 1905. Mr. Phelps is one of the live, progressive young men of the county, and is recognized as a leader in the fruit growing business, of the State.

In the spring of 1899, Mr. Phelps enlisted in the Illinois National Guards, Single Corps, Second Detachment, and that fall was appointed First Sergeant. The following spring, he was appointed by Adjutant-General Reese, Mounted Orderly. The next spring, he was placed on the Hospital Corps. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans, having held all the offices in the gift of the local post. He has served as aide-de-camp on the Colonel's staff.

PHILIPP, Maximilian, a well known and popular citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born in Aschaffenburg, Bavaria, Germany, October 20, 1832, son of John and Martha (Hoeflich) Philipp, both natives of Germany. The father was a painter and decorator and both parents spent their entire lives in Germany. He was for several years a soldier in the German Army. They were parents of three sons and two daughters.

The education of Maximilian Philipp was obtained in his native town, and upon leaving school he learned the trade of cabinet maker, at which he worked in many different German towns, spending some time in Munich. He emigrated to the United States about 1865, landed in New York City, and came direct to Springfield, where he has since resided. He worked at his trade in various positions until 1867, when he entered the employ of John Bressmer Dry Goods Company, for whom he worked thirty-five years in their carpet department, and in 1902 retired from active life.

Mr. Philipp is well known in connection with the St. Vincent Society, a Catholic society which he organized in 1866, and which has grown to be one of the largest orders in Springfield. He is a member of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. He was an energetic and industrious worker in business life and was regarded with respect by all who were associated with him, and in social circles he has made many warm friends. He owns a pleasant home at 904 East Reynolds Street, besides other city property.

Mr. Philipp was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Philipp, in Springfield, April 30, 1867. She had the same surname, but was of a different family. She was born in Aschaffenburg, Bavaria, November 14, 1842. Her father died in Germany and her mother brought the family to America the same year as Mr. Philipp came and on the same vessel. Four sons and four daughters were born to Maximilian Philipp and his wife, of whom seven children survive, namely; Joseph A., in the employ of the John Bressmer Dry Goods Company, of Springfield; Elizabeth, J., living at home; Reverend Maximilian J., a Catholic priest, Professor of Libraries in the Josephinum Catholic College,

at Columbus, Ohio; Mary, now Sister Christina, a nun in the Ursuline Convent at Alton, Ill.; Anna M., at home; Catharine, now Sister Ildelphonso, a nun in St. John's Hospital, in Springfield; Otto, attending a Catholic seminary at Meinrad, Ind., preparing for the priesthood, and one died in infancy.

PHILLIPS, David L. (Vol. I, pp. 422-423.)

PHILLIPS, Eber.—The soldiers of the Civil War were animated by intense patriotism when they enlisted to save their country from the perils that threatened it. Those of a later generation, removed as they are from the horrors of the conflict, cannot appreciate how much these brave men sacrificed, but they can render the honor that is due the veterans of the great struggle. One of the old soldiers of Sangamon County is Eber Phillips, now living retired at No. 412 South Glenwood Avenue, Springfield. He was born in Richland County, Ill., June 9, 1843, a son of John M. and Virginia (Trainer) Phillips, the former born in Sumner County, Tenn., in 1821, and the latter in Hardin County, Ky., in 1823.

John M. Phillips was a farmer. He was brought to Illinois by his parents in 1828, at the age of five years. His father entered land in Sangamon County, but later in life went to Richland County and bought land, farming upon it. In 1863 he sold, removing to Coles County, where he bought land and operated it until his demise. His widow survived him for ten years, dying in Cumberland County. The maternal grandfather of Eber Phillips was in the Revolutionary War, so that Mr. Phillips inherited his loyalty and patriotism. He had five brothers and five sisters, there being eleven in the family, but only two sons and four daughters now survive: Thomas A., of Decatur; Jennie Wallace, of Neoga, Ill.; Minerva Small, of Shelbyville, Ill.; Margaret G. Custer, of Stark County, Ill.; Elizabeth Brown, of Decatur, and Eber.

Eber Phillips was educated in a log schoolhouse in Richland County, and during his boyhood worked on the farm for his father. On August 26, 1861, he abandoned his peaceful occupations to enlist in Company E. Fortieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, from Clay County, under the command of Col. Stephen G. Hicks, whose remains are buried at Salem, Ill. When his enlistment expired he re-enlisted, in January, 1863, in the Mississippi Brigade, to fight bushwhackers, thus serving until the close of the war. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, being in the marine brigade. On January 8, 1865, he was mustered out at Vicksburg. From there he came by boat to Cairo and thence to Olney, Ill., arriving home February 6, 1865. His parents meanwhile had moved to Coles County, and there he worked for five years. Upon the death of his father he went to Cumberland County with his mother, and worked on a farm until he came to Sangamon County. For many years he worked on the old Peter Troxell farm, returning later to Cumberland County, where he remained some years, and in 1873 came back to Sangamon County to continue farming. He also worked in the construction department of the old Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railroad, from Olney to Springfield, being associated with this road for six years, and in 1885 returned to Springfield. On December 22, 1891, he moved to Quincy, but nine years later returned to Springfield, which has continued to be his home ever since.

Mr. Phillips has never married. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. The Republican party holds his support and its candidates receive his vote. He has a comfortable home in Springfield and is in receipt of a pension from the Government, which appreciates his efforts in its behalf a half century ago.

PHILLIPS, James Alexander.—The valuable mines of Springfield have long offered opportunities for men of experience who flock there to take advantage of them. One of those who have become very well known among mining men is the present Republican candidate for Commissioner, James Alexander Phillips, born in Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada, October 10, 1855. He is a son of Benjamon and Amanda (Lynd) Phillips, the former born in Nova Scotia and the latter in Port Whitby, Ontario, Canada. The father was a farmer and lived out his life in Canada. The grandfather's name was Edward Pride, but on account of troubles relating to his leaving the English Army, changed it to Phillips, as it is still written. His escape was sensational, as he swam for two miles, most of the time under water, for as soon as his head appeared he was shot at, but he managed to come out unharmed. The maternal ancestors were of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock. Benjamin Phillips died in 1897 and his wife in 1894, both firm in the faith of the Methodist Church. Eleven children were born to them: Sylvester, deceased; James A., Benjamin, Hector, Maurice; Charles, who was killed in a snow-slide on the Rocky Mountains; Louisa married A. Gray; Margaret; Amanda married Al. Bedford; Hester; and Mabel, who married Charles White.

James A. Phillips went to school in Ontario and worked for his father until he was twenty-four years old. This was in 1879, and, resolving to better his fortune, he left home, with but seventy-five cents in his pocket, going to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he became foreman in a chair factory, but after three years there he came to Riverton, and from 1882 to 1884 worked on a farm. In the latter year he came to Springfield, which has since continued to be his home. He became a teaming contractor, hauling coal for nine years. This brought him into contact with the mines, and in 1904 he entered the employ of the West End Coal Company as foreman, thus continuing.

Mr. Phillips has gone through all the chairs of the Order of Red Men, belonging to Pawnee

Tribe No. 66. He is also a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Navarre Lodge No. 142. A strong Republican, he is the logical candidate of his party for Commissioner, and comes before the people with a clean record and unfiring energy. His associations as a member of the United Mine Workers Association are very pleasant, and he has friends all over the State.

PICKRELL, Jesse A., who was one of the earliest farmers and stock-raisers of Sangamon County, Ill., to introduce improved breeds of hogs, cattle and other stock into the county, was the first of his family to come to the State, though his parents came at a later date and also settled in Sangamon County. Jesse A. Pickrell was born June 13, 1805, in Montgomery County, Ky., a son of Abel and Sarah (Taylor) Pickrell. Abel Pickrell was born in Loudoun County, Va., March 14, 1782. When he was quite young his father died and his mother took him to Fleming County, Ky., about 1793. As a young man he removed to Montgomery County, and was there married in 1804, to Sarah Taylor, who was born at a place known as Red Stone Fort, Pa., October 31, 1784. Abel Pickrell enlisted from Montgomery County in the War of 1812, and in the fall of 1818 moved from there to Shelby County, Ky., whence he moved to Sangamon County, Ill., arriving in what is now known as Williams Township in the fall of 1831. He and his wife had six children, all born in Kentucky. Mrs. Pickrell died April 9, 1861, and Mr. Pickrell died January 3, 1862, both near Mechanicsburg, Sangamon County.

Jesse A. Pickrell came to Sangamon County in the spring of 1828, returned to Kentucky on a visit, and in the fall of that year returned to Sangamon County with his brother, William S., the latter of whom served three terms in the Black Hawk War. Jesse A. Pickrell became one of the most prominent farmers of his time and was an extensive stock raiser. He displayed an active interest in public affairs and was highly esteemed and respected.

December 18, 1828, Mr. Pickrell was married, in Sangamon County, to Elizabeth Churchill, and they became parents of ten children, as follows: William O., born February 27, 1830, married Hannah Reed and removed to Kansas; Abel George, born February 19, 1832; Miller H., born March 31, 1835, married Sophronia Fry; Ann M., born September 14, 1840, married Henry H. Lee, who died August 10, 1867; Mary V., born December 11, 1842, married Samuel T. Rogers; Amanda P., born August 31, 1844, married Walter F. Swift, and died at Ottawa, Kan., June 19, 1872; John C., born October 27, 1846, served three years in Company B, Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, part of the time as Orderly of Gen. George H. Thomas, and died March 25, 1873; Benjamin F., born December 10, 1848; M. Gertrude, December 29, 1850; Sallie E., March 6, 1855.

Abel George, the second son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Churchill) Pickrell, enlisted July 20, 1861, in Company C, Eleventh Missouri Infantry for three years, was commissioned Quartermaster of the regular army July 24, 1862, and mustered out August 15, 1864. He was married December 27, 1864, in Jacksonville, Ill., to Emma H. Winn, daughter of Dr. Charles and Nancy (Branson) Winn, and they became parents of four children, namely; Corilla; Alice, who married Robert Lee Winn, a sketch of whom appears in this work; Patsy, Mrs. Floyd Whittemore, of Lanesville; Jessie C., wife of Maycie Cantrall. Mr. Pickrell located on a farm a half mile south of Lanesville, and died on the old farm, June 28, 1886. Dr. Charles Winn was born August 13, 1800, in Virginia, and received his medical education at Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky. His wife, Nancy (Branson) Winn, was born in Ohio, June 4, 1806.

PILCHER, A. B., who has for many years been a resident of Chatham, Ill., was born in Athens County, Ohio, February 28, 1839, a son of Stephen N. and Cassandra (Bean) Pilcher, the former born in Athens County and the latter in Hardy County, W. Va. The father's parents were natives of Kentucky and the mother's of Virginia. Stephen N. Pilcher carried on farming in his native county until 1865, then moved to Clay County, Ill., and three years later located in Chatham, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mrs. Pilcher's father, Mr. Bean, was a soldier in the War of 1812.

The education of A. B. Pilcher was acquired in the subscription schools of Ohio, and he spent his boyhood days on a farm. He followed agricultural pursuits until 1875, then moved to Chatham and began working at the carpenter's trade, and has helped erect many of the best residences of that village. He enlisted at Cincinnati, Ohio, September 3, 1861, in the Eleventh Ohio Independent Light Artillery, under Captain Constable, served three years, and was mustered out November 7, 1864. In this service he endured many hardships and took part in battles at New Madrid, Corinth, Vicksburg, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, and many minor engagements. He fought against bushwhackers in the Missouri hills. In the hard-fought battle at Iuka, Miss., the battery lost every horse and mule belonging to them. He acquitted himself with credit to himself and his company and is a member of the G. A. R.

Mr. Pilcher was married at Chatham, Ill., January 15, 1873, to Miss Annie Aldrich, born at Rochester, N. Y., December 31, 1848, daughter of Marcellus and Elizabeth (Crooker) Aldrich, natives of New Hampshire. Mr. Aldrich was a carpenter by trade and died when Pilcher was a child. Mrs. Aldrich came to Chatham from New York, and her death occurred in 1900. Mrs. Pilcher knowns very little of her grandparents except that they were natives of New Hampshire. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pilcher, all of whom survive: Jessie P., born in Chatham, November

19, 1873; Mabel C., July 10, 1875; Charles N., November 6, 1877; Fannie M., and Frankie (twins), January 16, 1887. Frank and Fannie live in Springfield and the latter is married. Charles, Mabel and Pearl live in Chatham, and all are married.

Mr. Pilcher and his wife are among the oldest residents of Chatham and have many warm friends in the community. He has been a hard-working, useful citizen, and has served as Collector of Chatham Township several times. He is a member of the Masonic Order and of the Modern Woodmen of America, and in religious views is a Methodist.

PILCHER, John, Sr.—Some families have given more than their share in service to their country, their representatives having risked life and limb in more than one of the mighty conflicts which have convulsed the nation. This is the case in the Pilcher family, of Springfield, for both the War of 1812 and the Civil War profited by the heroism and patriotism of its members. John Pilcher Sr., of this city, is a man who gave of his best to his country, and his grandfather on the paternal side was a private in the War of 1812, surviving to spend a long and useful life in Kentucky, where he died. His wife survived him, coming to Illinois in 1824, when this State was still in a somewhat uncivilized condition. John Pilcher Sr. was born in Springfield, March 13, 1842, a son of Moses and Mary E. (True) Pilcher. The father was born in Lexington, Ky., in April, 1800, while the mother came of old Virginia stock. A carpenter, the father found employment at his trade upon his removal to Illinois in 1824, and during his long life there was an upright and honorable citizen, dying on October 26, 1866, firm in his religious faith.

John Pilcher Sr. was educated in the public schools of Springfield, and until he was eight years of age lived on a farm, but then removal was made to Springfield, which has since been his home. He, too, is a carpenter, having learned the trade from his father, and has been employed upon some of the most important buildings in the city. For the past six years he has also been associated with a steam dyeing plant, and in all his operations he has shown business sagacity that has resulted in ultimate success. Mr. Pilcher served in the First Cavalry for three months, being mustered out at Mound City, Ill., July 14, 1861, and September 23, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Tenth Illinois Cavalry, being mustered out November 22, 1865, at San Antonio, Tex., and receiving his final discharge January 6, 1866. He participated in the battles of Prairie Grove, Little Rock, Mulligan Bend, Cotton Hill and Mobile, as well as others of less importance. He is now a member of Stephenson Post, G. A. R., of Springfield. The Christian Church holds his membership, while he is a stanch Republican politically.

Mr. Pilcher was married in Springfield, October 26, 1866, to Mary E. Hurst, born in Jacksonville, Ill., March 19, 1850. She comes of one of the most prominent families in Morgan County. Mr. and Mrs. Pilcher became the parents of the following children: Lucilla, born June 24, 1870; John W., born May 7, 1876; Robert E., born December 29, 1878, and Clara May, born December 5, 1881. Mr. Pilcher is a man of excellent habits, who has always been a believer in temperance, and his devotion to his family is a matter of comment. Quiet and unostentatious, he has made many friends for himself by his attention to business and fair dealing.

PIPER, Carl Frederick William, one of the representative old residents of Springfield, has lived in his present comfortable home for forty-three years. He owns 267 feet deep with a fifty foot frontage, and his yard is a source of much pleasure to him. His house was among the first to be built in his neighborhood, but when first erected contained only two rooms. In these he reared all of his children, but as his means increased he added another story, so that he now has four rooms. He was born in Prussia, May 17, 1834, a son of Daniel Piper, a grocer and wholesale dealer, and a man of considerable means in the Province of Brandenburg.

Until he was fourteen years old, Carl Frederick William Piper attended school, but at that age began driving a team, continuing teaming until he came to the United States, at the age of twenty-four years. He sailed from Hamburg and landed in Quebec, six weeks being consumed in the passage. He came direct to Springfield, where he joined his brother Frederick, and immediately obtained work in the construction of Andrew Kuhn's brewery. When this was completed, he worked on several farms. On October 23, 1864, he married Albertina Wilhelmina (Dahlman) Dauphin, widow of Philip Dauphin. Following his marriage, Mr. Piper began hauling sand and coal, being the first teamster in the city to haul the latter. In 1876, Mr. Piper secured some of the teaming for the Elevator Mill Company, and for thirty-one years he thus continued. Following this he was employed as a laborer in Washington Park. Mrs. Piper passed away, November 21, 1910, her remains being tenderly interred at Oak Ridge Cemetery. In 1862, when the German Lutheran Church of this city had but twelve members, Mrs. Piper joined it, and continued faithful in its good work until her death. Both she and Mrs. Daniel Pfeiffer had the honor of being married in the old governor's mansion. Mrs. Piper was a domestic in the family of Mrs. C. M. Smith, a sister of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, and proud of the fact that she cooked the last meal eaten by Mr. Lincoln just before he left for Washington for his inauguration, and that her hands prepared the lunch the great man took with him on the journey. Mrs. Piper had four children by her first marriage: Her-

man of Hot Springs, married Dorothy Goottenrath; Amelia, born in Farmingdale, Wis., January 10, 1863, married in Springfield in 1881, to Rev. J. C. Kaiser, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of Jonesville, Ind., issue—Hulda, Clara, Otto, Paul, Ruth, Olga, Carl; George and Fred, twins, the former in Petersburg, Ill., married Amelia Hageman, no issue, and the latter a car inspector, married Christina Droege, issue—Amelia, John, Carl, Ollie, Freda, Elmer and Walter. Mr. and Mrs. Piper had children as follows: Gustave of Cleveland, married Addie Hazel, issue—Edward, Viola, Ruth; Julius, at home; Henry, of Cleveland, married Louise Heiden, issue—Carl and Henry; Edith married William Walsh, issue—Gerald and George. Mrs. Walsh resides with her father.

During his many years' residence in Springfield, Mr. Piper has made true friends who appreciate his sterling traits of character. He has been thrifty, saving his earnings and investing them as a security for his old age, and is now enjoying his declining years, surrounded by the comforts his frugality has provided, and the love of his children and grandchildren.

PLUMMER, Nathan (deceased), who was for many years successfully engaged in farming in Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, was highly esteemed for his sterling qualities and high character, and honored as a veteran of the Civil War. Mr. Plummer was born near Columbus, Ohio, a son of Nathan and Elizabeth Plummer, also natives of that State. The father, who was a farmer, carried on this occupation in Ohio and was accidentally killed in a runaway, following which his widow brought her children to Sangamon County and located on a farm in Cotton Hill Township. There were two sons and five daughters in the family, all of whom are now deceased.

During his boyhood days Nathan Plummer worked on the farm for his mother, and his education was received in Sangamon County. During the early part of the Civil War he enlisted in Company E, Forty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was later consolidated with the Fifty-third Regiment at Guntown, Miss., after the battle at that place, where the Forty-third was nearly annihilated, and Mr. Plummer served until the close of the war, being under the command of Gen. Sherman. He participated in many important battles, but was never wounded nor taken prisoner. He was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., and finally discharged at Chicago.

At the close of the war Mr. Plummer returned to Cotton Hill Township and resumed farming. He carried on the farm where his widow now resides until his death, and was known as an industrious and able farmer. He was married in Springfield, Ill., in October, 1860, to Miss Emily Furnell, born in Dover, Del., August 26, 1840, daughter of Jonathan and Sallie Ann (Clayton) Purnell, the father born near Hagerstrom, Md., and the mother at Smyrna, Del. Mr. Purnell was a farmer and in 1857 removed with his family to Sangamon County, Ill., and carried on farming in Cotton Hill Township until his death. Both he and his wife are now deceased. There were two sons and five daughters in the Purnell family, and four daughters and one son now survive, namely: Samuel is engaged in farming in Christian County; Mrs. Plummer; Mrs. Susan Bosford, of Cotton Hill Township; Mrs. Adelaide Hawlett, whose husband is a farmer in Cotton Hill Township; Margaret, wife of Alonzo Page, of Springfield, a sketch of whom appears in these pages. To Mr. Plummer and wife five daughters and three sons were born, of whom the following survive: Elizabeth, wife of Osborn Boyd, of Girard, Kan.; Nathan, of Rochester; Addie, wife of John Fogle, of Rochester; Sallie, wife of Charles Patterson, of Pawnee; Samuel, at home with his mother; Della, wife of Orrin Richards, of Cotton Hill Township. In the family are seventeen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, namely: Marie, Helen, Cecil and Iva Plummer, children of Nathan Plummer; Samuel, Rosie, James, Emma and Ralph Richards, children of Orrin Richards; Myrtle, daughter of Osborn and Mrs. Boyd, is the wife of Edward Langdon, and they have one child, Edna Boyd; Essie, wife of Charles Rodgers, the daughter of Chester Huddleston, and Eliza Plummer, deceased, has two children, Walter and Elma Goodman; Harry, Gladys, and Beatrice Fogle, are children of Mrs. Fogle; Samuel Plummer married Maggie Wooley, born near Cantrall, Sangamon County, and they have three children: Charles, Irene and Earl.

PLUNKETT, Asa W., retired and living with his daughter, Emma J., on Peoria Road, near the State Fair Grounds, just outside the city of Springfield, Ill., is a member of a family that has been prominent in Sangamon County for nearly a century. He was born in the county, April 3, 1834, son of Robert S. and Ruth (Combs) Plunkett, the father born in North Carolina, June 15, 1808, and the mother born in Green County, Ky. Robert S. Plunkett was a farmer and located in Sangamon County about 1823. He and his wife died there, he in 1890 and his wife at the age of twenty-nine years. He was a son of John H. and Elizabeth (Purvines) Plunkett, born in Cabarrus County, N. C., the former October 3, 1782, and the latter, March 17, 1785. They were married February 19, 1804, and moved to Sangamon County in 1823.

The boyhood of Asa W. Plunkett was spent on his father's farm in Cartwright Township and he attended school in Richland Creek school house, a crude log building. As a boy, he often hunted coons and deer after leaving school and worked for his father. He built a log cabin, fourteen feet square, of buckeye timber, and put in one window and one door. When he was a young man he could get up almost any morning and shoot prairie chickens

for breakfast. He made farming his life work and was very successful in same. About fifteen years ago he began breeding, raising and training running horses, one of which, Sleepy Fred, made a good record as a race-horse in St. Louis, and was in that city at the time of the cyclone. He also owned several other horses that were a credit to him to their training. He has always been a strong Republican, and while living in Cass County, where he owned a farm, served as Constable. He served three years as School Director in Sangamon County. He owns a half interest in a small piece of ground east of the Fair Grounds and here he has lived retired the last nine years. He is a member of the Baptist Church and a man of probity and strict integrity in business and social affairs. He is well known in Sangamon County and has many warm friends.

Mr. Plunkett was married, in Sangamon County, January 12, 1853, to Miss Nancy J. Willis, who was born in Kentucky, July 21, 1831 (the year of the deep snow), daughter of William and Melinda Willis, who came to Illinois in 1833, settling near old Sangamo on Prairie Creek. Children as follows were born of this union: two died in infancy; Marry E. died at the age of nine years; Robert, a dealer in race horses, in Oklahoma City, Okla.; Emma J., living in Springfield with her father; John W., a dealer in horses; Lillie, wife of Edward Michael, a stock raiser and farmer of Welch, Okla.

PLUNKETT, Cornelius A.—Some of the most substantial men of Sangamon County are utilizing their ability and energies for farming purposes, realizing that the soil in this locality pays magnificent interest for all labor expended upon it. One of those profiting from this knowledge is Cornelius A. Plunkett, a farmer and stock raiser of Section 34, Cartwright Township. He was born on his present farm, February 14, 1852, a son of Silas P. and Salina (Keltner) Plunkett. The father was also born on this farm, June 15, 1828, while his wife was born in Cass County, Ill. Mrs. Plunkett was living in Sangamon County at the time of her marriage. Silas P. Plunkett was a son of John Plunkett, a native of North Carolina, who married in that State, Elizabeth Purvines, coming afterwards to Illinois and settling in Sangamon County about 1820. The father of John Plunkett was a Revolutionary soldier, so that loyal blood is in the veins of Cornelius A. Plunkett. John Plunkett entered wild land in Cartwright Township, on which his son Silas was born, making this farm his home until his death, in 1849, his wife passing away in 1858, and they, with the great-grandfather, are interred in Richland Cemetery.

Silas Plunkett had seven children, one of whom died in infancy, while Nellie died at the age of sixteen years, and Albert died at the age of seven years, but the others attained mature years, being: Cornelius; James H., whose sketch appears in this work; Emma, wife of Thomas Plunkett, a farmer of Cartwright Township; Eva May, wife of Marion Turner, a resident of Medora, Ill. Silas Plunkett was one of the representative men of his time. Active in politics, he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and gave excellent service to his party. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, in which he served as Deacon for many years. In all public matters he was ever ready to bear his part in all measures he believed would work out for the ultimate good of the majority, and he died beloved by many.

Growing up amid healthy agricultural surroundings, Cornelius A. Plunkett early learned farming, attending the district school whenever opportunity offered. He remained at home until his marriage, which occurred June 24, 1875, when he was twenty-three years old. His bride was Miss Virginia E. Parker, born in Robinson, Tenn., daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Clinard) Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Parker came to Illinois, settling in Cartwright Township, whence they moved to Menard County, Ill., buying land and living upon it until they sold it to return to Sangamon County, where they died.

After marriage Mr. Plunkett built a beautiful cottage on a portion of the homestead. He has improved the property very materially, erecting substantial buildings, and now has a very comfortable home. He owns thirty-four acres of land, which is highly cultivated and yields large crops. Here three generations have been born, and the land has never been out of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett are the parents of three children: Harry E., born January 27, 1879, at home; Daisy Pearl, born November 10, 1881, wife of Claud Hodgen, a farmer of Auburn Township; and Scott, born September 6, 1885, manager of the men's furnishings department of the Boston Store, of Chicago.

During all his life, which has been spent in Sangamon County, Mr. Plunkett has been interested in current events, and recalls many interesting events in the history of his county, including the heart-rending occasion of the burial of the immortal Lincoln. He has always been proud to follow that leader in his support of the doctrines of the Republican party. He and his wife are consistent members of the Baptist Church, in which he has been Deacon for a number of years. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 770, and Camp No. 139, Modern Woodmen of America, of Pleasant Plains, while Mrs. Plunkett belongs to the Court of Honor of the same place. Both are charming people, sociable in their tastes, and their hospitality is enjoyed by their friends upon numerous occasions.

PLUNKETT, James Huston.—Many farmers of Sangamon County have found it profitable to devote much of their attention to breeding blooded stock, and one of the men who has accomplished much as a general farmer and stockman is James Huston Plunkett, born on Sec-

tion 34, Cartwright Township, January 3, 1854, being a son of Silas P. and Salina M. (Keltner) Plunkett. The general family history of the Plunkets is given elsewhere in this work.

Like many another farmer boy in Sangamon County, Mr. Plunkett grew up to agricultural work, amid a healthy atmosphere. He attended school in the Plunket district school, and learned well what was taught him. He remained under the parental roof until September 14, 1876, and then married Alice Rawls, born in Cartwright Township, a daughter of Hiram Rawls, a pioneer of the county. The young people settled down to married life on the home farm, and in 1881 Mr. Plunkett bought a portion of it and they moved to their new home. There Mrs. Plunkett died February 17, 1895, a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and a worthy, good woman. On June 23, 1897, Mr. Plunkett was married to Sarah May Mackey, born in Lincoln, Logan County, Ill., May 29, 1872, daughter of William and Sarah M. (Hall) Mackey. Her father had come to Springfield in 1880, where he followed his trade of wagonmaking, and there died August 13, 1890, an old man, having been born in Lincoln, Ky., November 5, 1834, and married February 8, 1855. His wife was born in Menard County, August 20, 1839, and died in Springfield June 30, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Mackey had children as follows: Mary Ellen, born December 1, 1856, widow of Edward Beach, living in Kansas; Emma Jane, married Joseph Hurt, of Menard County, Ill., died June 4, 1885; Evangeline, wife of John Roberts, died January 1, 1910; Minerva Ann, born August 11, 1864, married James B. Cyphers, of Springfield; Nana E., born December 14, 1869, wife of A. H. Hughes of Dawson, Ill.; Mrs. Plunkett; William Clyde, a member of Company H, Fifteenth United States Infantry, stationed at Fort Douglas, Utah. The family all belonged to the Christian Church. Mrs. Plunkett's maternal ancestry belonged to good old Virginia stock.

Mr. Plunkett has been very active in politics, being an aggressive Republican. He served for years as a member of the Board of Supervisors, and in 1909 served as its Chairman. In 1908 he was appointed a member of the Board of Review by Judge G. W. Murray, becoming Chairman of this board as well. In addition, Mr. Plunket has served in many other offices, his ability, impartiality and sound judgment fitting him for almost any office within the gift of the people. His services to his party have been very valuable and he is now serving on the County Central Committee. His religious affiliations are with the Baptist Church. Fraternally Mr. Plunkett is a member of the Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America and Encampment, and is now Past Grand Master of the first-named order. Mrs. Plunkett belongs to the Court of Honor of Pleasant Plains, Ill. Both are representative people, who know how to do the right thing in the right way, and are often called upon for advice and assistance. Their pleasant home is a favorite gathering place for the friends of both, and no two people stand higher in the county than they.

PLUNKETT, William F., a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Section 9, Cartwright Township, is recognized as a man of strict integrity and high moral character, whose word is as good as his bond, and he has the general respect of all who know him. He is a native of the township where he now resides, born northeast of the Plains, October 13, 1844, a son of John H. and Mary Elizabeth (Conner) Plunkett, the latter a native of New Jersey, who came to Cass County, Ill., with her parents, Benjamin Conner and wife. In Cass County John H. and Mary Elizabeth Plunkett were married. He owned 160 acres of land in Cartwright Township, where they located, and on that farm seven children were born to them. About 1859 the family moved to Knox County, Mo., where Mr. Plunkett purchased 240 acres of land, established a comfortable home, and was prospering well when the Civil War came on. He made his home on that farm until his death, about 1880, his widow surviving him until 1895. Their seven children were: Silas P., of Newark, Mo.; William F.; Eliza, wife of William Graves, of Bates County, Mo.; Melinda C., wife of John McSurley, a farmer of Knox County, Mo.; Rebecca, wife of Howard Cox, of Knox County; Jasper, a farmer in that county; and Benjamin H., of Beardstown, Ill.

The education of William F. Plunkett, which had been begun in Sangamon County, was continued after the family removal to Missouri, and he was reared to farm work. The family cherished sentiments of loyalty to the flag of their country and were greatly persecuted by the bushwhackers for that reason. At one time William and his brother Silas had to secrete themselves, for safety, in what was known as "Black Jack Hollow," for a period of two weeks, waiting for an opportunity to join the Federal Army. At length they were able to reach Newark and there enlisted for three years in the Eleventh Missouri Cavalry. The regiment was organized and sent to the front, the first fight being at Kirksville and the second at Newark. William Plunkett was captured by old Gen. Joseph Davenport, paroled and turned loose. The Third Iowa soon after came and turned the rebel army out of Newark, they leaving their dead and wounded on the field, and Mr. Plunkett was discharged and sent home. His brother Silas re-enlisted in 1862 for three years.

After his service in the cause of his country Mr. Plunkett returned to Sangamon County and for three years worked at farming by the month. May 14, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Adeline Gabberd, also a native of Cartwright Township, and daughter of Lynn Gabberd and his wife, Frances (Fletcher) Gabberd, both now deceased. Mrs. Plunkett was one of four children, each of whom received twenty-five acres of land from their parents, and Mr. Plunkett purchased the shares

of the other heirs in the farm and they began their married life there. They lived on the Gabberd farm for about thirteen years, and about 1884 sold it and invested in eighty acres of land on Section 9, where they have a very nice home. He has refused an offer of $200 per acre for his farm and no better farm land is to be found in the county. He has been very successful in his operations and is able to enjoy a well earned rest from hard work. Sons have been born to him and his wife as follows: William Alexander, of Pleasant Plains; John Lindsey, of Pleasant Plains; Warren, who helps operate the home farm; two sons deceased, Logan and Jessie. They are also parents of two daughters, Cordelia Anna, wife of Isaac Harris, of Springfield, has two children—Adelia and Logan, and Maggie Belle, at home.

Mr. Plunkett and son are operating an additional 160 acres of land, making about 240 acres altogether. Mr. Plunkett has spent his entire life in Cartwright Township except for a few years spent in Missouri, and has always taken an active and patriotic interest in the growth and development of his native township and county. His parents were among the early settlers there and were held in high esteem. Mr. Plunkett is not a member of any church, but has contributed freely towards the support of churches and schools. He was for some time one of the Directors of the Claysville District school board and took a keen interest in its welfare, being always ready to vote a high salary to a teacher. He has given his children good common school educations and reared them to useful man and womanhood. In politics he has always been a strong adherent of the principles of the Republican party. His wife is a devout member of the Baptist Church. On December 1, 1910, Mr. Plunkett suffered a stroke of paralysis, but has to a large extent recovered from it, having a strong physique and robust health.

POEHLMAN, Conrad.—One of the many handsome residences of Springfield, is that at 1355 Ledley Avenue, owned by Conrad Poehlman, who has for several years been living retired from active life. Mr. Poehlman was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 3, 1845, son of George and Barbara (Mixer) Poehlman, both natives of Germany. The father was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife spent their entire lives in Germany.

The boyhood of Conrad Poehlman was spent on his father's farm and he received his education in the public schools of his native country. After his school days he worked for his father and afterwards learned the trade of stone-cutter, at which he worked six years in Bayreuth, Bavaria. He emigrated to America in 1868, landing in New York, and proceeding direct to Springfield. He worked for a time at the trade of mason, then became employed in the mines, and several years later entered the employ of the Culver Construction Company. For several years he has lived quietly at his home in Springfield, surrounded by his children and grandchildren and enjoying a well-earned rest after his active and industrious years of work. Mr. Poehlman was a skilled workman in his line and was quick to learn the language and customs of his adopted country, easily becoming adapted to his surroundings. He has been successful in his work and respected by all who have come into contact with him. He has always been enterprising and ambitious, and takes an active interest in public enterprises. Politically he is a Democrat and fraternally is affiliated with Titania Lodge No. 166, I. O. O. F., of Springfield. He is a devout member of the German Lutheran Church and contributed his share towards the good work of that body. In the year 1909 Mr. Poehlman made a trip to his native land and revisited the scenes of his childhood. He has many friends in Springfield and is considered a representative citizen.

Mr. Poehlman was married, in Springfield, June 6, 1868, to Barbara Taubenrether, who was born in Bavaria, August 4, 1846, and came to America when a young woman. Her parents lived and died in Germany. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Poehlman, seven sons and three daughters, namely: Michael, of Springfield; George, a patrolman of Springfield; Henry, engaged in mining; Frederick, engaged in farming; William, engaged in mining; John, foreman in the employ of the North Shaft Coal Company, of Springfield; Frank, in dairy business; Catherine, wife of John Green, an iron molder of Springfield; Anna B. lives at home; Mary works for the Illinois Watch Company. Mr. Poehlman and his wife have eight grandchildren.

POGUE, John F.—Now that many years have passed since the Civil War ended, the people of the country can view fairly and without discrimination the services rendered by the men who responded to what they believed to be their duty, and fought bravely and well for the cause they loved. While the ranks of the old soldiers are yearly thinning, many still remain, to be the objects of veneration and respectful affection from those who are now profiting from their bravery and patriotism. One of the best known veterans of Springfield is John F. Pogue, now living retired, but who for many years was associated with the oil industry, as well as with other interests. He was born in Clermont County, Ohio, December 9, 1829, a son of Thomas E. and Grace (Gilkeron) Pogue, both born in Augusta County, Va., he in 1798, and she in 1803. The father was a farmer, who resided in Virginia until 1822, but in that year moved to Ohio, which remained his home until 1854. Becoming imbued with a confidence in Illinois, he moved to the State in 1854, but lived only a year thereafter, dying in 1855, tenderly beloved by his family, to whom he had been greatly attached. His father had been a Revolutionary soldier who located in Virginia, and there spent

the remainder of his life, retaining the title of General, which he had won during the war. He also gained distinction in connection with his services as Government Surveyor.

John F. Pogue attended college in Ohio, having been prepared for the course by a boyhood spent in farm work and attendance on the district school. Following his leaving college he taught school in Montgomery County, from 1854 to 1856, having moved to the State in the former year. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted, in April, 1861, one of the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for troops, serving three years and three months as a non-commissioned officer. He participated in the Siege of Vicksburg as well as other important engagements, and was wounded. Returning home, he resumed the labors interrupted by his military career, but in 1866 went to Lafayette, Ind., which continued his place of business for five years, during which time he was engaged in a mercantile line, but once more he came to Illinois, and for twelve years successfully operated an extensive oil business in Springfield, eventually retiring.

Mr. Pogue was married in Springfield, April 8, 1868, to Virginia V. Fox, born in Sangamon County, in 1842. Her parents were also Virginians, who came to Sangamon County at an early day and remained there the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Pogue have had one child, Grace May, born May 30, 1869. Mr. Pogue has been a Republican since the formation of the party, and served as Township Clerk and for many terms was School Director, rendering the community valuable service by the interest he displayed in educational matters. From 1863 to 1865 he was in the Provost General's office at Springfield. He belongs to the G. A. R., and the Veterans' Union, and is interested in both organizations. The First Methodist Church, of Springfield holds his membership, and for years he has been its loyal supporter, both as to means and energy. Like his forebears, Mr. Pogue has always been fond of his home and loved ones, but he has been ready to render service to those who needed it, and his neighbors and all who have been associated with him appreciate and honor his many excellent traits of character.

POPE, Obadiah, well known farmer, postoffice Buffalo, Sangamon County, Ill., is of German and old American stock and combines the good qualities suggested by that statement. He was born in Jefferson County, Tenn., August 29, 1834, a son of Peter and Sarah (Wilson) Pope, natives respectively of Germany and North Carolina. His father, a farmer, was brought to America by his parents, when he was comparatively young. The family lived in North Carolina for many years, until the father died. After that event Peter went to Tennessee, locating in Jefferson County, where he farmed until his death, which occurred in 1872. His widow died at the home of her son in Sangamon County, Ill., in 1875, aged eighty years. They had three sons and three daughters, all of whom except the subject of this sketch are dead.

Obadiah Pope was educated in Jefferson County, Tenn., in a pioneer school-house with log walls, slab benches and greased paper window panes. He worked on his father's farm until he attained his majority, then learned the wagon-maker's trade in Morristown, Tenn., and worked at it there until the Civil War began. Then he enlisted as a soldier in an independent company and fought for his country for a short time. Obtaining a discharge, he entered the government service as a carpenter and a maker and repairer of wagons. At the end of the war he resumed farming in Tennessee. In 1872 he came to Sangamon County, Ill., and after operating one farm three years, removed to another at Lanesville, where he remained thirty years, then retired from active life and took up his residence in Buffalo, selling his fine farm of 160 acres. He was Road Commissioner of Lanesville Township and was twice elected Justice of the Peace, winning a reputation as a model official. His religious and political affiliations may be dismissed with the significant statement that he is a Baptist and a Republican.

Mr. Pope married Miss Mary Adams, in Jefferson County, Tenn., May 5, 1853. She was born in Washington County, that State, October 4, 1839, a daughter of Henry and Rhur (Nave) Adams. Her parents were both born in Tennessee and her father was a farmer there until his death. The wife also died there. She is one of a family which consisted of two sons and three daughters, all of whom except herself have passed away. Her father was a soldier in the War of 1812. To Mr. and Mrs. Pope were born twelve children, five sons and seven daughters. Peter lives at Dawson, Ill.; Melissa is dead; Henry is dead; Sally is the wife of Albert Ketcham, of Dawson; Samuel, at Dawson; Kate is the wife of Ottis J. Hunter, a Nebraska farmer; Angelina is Mrs. Leonard Scruggins, of Lincoln, Colorado; John at Lanesville, Ill.; Leonard at Riverton; Nellie, wife of Alexander Reynolds, of Rochester; Ida, wife of J. G. Sock, of Eagle, Neb.; Grace, wife of Roscoe C. Cox, of Moberly, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Pope have thirty-two grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

PORTER, Harry C., an energetic young business man of Springfield, member of the firm of Porter & Brisk, was born in Alexis, Warren County, Ill., October 4, 1877, son of James I. and Martha (Dorland) Porter, both natives of Pennsylvania and for the past thirty-five years residents of Alexis. Harry C. Porter is the second of three children and was educated in the common and high schools of his native town, leaving when within two months of graduating from the latter. He had previously been employed during vacations in potteries and on

farms, clerking in stores, and in various other occupations.

After leaving school Mr. Porter worked for a railroad, beginning as messenger boy and being promoted through various grades to the position of traveling freight agent. At the end of four years he resigned his position and accepted an agency in Springfield for a large company, and formed a partnership with Mr. Brisk. He is energetic and ambitious in a business way, has a pleasing personality and is popular with his friends. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and in politics is a Republican. He is affiliated with the B. P. O. E. and is well known in fraternal circles.

Mr. Porter was married, in Taylorville, Ill., December 6, 1904, to Miss Ivy Dickerson, of Rochester, and they have one child, Dorothy.

POWELL, William E., a retired farmer living in Williamsville, Ill., was born in Fayette County, Ill., June 21, 1831, a son of Seymour and Angeline (Carter) Powell natives of Virginia. In 1830 the father moved to Effingham County, Ill., and there died, in 1879, aged eighty-seven years. He was a farmer by occupation and a most worthy and excellent man, who became prominent in his community.

The education of William E. Powell was received in Effingham County, and as a boy he was very fond of hunting and fishing. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and has followed them all his active life. Settling down on a farm in the county in which he was reared, Mr. Powell spent a number of years as an energetic and industrious farmer, so that he was able to retire from active life in 1902, coming then to the village of Williamsville, where he has become one of the substantial and respected citizens of this pleasant little community.

On July 11, 1862, Mr. Powell joined the Seventy-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served nearly four months, being mustered out at Chicago, Ill. He spent a portion of this time guarding bridges and prisoners, acquitting himself with credit and faithfully performing all the duties assigned him. Mr. Powell is a man who impresses all with his reliability and integrity, and is able to win and retain valuable friendships. In religious belief he is a Methodist, while politically he is a Republican. Mr. Powell has well earned the rest he now enjoys.

The first marriage of Mr. Powell occurred in Effingham County, March 14, 1859, to Anna E. Doaty, who was born in 1843 and died April 27, 1872, having had nine children, of whom three survive: Sarah A., married Charles Engert, was born October 7, 1861, three children, —Eugene, Walter and Lagora; Mary A. J. Engert, born December 27, 1859; and Crabell, born December 21, 1865; married L. M. Elliott. On August 12, 1872, Mr. Powell was again married in Effingham County, to Ellen (Leffler) Anspaugh, widow of Solomon Anspaugh, to whom she had been married in 1862. They had three children before the death of Mr. Anspaugh in 1869, namely: Mary, who married Charles Newbern and they have twelve children; Emma J., who married John Burns and they have two children; and Albert L., who married Clara Jackson, and they have four children. Mr. and Mrs. Powell became the parents of the following children: Lillie M., deceased, born July 16, 1873; Edward T., born December 20, 1874, married Ada Hale; John C., born October 28, 1876, married Stella Renfrow; Charles E., born December 31, 1878, married Sallie Younger; Thomas B., born February 10, 1881, married Mamie Tipsword; Lola, born November 24, 1882, twin of William, married Isaiah Tipsword, while William married Hattie Hustead; Cleveland, born June 1, 1885; George, born April 16, 1887, and Bennie twin, of George, died. Mrs. Powell has forty grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell and family are very prominent in their community. Having lived in Springfield and its vicinity for so many years, they were, of course, acquainted with Abraham Lincoln. One of Mr. Powell's most pleasant memories of early days is of a foot-race he ran with Mr. Lincoln, the venerable Peter Cartwright acting as judge upon that occasion. The Powell family took an active part in pioneer affairs, Seymour Powell serving in the Black Hawk War under Mr. Lincoln, and being mustered out at Alton, Ill. Mrs. Powell's father, Solomon Leffler, gave up his life in the Union cause, dying while in service during the Civil War. Mr. Powell is also proud of the fact that his father was employed in the construction of the State House, for he likes to think that he and his have borne their part in making improvements in the county he loves so well.

POWER, Charles A.—It is given to some men to commence their business career with nothing and through perseverance and courage to achieve ultimate success. The man who starts out with his fortune already made is handicaped from the beginning, for there is no present need to act as a stimulating impetus to urge him forward. When he takes unto himself a wife, the rich man does not have to exert himself to provide for necessities, and therefore is robbed of much honest pleasure and desirable encouragement of his efforts. Charles A. Power of Springfield, is one of the best examples in this city of what a man can accomplish if he only possesses the right amount of willingness to work, and knows how to save his money.

Mr. Power was born in Springfield, May 14, 1852, being a son of Maurice and Margaret (Smith) Power, both natives of Ireland, who transmitted to their son many of the desirable qualities. The father was a shoe-maker by trade, and during the war made his home at Chatham, Sangamon County, but in 1866 returned to Springfield, where he continued to reside until his death.

Charles A. Power attended the public schools of Chatham, Ill., while his parents lived there; later becoming a student of the Christian Brothers' school, and the Springfield public schools. He learned the cabinetmaking trade in the furniture store of Mr. Westenberger, with whom he remained three and one-half years, during this time thoroughly mastering the business. No better example of his work can be found than his own two-story residence at No. 1401 Whittier Avenue, Hawthorne, which he built.

On September 10, 1873, Mr. Power and Miss Elizabeth White, of Springfield, who was born in Fancy Creek Township, were united in marriage. Mrs. Power's father was also a native of Ireland, who died during her infancy. Although Mr. and Mrs. Power have no children of their own, they have reared three and are among the most charitable people of Springfield. Both are consistent members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Mr. Power being a very generous supporter of it and an earnest worker in its ranks. He belongs to its regular societies, as well as to the Western Catholic Union, Council No. 364, Knights of Columbus; to the Modern Woodmen of America; to the Mystic Circle; to the Loyal Americans and the Royal Circle. In politics, he is a Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Power are delightful entertainers and their pleasant home is often the scene of charming gatherings, both always displaying that hospitable instinct which is so characteristic of the people of Erin and their descendants. In church and social circles both are very popular, and whenever sorrow enters the homes of any of their friends, it is to these two good people that the afflicted come for both sympathy and material help, and never in vain.

POWER, Charles P., was born on the farm where he now resides, in Fancy Creek Township, February 14, 1882, and belongs to a family that has taken a prominent part in the affairs of the locality for several generations past. He is a son of James England and Laura (Foster-Chord) Power, the former born on the old Power homestead in Sangamon County, December 1, 1824, and the latter born at Petersburg, Menard County, October 7, 1847. The father was born and reared on the farm where his father, George Power, settled in 1821. George Power was born in Fayette County, February 18, 1798, his father being a native of Virginia, who had lived for a time in North Carolina before going to Kentucky. When about ten years of age George Power accompanied his parents to Bath County, Ky., and was there married on February 10, 1820, to Nancy Wilcockson. They had but two children, one born in Bath County and the other in Fancy Creek Township. They located, upon their arrival in 1821, on the Power homestead near Cantrall, which has since been the family home. Mr. Power held various civil and military offices, including: a commission dated September 15, 1827, from Gov. Ninian Edwards, as Major of the Twenty-fifth Regiment Illinois Infantry, under the military laws then in existence; commission from Gov. Reynolds, dated June 4, 1831, as Lieutenant of a company of mounted volunteers in the Black Hawk War; commission as Justice of the Peace, from Gov. Edwards, dated July 25, 1828, and a similar document from Gov. Reynolds, dated September 3, 1831; commission for same purpose from Gen. Joseph Duncan, August 27, 1835; one from Gov. Thomas Carlin, August 27, 1839; one from Gov. Thomas Ford, August 14, 1843, the whole covering a period of nineteen years in this office. He built the first frame house in the county north of the Sangamon River. He engaged in business with a cash capital of but five dollars and by earnest effort and good management became the owner of two thousand acres of choice farm and stock land, which is now in the possession of his descendants. He erected a family vault on his farm, at a cost of five thousand dollars, soon after the death of his elder son, who was the first person to be buried there. His elder son, born in Bath County, Ky., May 2, 1821, came with his parents to Sangamon County the same year, and there married, January 6, 1843, Nancy J. Barnett, five children being born of their union. He was elected County Judge in 1857 and reelected in 1861, dying while in office March 2, 1863, after which his widow resided in Springfield.

James E. Power, younger son of his parents, was reared on the farm near Cantrall and spent his entire life in farming. He was married and continued to live on the homestead, which he inherited. One small building now remains on the farm that was erected soon after George Power came to the place where he established a permanent home. It was on this ground that the slaves were freed about 1837. Mrs. Laura F. Power is a woman of prominence in the community.

George Power was awarded a gold-headed cane for the most skillful feat of horseback riding by an elderly gentleman, at the fair held by the Sangamon County Agricultural Society in September, 1876, the presentation being made by the President of the organization, ex-Gov. John M. Palmer, in the presence of a large gathering. Mr. Power was the eldest of the five competitors, being then in his seventy-ninth year.

PRICKETT, David.—The Honorable David Prickett was of English ancestry, his father, George Prickett, emigrating to America some time before the Revolutionary War and settling in Maryland. In the struggle for Independence he cast his lot with the American patriots and fought for the freedom of the Colonies. The coat-of-arms of the Prickett ancestry is a full-antlered Buck Deer. Soon after the close of the Revolutionary War, George Prickett, the father

(who was a lawyer and a planter), removed with his family, consisting of his wife and six children, from their Maryland home to Franklin County, Ga. To all the children except one had been given Bible names of Hebrew origin and significance, namely: Abraham (the father of many); Isaac (Laughter); Jacob (a supplanter); Elisha (the salvation of God); John (the grace of the Lord); David (well beloved); and George, who was given his father's name, being the exception. David Prickett was born in Franklin County, Ga., September 21, 1800, and, in 1809, came with his parents to the then Territory of Illinois, the family locating at what is now Edwardsville, Madison County. Here David made his home for nearly twenty-five years. The Prickett family being thus among the early settlers, had much to do in the making of the early history of the State with which it was prominently identified.

Abraham Prickett was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1818, which framed the first State Constitution of Illinois, and was also a member of the first Legislature held under this constitution at Kaskaskia in 1818-19, this being the last Legislature to meet in the original State capital.

David Prickett was a graduate of the law department of the Transylvania University at Lexington, Ky. He completed his collegiate course during his twenty-first year and on November 15, 1821, was admitted to the bar at Edwardsville, where he served as Judge of the Probate Court, following which was his appointment as first Reporter of the Illinois Supreme Court. While he was practicing as an attorney, the late U. S. Senator John M. Palmer began the study of the law in his office. In 1826 he was elected a member of the Fifth General Assembly from Madison County, the sessions of this body being then held at Vandalia. Letters and speeches left among his papers indicate that the affairs of the young State of Illinois were then in a chaotic condition. At the time of the meeting of this session a determined effort was made by men of nerve and sound judgment to improve the existing deplorable conditions. The punishment of criminals at this time was cruel and partook of barbarous customs, such as the whipping post, confinement in stocks, branding, cropping and the gallows. In furtherance of proper reforms, the first State Penitentiary was established at Alton, largely through the instrumentality of Representative David Prickett. The system of the Judiciary was one of the most exciting topics before this session. The people were much opposed to the plan of Judges of the courts being appointed and holding office during life or good behavior. This General Assembly abolished the office of Circuit Judge and imposed their duties on the Supreme Judges. It also revised the laws of the State, which required the issue of a volume of statutes of 380 pages, printed by Robert Blackwell of Vandalia. Up to this time the Judges of the Circuit Courts charged the jurors on the facts and, in many cases, made long stump speeches to the jury on the facts in the case on trial. The Fifth General Assembly corrected this evil also, by confining the instructions of the court to the law in the case only. This session of the General Assembly lasted seventy-eight days and passed 143 laws, all of which were of the highest importance to the new State. During Mr. Prickett's legislative term, he was commissioned by Governor Coles, aide-de-camp to Gen. Samuel Whitesides, which extended to service in the Black Hawk War. His notable associates in the Black Hawk expedition, were: Gen. Stillman, Commandant; Zachary Taylor, afterwards President of the United States; Lieut. Jefferson Davis, afterwards President of the Southern Confederacy; Abraham Lincoln, afterwards President of the United States; William S. Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton, the great Federalist; Robert Anderson, of Fort Sumter fame, and many other men who afterwards became distinguished in American History.

Mr. Prickett was elected Clerk of the House for the Seventh General Assembly (1830-31), and by successive reelections served in the same capacity in every General Assembly up to the Eleventh (1838-40), serving in the latter from December 9 to February 3, 1840, this being the first session held in Springfield—after which he resigned. He was also made Assistant Clerk of the Fifteenth General Assembly, held in 1846-47, up to the time of his death in that year.

Having moved with his family to Springfield before the capital was located there, Mr. Prickett took a very active part in securing that result, contributing liberally of his means and time to aid successfully the enterprise; and being one of the signers of a note, dated March 22, 1838, for $16,666.67, given by the citizens of Springfield, covering a balance due on $50,000, which had been pledged by the citizens, together with two acres of land, to secure the location of the capital in their town.

In 1837, he was elected State's Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, composed of the counties of Pike, Calhoun, Greene, Morgan, Sangamon, Tazewell, McLean, Mason and Macoupin. Other official positions of importance held by him included that of Treasurer of the Board of Canal Commissioners, to which he was appointed by Gov. Carlin, in 1839, and he was elected to the same position by the Legislature in 1840 for a second term. In 1843, he was appointed by Gov. Ford, Commissioner of the State Bank of Illinois, his duties as specified by the Legislature being to reduce the public debt of the State one million dollars and to place the bank in process of liquidation.

In 1845, David Prickett and James W. Keyes, father of the late Charles A. Keyes of this city, were appointed by the Democrats of Central Illinois as a special committee to wait on James K. Polk, the newly elected President of the United

States, at his home in Nashville, Tenn., to present the desires and claims of their Democratic constituency for presidential consideration. The result of this commission was quite satisfactory to the Democrats, whose chosen representatives they were.

Hon. David Prickett, was married January 24, 1834, at Tremont, Tazewell County, Ill., to Charlotte Griffith, who was born March 9, 1806, in Chester County, Pa. They removed to Springfield in 1835. Here Judge Prickett purchased a tract of land comprising nine acres, bounded by Capitol Avenue, Edwards, Second and Third Streets. The house in which the family lived has been removed and in its place stands the first Supreme Court Building ever erected by the State of Illinois. It is quite a coincidence, that this beautiful and costly building should stand on the home site of the man who was appointed, nearly a century ago, the first Reporter of the Court which occupies this temple of Justice. Unto Judge Prickett and his wife, five children were born: Christiana G., born August 13, 1835; Thomas G., born December 23, 1837; Gibson R., born June 30, 1840; Hannah O., born January 15, 1842, and died 21st of May, 1909, and another daughter, Susan, who died in infancy. The three surviving children all reside in Springfield. Christiana G., now (1912) resides in a beautiful modern home on a part of the original Prickett site in the full enjoyment of the comforts and consolation of a happy, well spent life, and has the love and esteem of her relatives and of her many life-long and devoted friends and neighbors. Thomas G., is a retired attorney at law, while Gibson R. resides with his sister, Christiana G., looking after the business interests of the estate.

The Hon. David Prickett, after a useful and strenuous life, passed away in 1847, and his remains rest in the beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery at Springfield. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and force and of the highest integrity. As a public official he executed the many highly responsible trusts which had been committed to his care with rare fidelity and honesty, demonstrating his peculiar fitness and capacity as a public official.

'Tis of the brave and good alone
That good and brave men are the seed;
Yet training quickens powers unborn,
And culture nerves the soul for fame.

PRICKETT, Thomas G.—Thomas G. Prickett, second of the five children of David and Charlotte G. Prickett, was born in Springfield, December 23, 1837. He was educated at the Charlottesville Seminary, New York, from which he graduated in 1854. He entered the army during the rebellion with the rank of Captain in 1862, and served for one year on the staff of Gen. John A. McClernand, afterwards reading law under the preceptorship of General McClernand; graduating with the title of Bachelor of Laws from the Law Department of the Michigan State University in 1865. He was twice elected City Attorney of the City of Springfield, and also served as Alderman in 1874-76. On November 3, 1886, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Margaret (Johnstone) McRoberts, whom he survives. Mr. Prickett is a well known, popular citizen and attorney at law of Springfield and Central Illinois, and is held in high esteem for his many excellent qualities of head and heart, as a citizen and a neighbor by his many friends. He is one of the best posted and reliably informed men in the State as to the early history of the State and the men who started Illinois on her wonderful march to success.

PRICKETT, Mrs. Charlotte (Griffith), was born in Chester County, Pa., May 9, 1806, and was married to the Hon. David Prickett, in Tremont, Tazewell County, Ill., January 24, 1834. Mrs. Prickett died in Springfield,, Ill. in 1876, and was buried beside her husband in Oak Ridge Cemetery. She was of Quaker parentage on her mother's side, being the daughter of Dr. Thomas Griffith and Christiana Gibson Griffith, who inter-married in the State of Maryland, where Dr. Griffith was born. Shortly after their marriage they removed to Pennsylvania and afterwards to Richmond, Ind., where Dr. Griffith remained until coming to Tazewell County, Ill., with his family in 1828. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and skill in his profession, a graduate of the Medical College of Baltimore and commissioned by the Royal Medical Society of London, England, to investigate and ascertain the Materia Medica of the Herbage and Flora of North America. He was a kind and affectionate husband and indulgent father, highly respected and esteemed by all who were favored with his acquaintance. He died and was buried in Tazewell County, where his remains rested until the death of his wife in 1852, when they were removed to Oak Ridge Cemetery and placed by her side.

The ancestry of the Gibson family traces back to John Gibson of Boustod Hill, Burg on the Sands, who was born in 1699, in County Cumberland, England, on the shores of the Solway, just inside the line of the old Pict's Wall and about five miles from Carlisle. He was a member of the Society of Friends or Quakers; his father, also John Gibson, was persecuted for his religious faith. Shortly after his father's death, his mother removed to Lurgan, County Antrim, Ireland. He married in Ireland Christiana Harlan, whose ancestry on the mother's side is traced to the Norman Kings. Thomas Gibson, son of the above, was born in Lurgan, Ireland, 1723, and came to Pennsylvania with his parents at the age of six years, and, in 1751 he was married. His daughter, Mrs. Christiana Gibson Griffith, the mother of Mrs. Charlotte G. Prickett, the subject of this sketch, was born in Pennsylvania in 1768, and died in Springfield, Ill., at the age of 85 years.

Mrs. Prickett was the mother of five children of whom mention is made elsewhere in this connection. She was a woman of most lovable character, highly educated and refined; devoted herself to the culture, comfort and moral training of her family, and early sought indelibly to impress them with habits of industry, self-reliance, integrity, patriotism and morality. She was possessed of a kind, sympathetic nature, ever ready and active in relieving the necessities and distress of others. Being a woman of high ideals and social qualifications, her beautiful and spacious home was always the seat of pleasure and enjoyment to the many friends of her young and ambitious husband. Among these were men of the highest honors in State craft and of social standing. Thus surrounded by an affectionate family and congenial friends, she bestowed a graceful and charming hospitality upon a large circle of devoted admirers.

PRICKETT, Mrs. Margaret (Johnstone), was born in Smallholm, Parish of Lochmaben, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, July 15, 1841, the youngest of eight children born to John and Mary Neckelson Johnstone. Her mother died in Scotland when she was two years old. In the fall of 1851, her father, Mr. John Johnstone (being the oldest son of the family and, under the laws of England, sole heir to its landed estate—the same having descended from father to son, for nearly four hundred years), after providing for some of his relatives, who were in less favored circumstances, by placing them in possession of enough of the old estate to secure their comfort through life, disposed of the remainder, bid adieu to his native land and came to America, settling with his four daughters, Elizabeth, Jane, Mary and Margaret, and John, James, David and William, his four sons, on what was then known as the Constant farm, consisting of 240 acres on Wolf Creek in what is now Williams Township, Sangamon County.

THE JOHNSTONES OF ANNANDALE.—The Johnstones, at one time among the most powerful, as they are now one of the most ancient, of the Border Septs—with the winged spur as their appropriate emblem, and the words, "Ready, ae'a Ready," for their motto—were originally settled in the East Lothian, but for over four hundred years they have held extensive possessions in the Western Marches. The first of the family, Sir John De Johnstone, was one of the Scottish Barons who swore fidelity to Edward II of England in 1896. (His great grandfather also, Sir John De Johnstone, was conspicuous for his valor in defense of his country in the reigns of David II and Robert II.) In 1310, he defeated an invading army and two years later was appointed Guardian of the Western Marches. His son, Adam Johnstone, was one of the Commanders of the Scottish Army at the battle of Stark in 1448, in which a signal victory was gained over the English invaders. Sir Adam also took a prominent part on the royal side in the desperate struggle between James II and the Douglases, and was very instrumental in the suppression of the rebellion of that great house against the Crown. He was awarded by the King a grant of land in Lanarkshire, and the Johnstones of Annandale have ever since borne along, with their ancestral arms, the Heart and Crown of Douglas as a memorial of the important service rendered to the Royal cause by their ancestors at that critical period. Sir Adam, the eldest son, was the progenitor of the Annandale or main branch of the family, while Matthew, his second son, who married a daughter of the Earl of Angus, chief of the Red Douglas, was the ancestor of the Westerhall branch.

On March 25, 1859, at the home of her father, Margaret Johnstone was united in marriage to John McRoberts of Springfield, Ill. He died January 22, 1882. By this marriage two children were born to her: Mary N. McRoberts, who married Judge Charles E. Messerly of Sedalia, Mo., and James J. McRoberts, also of that city. On November 3, 1886, she was married to Thomas G. Prickett, an Attorney-at-Law of Springfield. On March 27, 1912, after an exemplary and good life, her remains, accompanied by a sorrowing husband and a large circle of devoted friends, were affectionately laid at rest in the beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery, at Springfield.

Mrs. Prickett was endowed by nature with those noble and exalted traits of heart and brain which tend to the loftiest heights of true womanhood. Deprived, as she was, of the tender and loving care of a fond mother while so young, she naturally looked to her father for that affection, care and training she so much sought and required. To him she told her childhood troubles; to him she looked for protection and comfort. While on his knee at the Scottish fireside, in song and story she learned of the wars and triumphs of her ancestry and became fully imbued with the moral of their motto. It was her guiding star through life, that at duties' call, whether from her God, her King, her country or in every day life, she must be "Ready, ae'a Ready." Though she had but little schooling before leaving Scotland at the age of ten years, she had committed to memory her Catechism, many of the Psalms and chapters in the Bible. She also memorized many of the songs of Burns and seemed to know them all. She loved her native land above all others.

"She dinna lo'e this country less, but she loe'd
the mair her a'in,
There was that a pouin at her heart, to see
Scotland ance again:
Though ye talked to her o' 'ither lan's, be they
far awa' or near,
Ye could na win her lo'e awa' fra'e the lan'
to her sae dear."

She was an active and earnest member of the Mary A. Lawrence Circle of the Kings' Daughters, a Society devoted to charitable purposes. While she cheerfully acquiesced in its many modes and measures for the betterment of the unfortunate and needy, at heart she was opposed to outward show or publicity of charitable acts, often so necessary in the workings of such societies. The many sacrifices she made in behalf of those she loved and held most dear, as well as to those less fortunate than herself in the blessings of this world—all administered in strictest privacy unknown to her circle—afforded her that inward satisfaction so consoling to her life and so noble in the sight of heaven.

She was ever ready to counsel silence in those who spoke to her of the faults, misfortunes and mistakes of others. She never had an unkind word for any and would ofttimes say: "Would there were some gift a'ge us, to see ourseal's as ithers see us." If so we would be more charitable and forgiving to one another, less vain and self-conceited and help to make this world brighter and happier for all.

Among her writings are found the following beautiful lines, which show the true trend of her Scottish heart:

"The bonnie hills of Scotland, so majestic and so grand,
Their summits crowned with glory, 'tis my own, my native land;
Is it any wonder then, that my heart with rapture thrills
When I behold the beauty of those bonnie Scottish hills?

"Those bonnie Scottish hills, Oh! how dear they are to me;
Their summits pointing skyward and their bases by the sea,
Many changes do I find, which my heart with sadness fills,
But no changes can be noticed in those bonnie Scottish hills.

"Those bonnie Scottish hills, where my girlhood days were passed,
Where oft I wandered happily and the future tried to cast;
Many are our day dreams bright that the future ne'er fulfills,
Yet happy were my day dreams on those bonnie Scottish hills.

"Now my bonnie Scottish hills I will bid you all adieu,
In my home beyond the ocean I will ofttimes dream of you;
And in the after time of life, if my Father only wills,
I'll oft behold the grandeur of ye bonnie Scottish hills."

PRIEST, James A. (deceased), who was a prominent farmer and citizen of Sangamon County, was born in Ohio, May 2, 1833, a son of Chauncey and Mary Priest, natives respectively of Ohio and Massachusetts. His father came comparatively early to Sangamon County and farmed within its borders as long thereafter as he lived. Mr. Priest's great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and the history of his patriotic service will long be cherished by his descendants.

In the family of Chauncey and Mary Priest were three sons and two daughters, of whom only two survive. The subject of this notice began his education in Ohio and began there the acquisition of his practical knowledge of farming under the able preceptorship of his father. He was only twelve years old when his parents brought him to Sangamon County, where he attended school and continued his labors on the home farm. He farmed in the county in all his subsequent years except during two years when he was so employed in Christian County. He was a Republican in political faith and a man of great public spirit, who had much to do with the affairs of his community, always helpful and patriotic. He passed away in 1870.

Mr. Priest married Mary Daley at Springfield, in 1859. She was born in Ireland, August 15, 1835, a daughter of John Daley. Her parents both died in their native land. She came to the United States with an uncle and for four years thereafter lived in Baltimore, Md. Then she came to Springfield, where she married. She had two brothers and a sister, all of whom are dead. She bore her husband one son, Henry Priest, who is the manager of an elevator at Lanesville, Ill. She is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. She has a comfortable home in Buffalo.

PRIEST, John W. (deceased).—In recalling the life and services of John W. Priest, who for years was a prominent factor in the developing of the enterprises which have been vastly beneficial to Springfield, a long path backward must be traveled, his early experiences belonging to an era that seems distinctly remote from the things of today. He came of hardy stock, pioneers from Vermont to western New York in days when transportation was by means of oxteams and the traversing of a hundred miles was accomplished only after days of arduous travel.

John W. Priest was born at Pomfret, Windsor County, Vt., and died in Springfield, Ill., June 7, 1887. His parents, both of English extraction and presumably of the farmer class, left Windsor County for St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and it is recorded that in order to assure a safe crossing of the ice on Lake Champlain, the oxen were shod with wooden shoes. The new home proved to be a tract in the virgin forest, and

even as a child of seven years, John Priest was called on to help his father in clearing a spot on which could be built the first semblance of a home. He grew in strength and in stature and in the course of years was his father's main dependance in the developing of a farm, proving himself a worthy and filial son. When he reached man's estate he formed domestic ties of his own and in 1835, with his wife, Olive Wakefield, made a wagon journey, interrupted by a passage on the Erie Canal, to Montgomery, Ala., that southern city being selected mainly on account of the delicate state of his young wife's health. Mr. Priest engaged in the stove business and worked at the tinner's trade until it became evident that his wife could not long survive, and they returned to New York, where she died in 1840.

At the time of his wife's death Mr. Priest was thirty-one years of age, his birth having occurred October 18, 1809, and he was in the flush of manly vigor. To walk a part of the way from St. Lawrence County, N. Y., to the prairies of Illinois did not appear a very formidable feat, and as he had no other means of transportation but the lakes and Erie Canal and no railroads led to Sangamon County or centered at what is now the busy and populous Capital, he made most of the long journey on foot. He entered into the brick manufacturing business in Springfield, and being a pioneer in this line, became an extensive manufacturer, the brick all being made by hand. He was a good business man and through foresight and business judgment his undertakings became successful. He was engaged in farming for many years and in a number of other enterprises. He established a furniture and stove store on the north side of the Square in Springfield, and this became a landmark in the city. At various times he invested in land, acquiring a section near Pana, Christian County, and 500 acres in Clear Lake Township, near Springfield, and the original patents for this land are preserved by his descendants.

Mr. Priest's first wife was Olive Wakefield, whom he married at Parishville, N. Y., in 1835. His second marriage took place in 1845, when he married Lucinda Stafford, at the home of her brother, Orson Stafford, in Springfield, Ill. She was born at Rochester, Ill., September 10, 1826, and died in 1851. She came of an old English family that settled in Rhode Island in 1700, the emigrant ancestor being Edward Stafford, who married Margaret Green, and their son, Joseph Stafford, married Orpha Sweet, they becoming parents of three sons: John, Joseph and Stephen. If these three sons Joseph married Nancy Green and their oldest son, also named Joseph, was born April 25, 1759, in Kent County, R. I. The last-named, although reared in the faith of the Society of Friends, became a soldier in the Revolution, serving under his relative, General Greene. A rather remarkable coincidence was that he chose for his bride a young woman named Orpha Sweet, they being the second couple in the family with identically the same names, the first being his grandparents. Ten children were born to Joseph and Orpha (Sweet) Stafford, some of whom came to Sangamon County, Ill., where they married and identified themselves with other old families, and the name of Stafford frequently appears on important papers and in valuable records, there being at that time many prominent representatives of the family. Caleb Stafford, father of Mrs. Priest, was born June 22, 1789, and in 1804, accompanied his parents to Essex County, N. Y. He later served in the War of 1812, married Rebecca Eggleston, and in 1836 came with his family to Illinois. He died May 7, 1855, and his wife in 1843.

To John W. and Lucinda M. (Stafford) Priest four children were born, namely: Olive, was married, in 1867, to George C. Latham, a representative of one of the prominent old families of Springfield; Mary E., who is the widow of Silas Wright Currier; two others, John Orson and Emma Rebecca, died in infancy. Mr. Priest was married in 1853, to Catherine Wright, of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., who died in 1875. In 1878, he was married to the estimable lady who survives him, Mrs. Pheobe Eggleston, a resident of Springfield.

For many years Mr. Priest was an active and useful citizen, accepting the responsibilities of public life and performing the duties pertaining to them with the faithfulness of a man of high ideals and pure motives. He was long a member of the School Board and at various times was President of that body, his daughter, now Mrs. Mary P. Currier, having received a diploma which was signed by her father. For several years, at different times, he served as Alderman, and in 1856-58, and again in 1870 and '71, served as Mayor of the city. It was during his incumbency of the latter office, that many city utilities were installed, and through his personal effort city bonds were sold in New York that enabled important public improvements to be made. His name is indissolubly connected with the history of street paving and the installation of the city water works, and for a number of years he was President of the latter company. In all his public-spirited efforts, he was apparently inspired by no idea except the advancement of the general welfare and the establishing of laws and methods that would be of perpetual value. In this way the influence of his beneficial life continues long after he has passed from the scene of life.

PROKOPP, Joseph W.—Among the successful farmers of Sangamon County who spent most of their lives within its limits may be mentioned Joseph W. Prokopp, who owned a well cultivated farm near Spaulding. He was born November 13, 1858, son of Joseph A. and Barbara (Shingle) Prokopp, the former of whom was born in Friedland, Bohemia, in September, 1830, and the latter in Ohio, March 12, 1830. The father came to America as a young man

and was an early settler of Sangamon County, where he spent the remainder of his life in farming. They spent forty-five years on one farm, where both died, the father April 1, 1907, and the mother, March 6, 1910.

The boyhood of Joseph W. Prokopp was spent on a farm and he was educated in the schools of Sangamon County. As soon as he was old enough he began, to help with the work on his father's farm and when he started out for himself continued in similar work. He lived on the old homestead, for twenty-four years, until recently. He now resides in Middleton, Tenn., and owns 277 acres there. In 1910 he spent some time visiting in Arkansas. He is an energetic and intelligent farmer and has a natural aptitude for this line of work. He stands well with all and is known for a public-spirited, useful citizen.

Mr. Prokopp was married in Randolph County, Ill., July 8, 1886, to Mary L. Queffemme, daughter of Ambrose and Cecil Queffemme, who came from France and settled in Randolph County at a very early day, buying the farm where they now live. Mr. Queffemme was born March 1, 1829, and died August, 1911, and his wife was born December 12, 1819, and besides Mrs. Prokopp they have two other children: Adolph, born November 13, 1857, a farmer living in Missouri, and Alfred, born April 22, 1858, a farmer living on the old homestead in Randolph County. Four children were born to Mr. Prokopp and his wife: James, born April 11, 1890; Lucy, March 5, 1897; May, October 26, 1899; William, May 14, 1904. They are all fine, well-grown children and a credit to their parents.

Mr. Prokopp is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, in politics is a Republican, and takes an active interest in every issue or movement affecting the general welfare of his community. His eldest son, James A. Prokopp, now resides in Springfield, Ill.

PRUITT, Edgar C., County Superintendent of Sangamon County Schools. Mr. Pruitt came to Sangamon County in 1885 and began his work as teacher at the Pleasant Hill school, two miles east of Springfield. He taught in the country schools of the county for eighteen years, was principal of the East Springfield school for two years, and was elected to the office of County Superintendent of Schools in 1906. He is now serving his second term as Superintendent.

Mr. Pruitt was born Nov. 5, 1863, at Paragon, Ind., and came to Illinois in 1870.

He is a member of the Christian church.

PRUNK, Charles J.—The stirring events of the 'sixties, when men's lives were in constant jeopardy, and characters were developed overnight, are but faintly appreciated by the present generation, who have not lived through them. Every old soldier, remembering what he suffered for his country and flag, knows that no honor can be too great for him and those who were his comrades on the bloody battlefields which preserved the Union at such frightful cost. One of the representative veterans of Sangamon County who returned home to devote himself to the peaceful occupation of farming, is Charles J. Prunk, of Mechanicsburg Township. He was born in Clark County, Ohio, May 13, 1838, son of John and Nancy Prunk, natives of Virginia. They were married in that State, soon thereafter migrating to Clark County, Ohio, where they bought land, remaining there until 1848, when removal was made to Cooper Township, Sangamon County, Ill. Here land was bought, upon which both died, she in 1852 and he in 1863. There were eight children of their family, but Charles J. Prunk is the only one who survives.

Charles J. Prunk attended the public schools of Cooper Township, which were very different in those days from what they are today. A primitive log house sheltered the children, who sat on rude slabs made into seats. When there was any floor aside from that provided by Mother Earth, it was made of rough puncheons. Yet the pupils learned well the lessons taught in these schools, for they were eager for knowledge and wore their few books to scraps. In August, 1862, feeling that he could not remain away from the front any longer, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being assigned to Virginia, General Burnside's Division, Army of the Potomac. Mr. Prunk participated in the battles of Vicksburg and Shiloh, and was on the March with Sherman to the Sea, returning through the Carolinas to Washington, where he took part in the Grand Review. On account of sickness he was honorably discharged at Springfield, at the close of the war.

In February 1868, Mr. Prunk was married to Melissa Dickenson, born in Sangamon County, Ill., daughter of George and Amanda Dickenson, natives of Kentucky. They have one daughter, Clara, who married Charles Taylor. Mr. Taylor, who died, leaving her with one son, Charles Walter, now a bright young lad of fourteen years. Mrs. Prunk died December 4, 1905, and Mrs. Taylor now keeps house for her father.

Following his marriage Mr. Prunk began farming in Mechanicsburg, leaving the homestead where he had resided up to that event, owning part of that land. He on this place lived until fifteen years ago, when he sold his farm and moved to Mechanicsburg, and there has since lived retired. In politics Mr. Prunk is a Republican, but has not desired office. He is a Methodist in religious faith and has taken an active part in church work, contributing liberally towards its support. Like most of the old soldiers, Mr. Prunk takes a deep interest in the G. A. R., belonging to Stephenson Post, of Springfield. In both war and peace Mr. Prunk has proven himself a good citizen. Hard-working and thrifty, he not only made a living for himself and family, but provided for his old age and established his reputation for fair and

honorable dealing. Quiet, never forcing himself upon public notice, but trying to do his full duty as he sees it, Mr. Prunk has made many friends who are proud of his war record, and glad to be numbered among those deemed worthy a place in his confidence.

PUFFINBARGER, Martin, of an old and honored family in Sangamon County, is a native of the county and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born December 25, 1838, son of William and Mary (Harris) Puffinbarger, the father a native of Maryland and the mother of Ohio. The father removed to Ohio as a young man, was there married, and soon afterward, in 1832, came to Sangamon County, settling on a farm south of Springfield, later entering 120 acres of government land there. He operated this land, which he had improved, for many years, then sold it and removed to Christian County, where he spent the remainder of his life, both he and his wife dying on a farm there. There were six sons and three daughters in the family, of whom four sons and one daughter now survive, namely: William C., of Oswego, Kan.; Jackson, of Christian County; Mary, wife of Jacob Cordman, of Oswego, Kan.; Martin, of this sketch. Martin has a half-brother, Douglas Puffinbarger, living in Kansas.

Mr. Puffinbarger was educated in the public schools and reached man's estate on his father's farm. He was acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and his first vote was cast for Stephen A. Douglas. During the early days of the Civil War he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred Forty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Lackey, and at the end of three months was mustered out and discharged at Springfield. He had participated in several skirmishes, mostly in Missouri, and after his service resumed farming, which he has since followed. With the exception of three years spent in Christian County, he has spent his entire life in his native county, and has been on a farm during that entire period, with the exception of two years spent in the city of Springfield. He rents a good farm on Section 10, Cotton Hill Township, where he has lived the past two years, and has a pleasant home there. This land is well improved and in a good state of cultivation.

Mr. Puffinbarger was married in Springfield, in September, 1869, to Mary Lettie Martin, who was born in Christian County, Ill., June 26, 1851, daughter of Eli Martin, an early settler of that county, who followed his trade of blacksmith there until his death. Four children were born of this union, of whom two now survive: Ida M., wife of William Boyle, of St. Louis, has one son, William E. Boyle; Hattie A., wife of Lawrence Furlong, lives with her father. Mr. Puffingbarger is a Democrat in politics and ready to perform every duty that devolves on him as a citizen.

PUGH, Jonathan H. (Vol. I, p. 435.)

PUGLISI, Stephen, who has built up an excellent trade in the line of fruit and produce in the city of Springfield, is a native of Italy, born November 25, 1863. He is a son of Dominick and Vittoria Puglisi, the father being interested in various lines of business at Messina (the scene of the memorable earthquake of a few years ago), including the occupations of carpenter and builder, mine dealer and wholesale grocer. At the age of nineteen years Mr. Puglisi left school and came to the United States and learned the trade of barber at Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1888 he came to Springfield and embarked in his present business at 218 North Fifth Street, where he conducts the largest enterprise of its kind in the city. During the year 1910 he handled one hundred and fifty carloads of fruit and produce, and he has won a reputation for fair dealing and first-class goods that is a valuable asset.

Mr. Puglisi was married in Springfield in 1890 to Sarah Foti, a native of Milazzo, Italy, who came to America as a small child, and two children have blessed this union, Victoria and Dominick. The family reside at 323½ North Sixth Street and attend the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. Mr. Puglisi is Independent in politics and belongs to the Order of Woodmen. He is well regarded by his patrons and has many warm friends in the city.

PURVINES, Achilles Newton.—It is with the greatest pleasure that we present the name of this honored citizen-soldier and pioneer farmer of Sangamon County, to the readers of this work. He was born on Section 29, Cartwright Township, where his sister Mrs. Thomas White was born, and has since made her home. He was a son of Samuel and Mary (Irvin) Purvines, both born in Cabarras County, N. C., he in 1800, and she in 1802. Both families came from North Carolina, settling in Sangamon County in 1820, and in this county the parents were married. Samuel Purvines was a son of John Purvines, born in Pennsylvania in 1769, moving to North Carolina prior to the Revolution, enlisting from that State into the Continental Army, serving in it for five years. Much later, he moved to Illinois, locating one mile north of Pleasant Plains where he entered land from the government, and there made his home until death claimed him in 1832. On this same farm, Samuel Purvines passed away, in August, 1852, while his wife died in October of that same year. Samuel Purvines and wife were parents of eleven children, three of whom died in infancy, eight growing to maturity, as follows: Tabatha married Robert F. Hamilton, dying in 1909, aged eighty-two years; Lydia A., married J. C. Bone, dying in 1867; A. N., born December 1, 1832, the subject of this review; Matilda, widow of Thomas White of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work; Frances was the fourth wife of J. C. Bone, dying in 1909; John F., a resident of Springfield, is nearly seventy years old; Rachel M., widow of James

Zane, resides in Carthage, Mo., aged sixty-eight years; Samuel S., residing in Pleasant Plains. No family has done more to reclaim, build up and beautify Sangamon County than that of Purvines. Coming to the county in 1820, when the State had been in the Union for but a short time, the grandfather of our subject settled on Section 20, and later his son entered land on Section 29. The family has been prominent in agricultural life and successful as farmers .and stock raisers. The old grandfather was one of those who offered up his life to secure liberty for this country, and following that led a thrifty, industrious existence. The younger generation are sustaining the reputation made by the honored pioneers for good citizenship and excellent farming. It is because of such families as this, that Illinois has attained its present prominence.

Achilles Newton Purvines received his education in the subscription schools of the county, attending one held in the old log school house with its puncheon floor, slab benches and mud and stick chimney. The primitive fireplace was lined with rocks. The parents of the children had to pay a certain amount per child, so that the education of his eight children cost Samuel Purvines considerable amount, but he believed in education, and gladly denied himself to give them the advantages these schools afforded. At the same time, he expected them to assist on the farm, and as soon as one was old enough to plow, he was set to work driving three and four yoke of oxen to break the wild land. Mr. Purvines forgets the hardships of those times, and delights to look back to those early days of the settlement of the county. He retains an old cradle and reap hook and in looking at them recalls the happy days at home before death made any break in their household. He remembers his mother using the old spider to cook her corn pones in the fireplace. Until one year of her death, the mother used these primitive utensils, preferring them to those of more modern pattern, and Mr. Purvines contends that corn pone cooked as she used to make it, is far superior to anything now produced. In his boyhood, Mr. Purvines dropped corn by hand until his father bought the Brown corn planter. Although reared to primitive methods in his farming, Mr. Purvines has kept abreast of improvements, and has the latest improved machinery on his premises.

Like his honored grandfather, Mr. Purvines responded to his country's call, enlisting August 8, 1862, in Company F, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry for three years' service, or until the close of the war. The regiment was organized at Springfield, and was sent in November, 1862, to Memphis, Tenn., and assigned to skirmishing duty. In the spring of 1863, the regiment participated in the Siege of Vicksburg, and other engagements in Tennessee and Mississippi. In June, 1864, Mr. Purvines was wounded at Guntown, Miss., in the right ankle. With this painful wound, he and his regiment managed to escape, but were pursued with bloodhounds, but managed to get into the swamp, where the water killed the scent. They subsisted seven days on wild blackberries and bark from the trees, suffering terribly. Mr. Purvines in his crippled condition tramped to Memphis to rejoin the portion of his regiment which had been transferred to that city, spurred on by the fear of imprisonment in the dreaded Andersonville, where some of his company were confined for thirteen months. Reaching Memphis, he was put in the hospital, and kept there for two months until able to rejoin his regiment. Following this he was sent to Little Rock, Ark., to reinforce General Steele; then to Nashville, Tenn.; thence to Mobile, Ala., where news reached the command of the surrender of General Lee. The regiment was returned to Vicksburg, and there mustered out in August, 1865, being honorably discharged at Springfield, Ill. In 1863, Mr. Purvines was promoted to First Duty Sergeant, retaining this office to the close of the war, although he often performed the duties of his captain.

After the war, he returned to the old home, soon thereafter buying 120 acres of land on Section 3, which is now his home. Immediately, he began to improve this property, erecting comfortable buildings, tiling the land, and buying new machinery. He now owns 345 acres in one body on Sections 3 and 4, and 90 acres in Section 29, Cartwright Township, a total of 435 acres. He has a beautiful residence of modern pattern. Mr. Purvines was the first man in the county raising Percheron horses and was among the first to begin breeding fine horses, short-horn cattle and Poland-China hogs. He has become a leader in breeding all kinds of stock. All his life, Mr. Purvines has been identified with the best interests of Sangamon County, and has always been public-spirited. He was first a Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party, he joined issues with Abraham Lincoln with whom he was well acquainted, and is proud to say that he was one of Lincoln's hirelings. He has never sought public office, but has continued to content himself with the duties of a good citizen. For the past few years, he has practically retired from active life, while he still makes his home on the farm, surrounded by friends and the comforts of home, gained through the efforts of a busy, well-spent life. Socially he is a member of the Dick Johnson Post, G. A. R., of Tallula, Ill. No better or truer citizen of soldier ever lived in Sangamon County than A. N. Purvines of whom we write.

PURVINES, Burton Lee.—An agricultural life is one of the healthiest and sane there is, for under the blue sky and amid the influences of nature, the farmer learns to take a broader view of life and humanity, than when crowded in the confines of a large city. His living is assured him from his land, and if he understands his work, an income as well. Few farmers of

today are content to follow old lines, but are branching out, and specializing in many lines. Still there are many who prefer to devote themselves to general farming, and all are benefiting from the experiments conducted by the government and private individuals. One of the leading agriculturalists of Sangamon County, is Burton Lee Purvines, who owns a fine tract of 400 acres. He was born on a farm near Pleasant Plains, May 22, 1875, a son of Green Lee and Louisa (Potter) Purvines, the latter of whom was born in Menard County, near Petersburg, Ill., a daughter of Elijah Potter. Elijah Potter was born in White County, Ill., but in early manhood moved to Menard County where he died. Abraham Lincoln made his home at the house of Mr. Potter's mother while a clerk in the store at Old Salem, and Mr. Purvines has never changed his views regarding that great man, for whom he early formed an attachment and to whom he gave an unrestricted admiration.

The boyhood days of Mr. Purvines were spent much the same as those of other farmer youths of his vicinity, the time not needed on the farm, being spent in attending the district schools of his locality. Owing to the failing health of his father, his time was pretty well occupied, and when his father died on December 20, 1894, he assumed full charge of the place. In 1895, Mr. Purvines assisted his mother in erecting a beautiful home on Church street, Pleasant Plains, but continued to operate the home farm of 268 acres.

On September 14, 1898, Mr. Purvines was united in marriage with Miss Susie Harrington, daughter of George T. Harrington, whose biographical sketch is given at length elsewhere in this work. After marriage, Mr. Purvines returned to his birthplace, and he and his wife gave their attention to farming and stock-raising. This continued until 1904, when after a very successful career as an agriculturist. Mr. Purvines built a cottage on Main street, in Pleasant Plains, still continuing to operate the farm in its entirety. In 1907, he rented a portion of the home place, but continues his farm and stock operations from Pleasant Plains, owning 400 acres of rich farm land. In 1910, this land averaged sixty bushels to the acre, he having planted 225 acres in corn.

Mr. Purvines is one of the representative men of his county and State, being very progressive in his methods and beliefs. He is prominent fraternally, belonging to Pleasant Plains Masonic Lodge, No. 700, and Welcome Lodge No. 770, I. O. O. F., while both he and his wife are connected with the Eastern Star Lodge. They are consistent members of the Christian Church, in which they are active, giving liberally of both time and money. In political matters, he has always been a Democrat, and can be depended upon for hard work in securing the election of the candidates of his party. Such people as these are the very backbone of any community, for they not only are influential in material matters, but the effect of their upright, Christian lives is felt by all who come into contact with them.

PURVINES, Elijah Alexander.—Among the representative agriculturists of Sangamon County may be mentioned Elijah Alexander Purvines, who is carrying on operations in the eastern part of Pleasant Plains. Mr. Purvines was born in Menard County, Ill., December 22, 1863, a son of Green Lee Purvines. When Mr. Purvines was about eleven years of age, the family located in Cartwright Township, and as soon as he was able to reach the plow handles, he began to do his full share of the work on the home farm, and so continued to operate about forty acres of land with his father until reaching his majority. He was married October 17, 1888, to Elizabeth Watkins, who was born west of Petersburg, Menard County, whence her family had come from Kentucky, this branch of the Watkins family having been founded here about 1820, by her grandfather who made the trip overland. Mrs. Purvines was the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Woldridge) Watkins, who are still living on the old Watkins farm. Of their eight children, all are still living, as follows: Jennett, the wife of Zadock Thompson, a merchant of Petersburg, Ill.; Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Purvines; Evans G., a prominent farmer of Menard County; Elias, who carries on operations northwest of Petersburg; Walter, a farmer and stock breeder of Menard County; Edgar, an agriculturist engaged in operations west of Petersburg; Hattie, the wife of Christian C. Juhl, a farmer near Petersburg; and Nona, the wife of Ira R. Abbott, owner of the electric light plant at Petersburg. Samuel Watkins was one of the prominent agriculturists of his section of Menard County, where he operated about 2,500 acres of land, and he was often urged to accept political honors by his fellow townsmen of the Democratic party, but being a man of a quiet and unassuming nature, he always preferred to give his time to his farm and his home.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Purvines settled on a part of his father's farm in Cartwright Township, and there he successfully carried on operations on 300 acres of land until 1902, in which year he built a beautiful home in the eastern part of Pleasant Plains. In addition to about 400 acres in this county, he owns a tract of 320 acres in Cowley County, Kans., and 850 acres in Potter County, Tex., a total of 1,570 acres. His Sangamon County land produced eighty bushels of corn to the acre in 1910, and he has also been very successful in the breeding of stock. He is one of the intelligent and progressive farmers of the county, and his operations have always been carried on along scientific lines. Much of Mr. Purvines' success may be attributed to his wife, who has assisted him in many ways as only the agriculturist's wife can help him. While not a member of any special church, Mr. Purvines is always ready to

contribute towards church or charitable movements. His political belief is that of the Democratic party. He is very fond of travel, believing that it is an education and means of broadening the mind and increasing one's fund of knowledge, and in 1900, with his brother-in-law, he took an extensive European trip, visiting the Paris Exposition, Germany, Switzerland and Denmark.

To Mr. and Mrs. Purvines there have been born four children as follows: Talvi V., born December 9, 1889; Rollie, born March 12, 1892; DeWitt L., born April 29, 1893; and Mary J., born May 22, 1906. Mrs. Purvines and her children affiliate with the Christian Church. In 1901, Mr. Purvines, with his son and daughter went to Texas, where they broke out 300 acres of land, on which they raised a large crop of corn and maize, and later erected a home. During his absence Mrs. Purvines raised 100 head of hogs without the aid of any one. Mr. Purvines is a representative of the best type of Illinois agriculturist and may be depended upon to creditably maintain and substantiate the name of one of the State's pioneer families.

PURVINES, Green Lee (deceased).—Prominent among the names of representative and distinguished citizens of Sangamon County, Ill., should be placed that of the late Green Lee Purvines, who during a long life spent here and in Menard County established a reputation for uprightness of character and sterling integrity in every walk of life. He was a native of Sangamon County, born in Cartwright Township, near Pleasant Plains, November 10, 1826, a son of Alexander C. and Margaret (Weddington) Purvines, both natives of Cabarrus County, N. C.

Alexander C. Purvines was born March 16, 1794, and continued to make his home in his native county until 1819, when, accompanied by his wife and child, he emigrated to Sangamon County, and here three other children were born to him and his wife. Albert B. Purvines was born October 25, 1818, in North Carolina, and died in Sangamon County, Ill., March 11, 1839; John W. was born in this county October 25, 1821, and died in 1841; Elizabeth F., was born June 23, 1824, and died in 1852; she had been the wife of John C. Bone, who is also deceased and Green Lee was the fourth in order of birth. Mr. Purvines' mother died in January, 1831, and the father was married a second time to Mrs. Jane Hamilton, nee Coleman, and by this union there were eight children.

John Purvines, the grandfather of Green Lee, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1873, and it is supposed that the family is of French extraction; that it emigrated from France to Ireland, and thence to the Colonies prior to the Revolution, locating in Pennsylvania and other eastern States. It is thought also that the name was originally spelled Purviance, as written, one Robert Purviance, in the courts of Cabarras County, N. C., and as signed by David S. Purviance in the capacity of witness on two occasions in the Illinois courts. John Purvines removed to Mecklenberg County, N. C., in 1775, and to Cabarras County in 1779. During the Revolutionary War, he enlisted in the company of Capt. James White, attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel Davis, and the company marched to a point in South Carolina, where the entire militia of the Carolinas had assembled under General Rutherford. Soon afterward occurred the battle of Stone River, July 20, 1779, in which Mr. Purvines participated. Later, in 1781, he enlisted as a private horseman in the company of Captain William Penny, being attached to the army under young General Gates at Lynch Creek, thence to Rugsby Mills; was present at the capture of Fort Orangeburg, S. C., in May, 1781; was a member of a foraging party which was attacked by the Tories, his horse shot, he being wounded himself and his saddle captured. At another time he was a member of a foraging party which visited an old mill. While there they were surrounded by a detachment of Tories. Mr. Purvines was the only one who evaded capture, which he managed to do by jumping from a window into the river, and by swimming he succeeded in making his escape, although fired on by the Tories several times. The close of the war found him under the command of Col. Wade Hampton and General Sumter, and when he was mustered out of the army he had a record of nearly five years of fighting. In 1819, he went to Sangamon County, Ill., and there the death of this patriot occurred in 1833, and there a monument to his memory was erected by his friends.

The boyhood of Green Lee Purvines was much the same as other boys of his day and locality, his spare time being given to attendance at the small district school house, and much attention paid to the work of the home farm. On reaching man's estate, he started out to farm on his own account on an eighty-acre tract in Menard County, which had been given him by his father. Later he purchased the adjoining eighty acres, and on this tract he made his home for upwards of a quarter of a century. On selling that place, he bought a farm two miles east of Pleasant Plains in Cartwright Township, to which he added from time to time until he had accumulated 500 acres of fine farming land, all under a high state of cultivation and improved with large substantial buildings.

On February 4, 1862, at the home of the bride in Menard County, Ill., Mr. Purvines was united in marriage to Louise Potter, a native of that county and a daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth (Green) Potter. Mr. Potter was born in White County, Ill., February 24, 1813, and his wife in Overton County, Tenn., October 30, 1818, and when five years of age came to Illinois with her parents in a wagon. Mr. Potter died March 23, 1870, and his wife August 16, 1888, both being interred in Greenwood Cemetery, Tallula. To Mr. and Mrs. Purvines there were

born three children: Marietta, wife of J. Henry Irwin, an extensive farmer in Cartwright Township; Elijah Alexander, farmer living in the village of Pleasant Plains; and Burton Lee, who owns the old homestead.

PURVINES, James O., a retired farmer residing at Pleasant Plains, Ill., was born a mile and a half northeast of his present home, February 11, 1845, a son of Alexander C. and Jane (Coleman) Purvines. The father was a native of Cabarrus County, N. C., and came to Sangamon County about 1823, being among the "Snow Birds" who struggled so hard for existence in early days. The mills were so far distant they had to mash their own corn for meal and they lived among the Indians for neighbors. Mr. Purvines was born March 16, 1794, and died in Illinois July 16, 1861. He was a man of strong character and pronounced views, always ready to defend the honor of his State. He was one of the founders of Cartwright Township. At the time of the Mormon trouble at Nauvoo he took a load of men and started for that place, although having no gun himself. Those who were armed started to the front and Mr. Purvines took a neck yoke from his wagon and started to do battle with it, but found it unnecessary to take any active part in the fight. When the excitement was over they returned to the work on their farms, none the worse for the adventure. Deer and other wild game helped furnish meat for their larder. Their market was St. Louis, to which place they hauled wheat and sold it for twenty-five cents per bushel and sold dressed hogs for $1.75 per hundredweight, making the trip with ox teams. Mr. Purvines was a man of energy and determination and at the time of his death was one of the extensive land holders of his part of the county. He saw the wild prairie and heavy timber land converted into fertile farms and the Indian hut give way to the home of the farmer. He helped build the Richland Baptist Church and was an earnest Christian. His latch-string was always left on the outside and the train of families moving westward who passed his place found a stopping place and a chance for rest at his home. His widow survived until October, 1878. She was a woman of high character, who was always cheerful amid the trails of pioneer existence and held in warm regard by all who knew her. Her maiden name was Jane Coleman, and she was born January 28, 1806. Her first marriage was to George Hamilton, by whom she had two sons and a daughter, namely: Robert F. Hamilton, died and left a family in Illinois; Martha C. married Asural Emory, a wealthy land owner living near Cuba, Mo.; George K., died at Pleasant Plains. After the death of Mr. Hamilton she became the wife of Alexander C. Purvines, who had been married before, and by his first wife had children as follows: Alfred, born October 25, 1818, died in young manhood; John W., born October 25, 1820, died in 1821; Elizabeth became the wife of Jack Bone, her birth occurred June 23, 1824; Green Lee, born November 10, 1826. The mother of these children bore the name of Lisbon before her marriage.

By his second marriage Alexander C. Purvines had children as follows: Margaret, born September 5, 1832, married Abraham Duff and died in Texas about 1909; William G., born September 3, 1834, lives at Pleasant Plains; Nancy S., born August 9, 1836, died in young womanhood; Sarah E., born July 17, 1838, married Mr. Hill Armstrong and died without leaving children; Alexander J., born August 3, 1840, died in Kansas about 1907 and his widow in 1908; Itha L., born September 12, 1843, wife of E. L. Bone, of Petersburg, and mother of William Bone, a noted lecturer; James O., of this sketch; Edgar C., born July 11, 1847. The mother of these children gave tender motherly care to fourteen children and also reared four grandchildren, making eighteen children who had grown up in her household. She and her husband gave the children such educational advantages as they were able.

James Oscar Purvines attended the Purvines district school and was reared to farm work. He remained on the farm until coming to Pleasant Plains in 1891. May 5, 1874, he married Miss Mattie Harnett, born near Circleville, Ohio, June 25, 1851, daughter of James B. and Mary (Pontious) Harnett. Her father died in Ohio, December 1, 1865, and in 1869 her mother brought her children to Pleasant Plains, where she bought a home and where her death occurred March 12, 1896. She had twelve children, of whom four now survive: James P., married Mary Blaney, in 1876, and is a contractor and builder of Pleasant Plains; Molly, widow of S. S. Purvines, of Pleasant Plains; Sarah, wife of Morgan Luse, of Garnett, Kan., recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary; Mrs. J. O. Purvines; Catherine, Wilson and Joseph died unmarried; Susanna; Daniel, deceased; Elizabeth married Dan Donovan and is deceased; Louisa married a Chas. McLane and died at Circleville, Ohio, in 1882. Mr. Purvines purchased a beautiful home at Pleasant Plains and has since resided there. Their children are: Merry May, born April 25, 1875, graduate of the high school of Pleasant Plains, and of Sangamon College; George O., born July 22, 1877, a graduate of the State University, has for the past eight years been Assistant Cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Tallula, and is a young man of business ability and promise; Libbie Jane, born October 20, 1879, wife of James A. Daniels, Assistant Cashier of the bank of Heyworth, Ill., has two children, David Russell, born in March, 1903, and Gwendolyn, born July 21, 1906; Louana, born January 26, 1882, died September 24, 1885; Florence M., born June 21, 1889, is a post-graduate of Pleasant Plains High school and the Normal of Bloomington, and has for the past three years been a teacher at Pleasant Plains High School. The children of this family have been given many advantages in the way of edu-

cation, etc., and have been fitted for honorable positions. Merry May is known throughout central Illinois as an expert horsewoman and an excellent judge of the merits of horses. For the past fourteen years she has been one of the most successful teachers of Sangamon County and commands the highest salary. She has won many medals for her riding at state and county fairs and is noted for her easy and graceful carriage. She is a lover of fine horses and an expert in training a fine saddle horse. Her sister Florence is also an excellent horsewoman and both daughters are well known as teachers of ability, having many friends.

Mr. Purvines has been identified with the best interests of his community and county and has taken an active part in all movements for the general welfare and progress. In early life he accompanied his father when the latter sold corn for eleven cents per bushel after hauling it a long distance, but times have greatly changed and he has been one of the most successful men of the county.

PUTNAM, Samuel, a prominent and well-known citizen of Spaulding, Ill., where he served several years as Postmaster, is now retired from active life. He was born in Delaware County, N. Y., July 8, 1838, a son of Jeremiah and Hannah (Roe) Putnam, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of New York. The father was a shoemaker by trade, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He settled in Delaware County at an early day and there followed his trade of shoemaker until his death. He and his wife had three sons and four daughters, and those surviving besides Samuel are: Charles, a retired merchant living in New York, and two daughters now residing in Delaware County.

Mr. Putnam acquired his education in his native county and worked on a farm after leaving school, continuing in this line of work until he came to Illinois in 1861. He then worked several years on a farm near Buffalo, and later engaged in the manufacture of tile at that place. Some years later he engaged in the same business at Cedar Rapids, Ia., but lived there only a short time, then returned to Sangamon County and spent a short time at Riverton. He worked several years in the employ of the Spaulding Nursery Company, and, in 1898, received the appointment of Postmaster of Spaulding, being re-appointed twice and holding the position eleven years. He conducted a general store in the village during this time, but has now retired from active life. He has spent a busy, profitable life and has been successful to a fair degree. Mr. Putnam enjoys the confidence and regard of a large circle of friends and well merits their good opinion.

December 31, 1863, Mr. Putnam was married, at Delavan, Ill., to Miss Anna Browner, born in Rushville, Ill., December 11, 1838, daughter of John Browner. Mr. Browner was a native of Maryland and his wife of Virginia. They were married in Columbia, Ky., and were early settlers of Rushville, locating there about seventy-five years ago and remaining there until their deaths. They had four sons and four daughters and of these but three now survive: Mrs. Putnam; a son living in Denver, Colo.; and Mrs. Mary Fiske, of Chicago. To Mr. Putnam and wife two children were born, Gertrude and John. The former is the wife of William Bell and they live on a farm near Rochester. John lives with his father and mother, married Jessie Stutters, and has four children: Amy, Roy, Gertrude and John.

PUTTING, William Fred, a successful manufacturer of Springfield, Ill., was born in St. Louis, Mo., December 26, 1860. His parents, Frederick W. and Catherine (Sheer) Putting, were both born in Germany in the years 1828 and 1832 respectively. Frederick W. Putting was engaged in contracting business in the city of St. Louis for a number of years subsequent to his arrival in America, and later moved his family, consisting of three boys and four girls, to Worden, Ill., where he continued to be an active business man until the time of his death.

Of the sons, William was the second in age. When about fifteen years old he manifested a strong interest in mechanics and immediately began to learn the blacksmithing trade. He labored hard and industriously, working in various shops and factories until his ability as an artisan was generally recognized. During the month of October, 1898, he opened a general blacksmithing business in Springfield on a small scale. His ability, together with his honesty and thrift, soon developed a business that demanded larger quarters, so he was obliged to move four times to accommodate his patronage. In this manner he grew from a repairer to a manufacturer of vehicles.

Mr. Putting was married to Ida F. Klaus, daughter of John and Rosina Klaus, at Moro, Ill., on the 10th day of October, 1882. The male line of the Klaus family for generations, until now, without exception, were mechanics and artisans.

Mr. and Mrs. Putting have had three children, all of whom now are prominent citizens of Springfield: Oscar J. Putting, an able attorney of the Sangamon County Bar; Rosa V. Riefler, wife of Carl Riefler, Auditor of the Court of Honor; and Edward H. Putting, now the junior member of the manufacturing firm of W. F. Putting & Son.

The manufacturing business of which Mr. Putting is the head is the largest of its kind in this part of the state. Thus, by early ambitions, long and persistent toil and labor, Mr. Putting, entirely without assistance, has risen to a position of high credit and respect among his fellow townsmen.

Religiously he is a member of the German Lutheran Church. Politically he, as well as his two sons, are stanch Republicans, always ac-

tive for good government and the welfare of the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Putting continue to enjoy good health, and from all indications will yet spend many a happy day in their comfortable home at No. 316 North Glenwood Avenue.

PYLE, William A., one of the best-known farmers of Woodside Township, Sangamon County, Ill., is a large landowner and has been very successful in his operations. He owns a very pleasant home on Section 21 and enjoys all the comforts and conveniences of modern times. He is a native of Sangamon County and has witnessed the remarkable development of his section of the State during the past eighty years. Mr. Pyle was born November 13, 1830, and belongs to one of the earliest families to settle in Sangamon County. His grandfather, Nicholas Pyle, came from England and first located in South Carolina. He was married in Carolina during the Revolution, his wife's maiden name being Ann Black, and some of their children were born there and the others in Kentucky, where they lived later. They moved to Christian County, Ky., and thence to St. Clair County, Ill., remaining there a short time, and about 1825 came to Sangamon County.

Thompson Pyle, the father of William A., was born in Kentucky and became a farmer. He accompanied his father to Sangamon County and settled on a farm near where his son William now lives. He entered land from the Government and both he and his father died on this land, the former December 19, 1870. Thompson Pyle married Margaret Moffit, also a native of Kentucky, whose death occurred in 1896. They became parents of ten children, of whom four are living.

William A. Pyle was educated in Sangamon County and in his boyhood worked on his father's farm, where he has lived ever since. He now owns 340 acres of excellent farming land, part of which was entered from the Government. He has done much himself toward the development of his farm, but now rents most of it to tenants and has practically retired from business life. He was born the year of the deep snow and is a member of the "Snow Bird Club," of Sangamon County.

Mr. Pyle is one of the most highly respected men of his part of the county, is popular with his many friends, and personally is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, kindly in manner and nature, and a representative of the highest type of citizen. He is always ready to forward every worthy cause and takes great interest in public affairs. He is a Democrat in political belief. Mr. Pyle is unmarried.

QUINN, Edward.—The agricultural States have always offered attractive opportunities for farmers, and none more than Illinois. During the 'fifties and 'sixties the tide of emigration brought with it many sturdy, industrious, hard-working men from more eastern States, and they remained, becoming well-to-do through cultivating the land they secured before it attained its present high value. One of the men who was far-sighted enough to appreciate the fact that in this State he could obtain something worth while from his work, is Edward Quinn, now living retired in Springfield. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in May, 1836, being a son of Patrick and Mary (McHugh) Quinn, both of Ireland. The father was a farmer and he and his wife never came to America, but died in their native land. He passed away in young manhood, leaving a widow and three sons and three daughters, of whom Edward Quinn was the youngest and is the only survivor.

After a boyhood spent according to the customs of his time and country, Mr. Quinn came to this country in 1854. He had helped his father on the farm, and proven himself a good son, so that when he landed in Philadelphia, on May 16th, he found ready employment, for he had learned obedience to his employers, and how to give fair measure for the wages paid him. Four years later he left Philadelphia, coming west to Morgan County, where he resumed his farming work. In 1862 he located in Sangamon County, which has since continued to be his home. He rented eighty acres and this he made his home until 1900, when he retired to Springfield.

Mr. Quinn was married in Springfield, in November, 1880, to Anna McCool, born in Donegal, Ireland, whose parents never left their native land, dying there. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Quinn: Frank J., manager of a large shirt and overall factory of Cairo, Ill., resides in that city; and May A., in the employ of the Stevens Dry Goods Company, resides at home. There is one grandchild in the family. Mr. Quinn knew the lamented Abraham Lincoln and is proud of the fact. He owns his well-kept home at No. 610 West Capitol Avenue, as well as other city realty, and is in comfortable circumstances. In political faith he is a Democrat. A strong Roman Catholic, he is connected with St. Agnes Parish, and is one of its liberal supporters. Kind-hearted, genial, and an excellent type of the best class of his countrymen, Mr. Quinn has many warm friends and holds the confidence of his associates.

QUINN, Patrick Joseph.—Ireland has given the United States some brilliant statesmen, and reliable business men. There is something in the character of an Irishman that wins friends, and when he also possesses excellent business judgment his success is assured. A representative of the genial, popular son of Erin, whose home has been in Springfield since 1881, is Patrick Joseph Quinn. Mr. Quinn was born in County Mayo, March 12, 1861, a son of Patrick and Ann (Morrissoe) Quinn, both of whom were also born in County Mayo. There they married and spent their lives, the father dying in 1896 and the mother surviving until 1905. He was a farmer all his life and a hard-working

man. He and his wife were Catholics and brought up their three sons and four daughters in the same faith. One daughter is now deceased and two sons and two daughters came to the United States.

Patrick Joseph Quinn arrived in America in 1881, coming direct to Springfield. He had received a fair common-school education in Ballaghadereen, Ireland, leaving school when sixteen years old to help his father on the farm. When he arrived at Springfield, however, he did not engage in agricultural work, but obtained employment in the watch factory. He also worked in the rolling mills and in the parks, finally, in 1904, embarking in his present business.

Independent in politics, Mr. Quinn gives his support to men and the measures, rather than to any particular party. He has never aspired to public office, but is liberal in his support of charities and movements he believes will work out for the ultimate good of the community. Mr. Quinn belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters, and is a consistent and liberal supporter of St. Agnes Catholic Church, to which he belongs. On June 26, 1889, Mr. Quinn was married to Mary Tobin, born in County Waterford, Ireland, daughter of William and Bridget (Flynn) Tobin of the same county. They came to America about 1872, when Mrs. Quinn was five years old. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Quinn, but only three survive: William, who is with the Chicago & Alton railroad; Anna, at home, was educated at St. Agnes School and the Ursuline Convent; and Bernardine, also at home. Mr. Quinn has accumulated considerable property in Springfield, and has displayed his confidence in the future of the city by thus largely investing.

RAAB, Henry. (Vol. I, p. 438.)

RACHFORD, Thomas W., who now holds the position of City Electrician of Springfield, was chosen because of his ability and technical knowledge, in preference to others less well qualified to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the position. He was born in Chenoa, McLean County, Ill., November 13, 1870, son of Thomas and Catherine (O'Brien) Rachford, both natives of Ireland, where the former was a farmer. Thomas Rachford and his wife emigrated to America and settled on a farm in McLean County.

The early education of Thomas W. Rachford was acquired in the public schools and he afterwards attended Grand Prairie Seminary, at Onarga, Ill. He was reared in the Catholic faith. He is skilled in electrical work and has had valuable experience. In political views he is a Democrat and fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen and the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He owns the property where he resides, at 336 North Fifth Avenue, Springfield.

Mr. Rachford was married, June 28, 1905, at Alton, Ill., to Miss Kathryn Kelly. Three children were born of this union, namely: John Kelly, born May 30, 1906; Kathryn Agnes, June 10, 1908; Thomas Walter, Jr., March 15, 1910. Mr. Rachford is highly esteemed by his associates and has many friends. He is a man of energy and ambition, making the most of his opportunities and giving his best services to the city by which he is employed.

RAGAN, Jonathan (deceased), for many years a resident of Mechanicsburg, Ill., was one of that village's most highly respected citizens. He was born in Washington County, Md., March 9, 1831, a son of John and Sarah (Cramer) Ragan, both of whom died in the East when their son was quite young. The father was a farmer by occupation.

The education of Jonathan Ragan was acquired in Hagerstown, Md., and after leaving school he learned the trade of printer, which he followed in Hagerstown until coming West, in 1866. He came direct to Mechanicsburg, his home for the remainder of his life. He worked at farming for several years and under the administration of President Cleveland served as Postmaster of Mechanicsburg. Later he followed his trade, conducting a printing office for several years. He was well regarded by his fellow-citizens and served one year as Constable. In politics he was a Democrat. In later years he served as caretaker of the Christian church and of the school house at Mechanicsburg. He was a devout member of the Christian Church, as is his widow.

Mr. Ragan was married in Hagerstown, Md., October 9, 1852, to Miss Sarah Young, born in Frederick County, September 14, 1828, daughter of Frederick and Lydia (Bowersocks) Young, both natives of the same county. Mr. Young was a tailor by trade and conducted a shop in Johnsville, Md., where the family resided many years. They removed to Mechanicsburg in 1865, and there the parents died. There were five children, of whom two still survive: Mrs. Ragan, of Mechanicsburg, and Mrs. Martha Fortune, a widow, living in Springfield.

Six children were born to Mr. Ragan and wife in Hagerstown and two after they located in Mechanicsburg, and five children are living, namely: Richard H., Anna, Mrs. John R. Woodcock, Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Maggie Samonds. Richard H. Ragan, a resident of Springfield, married Miss Mary Hall, of Mechanicsburg, who died in March, 1903, having borne four daughters and one son, and four children are now living, namely: Anna, living with her grandmother, Mrs. Ragan; Bertha, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of George Cox, of Springfield; William, of Mechanicsburg and Hallie, of Springfield. Lydia Ragan married Amos Benedict, who was a soldier in the Civil War and is now deceased, and of their children four are living, namely: Gertie, wife of Frank McCoy, of Springfield; Cora, married A. H. Kanahan, of Lanesville; Jesse, of Springfield; Christina,

wife of Charles Barnett, of Springfield. Mrs. John Anderson and her husband live on a farm north of Decatur, having eight children, namely: Edna, wife of William Weedman, of Glenarm, and her twin sister, Ethel, wife of Carl Huff, also of Glenarm; Clara, Cordelia, Georgia, Roy and Grace, all at home. Maggie Ragan married John Samonds, of Springfield, and their children are: Katie, wife of Carl Wilson, of Virden; Arthur, Ernest, Leslie, Byron, Russell, Clarence, and Harold, all at home.

Mr. Ragan had many friends in the community and was missed from many circles. He took welfare. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His widow has a comfortable home in Mechanicsburg.

RAGLAND, Joseph.—Kentucky furnished to the Western States many excellent men who had the instinct that prompted pioneers in the days when what is now a mighty commonwealth was a wilderness peopled by savage Indians. One of the men who owes his birth to this fine part of the country is Joseph Ragland, one of the scientific farmers of Sangamon County, owning thirty-four acres of rich land in Williams Township. He was born September 30, 1858, in Kentucky, a son of Hugh and Eliza (Mears) Ragland, both natives of Kentucky. Hugh Ragland followed farming all his life, never leaving the Blue Grass State, where he and his wife passed away, after rearing a fine family of four sons and three daughters to do them credit. He was a soldier in the Mexican War, serving to the end. He lived to the ripe old age of seventy-four years, dying in full possession of the confidence and esteem of his neighbors.

Joseph Ragland was brought up on the Kentucky homestead, working on the farm for his father, and attending the schools of his neighborhood. Having heard so much of the rich Sangamon County farm lands, however, in 1881 he left his home to come there, and immediately engaged in farming in Williams Township. After five years there he returned to Kentucky, where he continued farming until 1906, when once more he located in Williams Township, buying thirty-four acres in Section 7, which has been his home ever since. There he carries on farming and gardening, and has been eminently successful.

Mr. Ragland was married in 1879, to Bettie Walters, born in Kentucky, and they had three daughters and two sons, three of whom survive: Nannie, wife of George Durham, of Franklin, Ill.; Mary, residing with her sister, Mrs. Durham; Frank, who resides in Kentucky. Mrs. Ragland died in 1895. In 1902 Mr. Ragland was married to Nan Blanton, also of Kentucky, no issue. She died in 1907. On August 15, 1910, Mr. Ragland was married to Mrs. Margaret Parker, of Springfield, born in New Jersey, but a resident of Springfield and Sangamon County for fifty years. Her father was a merchant in New Jersey, where both her parents died. The Methodist Church claims Mr. Ragland's membership, while in politics he is a Democrat. He is an excellent farmer, who understands thoroughly what he is doing, and his land has increased in value very materially since it came into his possession.

RAHMAN, Herman.—The history of the Civil War has never been fully written, and never can be, for it is impossible to give in detail what the soldiers suffered, or what their after life has been, hampered by the effects of exposure and neglect. Although the nation rests under a heavy debt of gratitude to the veterans, they appear to estimate their services at much less than do those who come after, who, profiting by the results, know what the cost really was. One of the honored veterans living in Springfield, is Herman Rahman, a German-born citizen who risked life in defense of his adopted country. Mr. Rahman was born in Neiderland, May 7, 1839, a son of Fackka and Mary (Benz) Rahman, natives of Germany. In 1847 the father emigrated to America, settling first in Pelleville, Ill., but later removing to St. Louis, where he died. In his native land he was a farmer.

Herman Rahman had few educational advantages, his schooldays being limited to his native land and a short period after arrival in America, for his services were required to help support the family. Upon coming to Illinois, in 1856, Mr. Rahman located near Tallula, where he remained until the outbreak of the war. He enlisted from Camp Butler, in Company F, Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, participating in the battles of Pittsburg Landing, Spanish Fort, Belmont (Ark.), Hatchie River, and the charge at Jackson, Miss., being discharged at Springfield, in 1865. He then settled down in Springfield, which has since been his home. Mr. Rahman belongs to Stephenson Post, G. A. R., of Springfield. In politics he is a Republican.

On December 6, 1869, Mr. Rahman was married at Rockport, Mo., to Minnie Martin, born near Berlin, Germany, December 16, 1849. Her parents never came to America, but died in Germany. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rahman, eight of whom survive: Dorothy Louise, wife of Charles Lloyd, of Whiting, Ind.; Marie, of Chicago; Angie, wife of Bert Fernandes, of Jacksonville, Ill.; Whilma, at home; William, of No. 101 Osburn Avenue, Springfield; Frank, of Toledo; Harry, of Springfield, and Lewis, at home. There are eight grandchildren in the family. For some years Mr. Rahman has been living retired, after a long and useful life, and during which worked in the rolling mills at Springfield. He readily makes and retains friends, and enjoys the confidence and respect of his neighbors and associates.

RAMSEY, Christopher (deceased).—The arduous work of a coal-miner takes such heavy toll of the system that many die in the very prime of life, and few live to a healthy old age. Yet the very danger of the work appeals to many, and the Springfield mines constantly attract men to them. One of the men who passed away unduly was the late Christopher Ramsey, born in Mauchchunk, Pa., March 14, 1861, a son of Christopher and Margaret (Ray) Ramsey, the former born in County Fermanagh, and the latter in County Cavan. The parents came to the United States at an early day, locating near Champaign, Ill., where the father farmed until his death in 1896, his widow surviving him until 1903. There were eleven children in the family, of whom four survive: Katie, wife of William Hale; Eliza, wife of Adam Poulk, and Margaret, wife of James Baskin—all of Pennsylvania; Joseph of Findley, Ill., and Christopher.

Christopher Ramsey was reared on the farm, attending school as he found opportunity. His first work was on his father's farm, but later was employed in the rolling mills after coming to Springfield, still later being engaged in coal mining, where he was employed when he met his death, May 18, 1909. Mr. Ramsey was married in Pennsylvania, September 16, 1881, to Catherine Baskin, born in County Donegal, Ireland, November 27, 1853, a daughter of Adam and Katherine (Alcorn) Baskin, her father a native of County Donegal and her mother of an island on the coast of Ireland. Mrs. Ramsey was the youngest of the eight children born to her parents, the others being as follows: Margaret, wife of Patrick Foster of Ireland; Jane, wife of James Baskin; William; Adam; Mary Ann, wife of William Spence of Ireland; Fanny, wife of John Trimble of Pennsylvania; and James, also of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey had these children: Catherine, died in childhood; Robert A., born July 17, 1883; William A., born in September, 1885, and died at the age of eighteen years; Chester J., born July 26, 1891; Joseph D. and John Norman (twins), born December 12, 1893; Christopher died young.

Mr. Ramsey belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America and the U. M. W. A., and his associates in both adopted appropriate resolutions expressing their sympathy upon the occasion of his death. In politics he was a Republican, while his church affiliations were with the Episcopal Church. He was a man who never neglected his duty, and was a kind husband and father and a most worthy citizen.

RANKINS, William, an honored veteran of the Civil War and a highly respected citizen of Mechanicsburg, Ill., spent most of his active life in agricultural pursuits and has now retired. Mr. Rankins was born at Flemingsburg, Ky., April 12, 1839, son of John L. and Mary E. (Stockton) Rankins, both also natives of Kentucky. The parents moved from Kentucky to Callaway County, Mo., when William was a boy and located on a farm there, remaining until the death of the father. The mother died in 1874, in Springfield, Ill. There were four sons in the family, of whom William is the only survivor. One son, Robert, served in the Confederate Army and died from a wound received while on duty at Antietam. John was a son of William Rankins, who served in the War of and the father of his wife, George Stockton, was a Commodore in the United States Navy during the same war.

As a boy William Rankins attended school at Fulton, Mo., completing his education after coming to Sangamon County. He worked on the farm for his uncle, George Stockton, until nineteen years of age. April 15, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, State Militia, then entered in the Forty-ninth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, serving with this company until the close of the war. He was mustered out at Benton Barracks, Mo., August 2, 1865, being then Corporal of his company. He participated in many battles, including Moose Mill, Spanish Fort, and minor skirmishes, but was never wounded or taken prisoner. He has every reason to feel proud of his record and was well known among his comrades for his devotion to duty.

After the war Mr. Rankins again engaged in farming in Sangamon County and continued same until he retired from active life, a few years ago. He was married at Fulton, Mo., July 12, 1860, to Mary E. Spannhurst, by Rev. Dibbles. She was born in Germany, January 12, 1843, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Bannegarden) Spannhurst. Her parents came to America, when she was a child and located in Callaway County, Mo., where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father being a carpenter by trade. There were five sons and two daughters in the family, and of these two sons and two daughters are now living. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rankins and of these six survive: Minnie, wife of Mace Short, a farmer of Mechanicsburg Township; Edward, a farmer of Christian County; Ida, wife of Charles Patrick, of Christian County; Ernest, of Mechanicsburg Township; Katherine, wife of George Blankenship, of Christian County, Saphronia, at home with her parents. There are twelve grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Rankins is a member of the United Brethren Church and in politics is a Republican. He is much interested in the welfare and progress of the county and has always been a representative, public-spirited citizen.

RAPE, Alfred N. (deceased).—The Rape family were among the early settlers of Sangamon County, Ill., and have always represented the best interests of the community where they have lived. Alfred N. Rape was a native of the county, born May 5, 1830, a son of John Rape, who purchased land there at an early day and carried on farming until his death.

Both he and his wife died there. They were parents of several children.

The boyhood of Alfred N. Rape was spent on a farm and he was educated in the district schools of Sangamon County. He worked for his father until the latter's death, then engaged in farming on his own account. He continued this occupation successfully for many years, then worked at the blacksmith trade for sixteen years in Pawnee, retiring from active life in 1869 and locating in Dawson. He enlisted August 12, 1862, in Company K, One Hundred Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving three years and being honorably discharged at Vicksburg, Miss., August 15, 1865. He had served his country well and participated in fifteen battles. He became a prominent member of the G. A. R. Post at Pawnee and was a member of the Methodist Church. He was ever ready to lend his aid to any public movement he considered worthy his help and in politics was a Prohibitionist. He won the respect and good-will of his neighbors and was a kindly, conscientious man. He had a high regard for good principles in others and carried out his religious teachings in his daily life.

Mr. Rape was married in Dawson October 17, 1871, to Mary A. Constant, born in Lake Fork, Ill., June 17, 1836, daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Peoples) Constant, both natives of Kentucky. The parents were early settlers of Mechanicsburg Township, moved to Lake Fork, Logan County, thence to Buffalo Hart Grove, Sangamon County, and finally to Dawson, Ill. The only survivors of the family are: Mrs. Rape; her brother, William R., residing at Ottawa, Kan.; Sadie, widow of H. M. Van Winkle, of Dawson; Mrs. Margaret Deavers, of Mt. Pulaski, Logan County. Two children were born to Mr. Rape and wife, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Rape died March 2, 1892, at his home in Pawnee. His widow owns a beautiful home in the village, where she has won many friends.

RAPS, George J. (deceased).—Some of the bravest soldiers in the great struggle between the North and the South, were of German birth. They were trained in their own army service and were not raw recruits, so that their enlistment was hailed with delight by those who were forming the regiments to send to southern battlefields. After the war was over they located in different sections and became solid, responsible business men or public officials, rounding out their lives in peace and prosperity. One of these representative soldier-citizens of Springfield, was the late George J. Raps, born in Germany, July 1, 1836, a son of Mathias Raps, also a native of Germany, where he farmed. The mother died when George J. Raps was only a year old. Mathias Raps came to the United States but did not identify himself with any enterprise, living retired among his children to his death.

After a boyhood spent in Germany, during which time he learned the carpenter trade, George J. Raps grew into vigorous young manhood and, appreciating the fact that more opportunities were to be found across the ocean, he came to America, locating in Springfield, where he readily found employment at his trade. In 1890 he went into business for himself, thus continuing until he was made a policeman. He was also connected with the grocery trade, being successful in all his undertakings. Previous to his death he was actively engaged in business controlling a large trade. During the Civil War he enlisted in Company F, Second Missouri Volunteer Infantry, becoming Corporal, and served gallantly until he was mustered out. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church, to which his family still belong, and in politics was a Republican.

Mr. Raps was married, in Springfield, January 29, 1869, to Mary Heneadlia, born in Germany, March 9, 1848, who was brought to Springfield by her parents at an early day. Her father was a tailor by trade. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Raps, four of whom survive: Paul of Springfield, employed by Van Horn; Henry in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company; Catherine, wife of Henry Krithenmeyer, of Sands, Ill., where he is pastor of the German Lutheran Church; Ambertina, wife of John G. Kupler, of Jacksonville, Ill., where he is pastor of the German Lutheran Church. Mrs. Raps owns her pleasant home at No. 221 West Capitol Avenue, as well as other city property. She is essentially a home woman, taking great interest in domestic affairs, and is one of the noted housekeepers of her neighborhood.

RAUCH, (Dr.) John H. (Vol. I, p. 441.)

RAUTH, Joseph Bernard.—Among the successful and enterprising business men of Springfield, Ill., who have made their way in the world by their own hard work and ambition, is Joseph Bernard Rauth, a native of Springfield, born at No. 106 East Mason Street, son of Frederick and Julia (Buselmyer) Rauth, both of whom were born in Germany. The father was a bricklayer by trade and later became a contractor. He emigrated to the United States and he and his wife were parents of eleven children, three dead and eight living.

Joseph B. Rauth was born March 17, 1862, and spent his boyhood in his native city. He was educated at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic School, and then began learning his trade of bricklaying, in which he became very proficient. He was a partner of his father as general contractor from 1891 to the year before the latter's death. In 1900 he began contracting on his own account, which he has since continued. He is a man of good business judgment and knows every detail of his business thoroughly. Being a good workman himself, he demands good service of his employes, and has been able to build up a good business, which has been

steadily increasing and is a financial success. He built the SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, also the First Church of the Sacred Heart, the Illinois Hotel, Commercial Hotel, the Reisch Brewery, and many other business buildings and handsome residences.

Mr. Rauth is a man of good habits, sterling honesty and reliability, and has a good reputation among those with whom he has had dealings. Fraternally he is a member of the St. Vincent Benevolent Society, which he joined in May, 1879, also of St. Peter's Court of Foresters. He is a devout member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and has always supported its good work as has his wife. In national politics he votes for Democratic candidates, but in local affairs votes for the man he considers best fitted by ability and principles to give the best service to the public. Mr. Rauth is well known and has a host of friends. He owns the property at 1000 North First Street, which has been his home since February 15, 1908. He lived with his parents until his marriage, then moved to 318 North First Street, where he lived until he built his present beautiful residence.

Mr. Rauth was married, at Quincy, Ill., May 24, 1904, to Marian Brinkman, daughter of Bernard and Gertrude Mass, natives of Westphalia, northern part of Germany. Mrs. Rauth was born at Quincy, Ill., the sixth of nine children of her parents. She has a twin sister now living at the old homestead. She and her husband have no children.

REAVLEY, Jacob Matthias.—Too much credit cannot be given the man who has struggled against adverse early circumstances, developing himself into a successful business man. The self-made man is a product of this country, where he is given the chance to rise and become prosperous. One of Springfield's business men who can justly lay claim to such a title, is Jacob Matthias Reavley. He was born in Springfield, Ill., April 9, 1883, a son of William and Elizabeth (Greenalogh) Reavley, natives of Pennsylvania and England, respectively. Both parents survive, the father having retired from his work of coal mining. He is a Republican but has never sought to come before the public in an official position.

Jacob Matthias Reavley attended the McClernand public school of this city, and after leaving it, worked for some time in a cigar factory. He then engaged in coal mining for three years, after which he started into business for himself. His success is probably due more to the fact that he has always endeavored to give all men a square deal, than to anything else. Mr. Reavley is very liberal in his views, not alone on religious questions, but in politics as well. According to his belief, in local affairs it is better to vote for the man or measure calculated to be of service to a majority of the people, rather than allow himself to be restricted by party lines. However, in national affairs he is a Republican.

On March 6, 1906, Mr. Reavley was united in marriage with Miss Belle Waggoner, who was born in Pike County, Ill., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner. They have no issue. Mr. Reavley is engaged in the wine, liquor and cigar trade at 613 East Adams Street, Springfield.

REAVLEY, Robert, a prosperous and well-known citizen of Riverton, Ill., now holds the position of County Mine Inspector, to which he was appointed in 1908. Mr. Reavley was born in Springfield, Sangamon County, March 10, 1875, son of Thomas and Jane (Hughes) Reavley, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1836, and the latter born in Wales, in 1839. The father was a miner, but is now living retired from active life. The parents are both now living in Riverton, where they have resided for several years. The mother came to the United States at the age of twelve years, and after spending a few years in the East, came to LaSalle County, Ill., where she met Mr. Reavley, who had come during the Civil War. They were there married and the father enlisted in an Illinois Regiment, serving three months. At the close of the war he engaged in mining and lived thirty-five years in Springfield, then moved to his present home.

In boyhood Robert Reavley worked in the mines, which occupation he has followed all his life until a few years ago, when he became an inspector. He received his education in the public schools of Riverton, but left school for work at an early age. He is largely a self-made man and has made the most of his opportunities for mental and material improvement. He is largely self-educated and has learned much in the school of experience. He is well informed in the business he has followed all his life and has made an exhaustive study of methods and desirable conditions under which the work should be directed. He is able to state his ideas with clearness and vigor, and performs his official duties in an able manner, realizing that much depends upon his sound judgment and careful investigation. He owns a very pretty and comfortable home in Riverton, besides other property. He is a member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Republican. Fraternaly he is prominent in the Masonic Order, being affiliated with Lodge No. 756, at Riverton, and is also a member of Lodge 445, I. O. O. F.

April 21, 1894, Mr. Reavley was married, at Riverton, to Alice Safford, born in that village September 1, 1878, whose parents came from the East and both are now deceased. Mr. Safford was an engineer by occupation. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Reavley: Lester, Joseph, Irene and a baby born April 29, 1911.

REAVLEY, Thomas, Sr., retired miner and well known citizen, of Riverton, Sangamon County, is a son of William and Mary (Berlison) Reavley, natives of England, and was born November 12, 1835, in Schuylkill County, Pa., where

his father was a coal-miner. His parents had come from their native land to America in 1834. The father became superintendent of several mines in turn and remained in Pennsylvania some years, then moved to Shullsburg, Wis., where he was successful as a prospector for lead. After twelve years' residence in Wisconsin, he moved to LaSalle County, Ill., to accept the superintendency of a mine. Several years later he went to similar employment at Springfield. From Springfield he finally retired to LaSalle, Ill., where he died, aged ninety-seven years. He and his good wife lie side by side in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield. They had five sons and four daughters.

Thomas Reavley Sr. was educated in the district school at Silver Creek, Pa., and early learned mining, at which he was long employed in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Illinois, until his retirement from active life a few years ago. He is of the stuff of which soldiers are made, and April 1, 1861, when war had become an assured fact but had not progressed beyond its beginning, he enlisted at LaSalle, Ill., in Company K, Eleventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he saw continuous service until the end of hostilities, when he was discharged at Bird's Point, Mo., with the honor due a good and faithful soldier. His brother Joseph also did soldier's duty in the Civil War. In 1869 Mr. Reavley located at Springfield, whence, after some years, he removed to Riverton, where he has since lived. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his political affiliations he is a stanch Republican.

At LaSalle, Ill., in 1859, Mr. Reavley married Miss Jane Hughes, born in Wales, September 20, 1838, the daughter of a miner who came to America and became well known in mining circles in LaSalle, Ill., later removing to Riverton, where he and his wife both passed from the scenes of this life. Mrs. Reavley bore her husband ten children, of whom the following survive: Mrs. Phema Bell, of Riverton; William Reavley, miner, of Riverton; Robert, County Mine Inspector and Examiner, Riverton; George, of Riverton; Margaret, wife of William Wanless, manager of the Klondike mines, Riverton.

RECHNER, August.—Conditions have changed so materially that housekeepers are conducting their homes upon an entirely different basis today than that which their mothers inaugurated. They are finding it better and cheaper to buy bread and pastry ready-made, and are growing more and more to depend upon reliable bakeries to supply their needs along these lines. For this reason the bakeries of Springfield are assuming added importance in the industrial life of the city, and one of the experienced men engaged in supplying this large demand for wholesome and appetizing food is August Rechner, proprietor of Rechner's Bakery, at No. 500 North Twelfth Street. Mr. Rechner secured his training in one of the best places in his native land, Baden, Germany, where he was born October 5, 1878. He is a son of John Joseph Rechner, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Rechner attended Reisenbach Catholic school, in Baden, leaving school at fifteen years of age. He had already begun learning his trade, and after leaving school was able to devote all his time to it, becoming thoroughly experienced. In 1895 he left Germany, coming to America and landing in New York. He did not remain in that city, but came direct to Springfield, where he secured employment in a bakery at No. 1158 North Eighth Street. Here he remained five years, becoming acquainted with the language and conditions during this time, so that when he established himself in business he was able to meet all its requirements successfully and build up a firm reputation for excellence and fair dealing.

On April 30, 1901, Mr. Rechner was united in marriage to Helen Bansbach, a sister of Mrs. William Rechner, whose biography will be found elsewhere in this volume. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rechner: William Albert, attending SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic School; Joseph Henry, Albert Carl and Otto Frederick, at home. Mr. Rechner is a Democrat, but has been too fully occupied with business cares to look for office. He belongs to SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, of which he is a liberal supporter, and belongs to the Catholic Societies of his church. Perhaps no man in Springfield is a better type of the German-American of today, alert, progressive and far-sighted, in favor of good educational advantages for the young and the furtherance of all measures which tend towards a moral uplift.

RECHNER, John Joseph (deceased).—The late John Joseph Rechner, who died April 16, 1907, was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and his memory is tenderly cherished by his widow and children. He is remembered as a man of upright character and kindly disposition, well known in the community where he lived and possessing many friends. Mr. Rechner was born in Baden, Germany, was there educated, and after marriage settled on a farm in his native place. His widow is also a native of Germany and now resides in Baden. They were parents of five sons and three daughters, all of whom survive: two sons and one daughter live in Germany; William, born November 13, 1866, is a business man of Springfield; August is also in business in Springfield; Sigmund is associated with his brother William in a business way; and two daughters. The sons are enterprising and energetic and have become successful in business.

John J. Rechner was a devout Catholic, as were the members of his family, and supported all movements of the church, morally and

financially. His life was a fitting example to his children, all of whom extended him their complete respect and reverence, and all were reared to follow the faith and teachings of their Church in all their relations of life.

Mrs. Rechner, whose maiden name was Katherina Hemberger, lives in Baden. She is greatly revered by all who know her for her high character and kindly disposition.

RECHNER, William, a well-known resident of Springfield, Ill., was born in Baden, Germany, November 13, 1866, son of John Joseph and Katherina (Hemberger) Rechner, both natives of Germany. The father died April 16, 1907, and the mother still resides in Baden. Both were reared in the Catholic faith and in the education and training of their children ever kept before them the teachings and lessons of the church. Of their five sons and three daughters, all survive, namely: one daughter and two sons living in Germany; William and his brother Sigmund, associated in business in Springfield; August, a baker in Springfield, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; two daughters. Sigmund Rechner, born in Baden, August 27, 1881, was educated in the Reisenbach Catholic School, in Baden, and in 1903 came to America, working first in the Rechner bakery, conducted by his brother August, and later becoming associated with his brother William. Sigmund and August are members of the SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Springfield. The former is unmarried and is a member of St. Vincent's Society. In politics he is Independent.

The boyhood of William Rechner was spent on his father's farm and after he reached the age of fourteen years he did not attend school except on Sundays, and on the other days of the week assisted his father in the farm work. He was educated in the Reisenbach Catholic School and was reared in the utmost respect and reverence for the teachings of the church. In 1891 he emigrated to America, came direct to Springfield, Ill., but shortly afterwards went to Dixon, where for four months he was employed on a farm. Returning to Springfield, he worked some years for the Reisch Brewing Company, and filled various positions with this firm. For some years past he has been engaged in business on his own account and has established himself as one of the successful men of the city. He is a self-made man and has the entire confidence of his associates in business. His probity and integrity are unquestioned and he has many warm friends. He has never sought public office, although much interested in the welfare and progress of the community. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Rechner was married, October 19, 1892, to Miss Lena Bansbach, who was born in Baden, Germany, daughter of William and Francesca (Galen) Bansbach, both of whom died in Germany. She was the fifth child in a family of five daughters and two sons, of whom four daughters and one son live in America and one daughter and one son live in Germany. Mrs. Rechner died January 9, 1908, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery at Springfield. She left eight children, namely: Frances Katherine, Lucy Mary, August William, Louis Joseph, Theresa Elizabeth, Irene Agnes, Irma Molly and Charles, twins. Mr. Rechner is a member of SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, of which Rev. Riesen is pastor. He belongs to St. Vincent's Society, the Western Catholic Union and the Catholic Order of Foresters. The family reside at 715 North Fourth Street. Mr. Rechner has been able to accumulate considerable city real estate in Springfield.

REDMOND, James.—The Irish are generally recognized as being among the brightest and most genial people in the world. Wherever an Irishman is found he is sure to have friends and to have attained some degree of success in whatever line he has followed. Some of the most highly-esteemed residents of Springfield are natives of Erin, and among them none occupies a better position in the confidence of the community than James Redmond, veteran of the Civil War, and a merchant. Mr. Redmond was born in Dublin, Ireland, March 1, 1835, a son of John and Martha (Munlo) Redmond, natives of Ireland, where the father was a merchant, dealing extensively in dry goods.

On September 1, 1860, James Redmond came from England to New York City, after having been educated in that country, to which his parents moved. Arriving in this country, Mr. Redmond soon became imbued with the spirit of the times, and when his adopted land needed his services, he promptly enlisted, in 1861, in the Union army, serving three years and being honorably discharged. During his time of service he proved his bravery and learned to love the country he was risking his life to defend.

After his military service Mr. Redmond came to Springfield, where he embarked in a dry goods business, conducting it very successfully. From time to time he proved his confidence in the future of the city by investing in its real estate, until now he is a large property owner. He is a consistent Catholic, belonging to St. Joseph's Church, to which he subscribes liberally. Politically he is a Republican, but has never come before the people for election to office.

February 13, 1865, Mr. Redmond was married in Springfield to Margaret Fitzgerald, and they have one son, Frank, born in Springfield in 1871. Mrs. Redmond's brother was a well known business man of Springfield. Although now somewhat advanced in years, Mr. Redmond is active and takes a lively interest in business. His recollections of early days, and of the stirring events of the war are interesting and well worth inserting in this too brief biography, did space permit. Too many of the veterans of Springfield have already been called Higher, so added honors are shown the sur-

vivors by the grateful people who realize what this country owes the brave Boys in Blue.

REED, Charles M., a representative farmer and stock raiser of Loami Township, Sangamon County, Ill., is a native of the county, born in Cartwright Township, June 24, 1857, son of William and Elizabeth (Allen) Reed, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New Jersey. Elizabeth Allen was born May 8, 1828, and in 1840 accompanied her father to Butler County, Ohio, where she became acquainted with William Reed, and they were married about 1854, after which they came to Sangamon County and settled on land in what is now Island Grove. His father, John Reed, had seven sons, and bought a large body of land nearby, giving each of his sons a farm. All seven sons married and had children, except Robert, and William was the fifth in order of birth. The only ones of the family now living in Sangamon County are Charles M. and his brother George M.

William became a prominent farmer and was respected by all who knew him. His father died in Island Grove Township about 1861. In politics William Reed was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was a quiet, even-tempered man, his wife never seeing him out of humor, and he had many warm personal friends. Children as follows were born to him and his wife: John W., a dairyman of Long Beach, Cal., Charles M.; Mary E., wife of Hugh Pollock, and they have four children—Harry, Elizabeth, Stella and Margaret; Mary, of New Berlin, with whom her mother resides; George M., on the old home farm. Mrs. Elizabeth Reed (second) Joshua Drake, who is deceased, and they had one child, Frank, now Principal of the Edwards School, in Springfield. William Reed's death occurred in 1863. John Reed was one of the founders of the Presbyterian church at old Berlin and the family have always been in the front in public enterprises. The seven sons of John Reed settled near the home farm and this locality became known as the Reed Settlement.

Charles M. Reed spent his boyhood much the same as other country boys and was educated in the district schools. He helped with the farm work and remained on the home farm after the death of his father, until he reached his majority. He was married, February 13, 1878, to Miss Amy J. Van Doren, and soon after began working by the month. His wife is a daughter of Peter C. and Margaret (Hathaway) Van Doren, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New Jersey. Mr. Van Doren and his wife were married in 1829 and in 1831 moved to Sangamon County, locating in Curran Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, he dying in 1903, at the age of eighty-five years, and she died at the age of seventy-two years, having been born in 1820. Both were devout Methodists and reared their children in the same faith. Of their nine children eight still survive: Sarah, widow of S. P. Gibson, of Loami; John M., a farmer of Oklahoma; E. H., died in Wichita, Kan., in 1906; Cornelius, a farmer living near Chatham; Hannah M., widow of William Nixon; Barbara H., married John Ebersalt, and they live near Petersburg, Ill.; William L., a farmer near Chatham; Mary, wife of Hiram Alexander, of Chatham; Amy, Mrs. Reed.

In 1880 Charles M. Reed took charge of the home farm and remained there until 1883. He has since operated various large farms in Sangamon County, and has been one of the enterprising and industrious farmers in the vicinity. In 1905 he rented a farm in Loami Township. He has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits and has won success through energy and intelligence. He now has 385 acres under his charge, in 1910, having 145 acres in corn, forty in wheat and thirty-five in oats. He raises pure-bred Duroc Jersey hogs, and now has 75 head of these animals that are eligible to registration. For ten years he bought and shipped hogs. He has the Oxford sheep and believes in keeping the best grade of all kinds of stock.

Mr. Reed and his wife have had children as follows: Linford, born January 8, 1879, a farmer living near Coffeyville, Kan.; Pearl, born September 2, 1883, at home; Blanch, born November 29, 1886, wife of Morris Kessler, manager and superintendent of the light plant at Auburn, and they have one child, Lora Imogene; Ella M., born March 15, 1889, for the past three years one of the most successful teachers in Sangamon County, commands a high salary; Ernest, born August 4, 1891, at home; Edna, born July 19, 1894, a student in Auburn High School; Ida Mary, born September 15, 1896; Helen, born February 25, 1903. Linford Reed was married (first) to Nina Troxwell, who died, leaving one child, Florence E., now living with her Grandfather Reed, and Linford Reed married (second) Miss Bertha Bobe Newman, whose grandfather was one of the noted Methodist Episcopal ministers of early days.

Mr. Reed has always taken an active interest in political matters and stanchly supports the principles of the Republican party, being ready to advance any measure he believes will be of benefit to his community. He served five years as Road Commissioner of Chatham, and soon after locating in Loami Township was chosen as the leader of his party. He was nominated and elected in 1902 to the office of Supervisor on the Republican ticket, receiving a handsome majority against a strong Democratic opponent. During 1907-08 he was one of the strongest members of the Board. In 1909, having secured the entire confidence of the people, received a much larger majority than before. He has served as chairman of the building and printing committee, and in this connection has always lost sight of his personal interests and tastes in his conscientious endeavor to serve the people in the best possible manner. He is a member of the I.

O. O. F., in 1890 joined the M. W. A., and both he and his wife are members of the Royal Neighbors and the Rebekahs. The family are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Loami, and have given generous support to its good work.

REED, Patrick, a retired farmer residing at No. 1954 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Ill., has been a resident of Sangamon County for fifty-four years. He was born in County Mayo, Ireland, March 17, 1821, a son of Dominick and Mary (Hopkins) Reed. Dominick Reed was also a native of County Mayo, Ireland, and there spent his entire life engaged in farming. His wife, who was a daughter of Thomas Hopkins, also spent her life there and, of their ten children, Patrick was the only one to come to the United States.

Patrick Reed received but a limited education in his native country, going to work at an early age on his father's farm. On February 3, 1854, he was married to Bridget Cassedy, daughter of John and Catherine Cassedy and two years later they came to New York from Liverpool on a sailing vessel, the *Ibert Gallatus*, which took seven weeks to make the voyage. After his arrival he located for a time near Camden, N. J., where he worked on a farm, his wife doing housework. For thirteen years Mr. Reed worked with the construction gang of the Chicago & Alton R. R., receiving ninety cents a day and having to wait two years before he was paid. He then moved to Chatham, Ill., where he rented a farm for several years, but by this time his children were old enough to help him, and he subsequently purchased a farm of 240 acres in what is now New Berlin Township, paying down $1,000 and going in debt for $11,000, which he paid in seven years, although his contract allowed him ten years to complete the payment. To accomplish this required close economy, and the raising of large crops, and his success in this line is shown by the fact that, in one year, he sold 10,000 bushels of corn at sixty-eight cents per bushel. In their early days after coming to Springfield, in order to aid her husband, Mrs. Reed took in washing, during a part of this time working for Mrs. Lincoln at $1.25 per day. About 1896 Mr. Reed turned the management of his farm over to his son and moved to his present home in Springfield. He has erected several houses there, in addition to the one which he occupies. He is a stanch Democrat in politics, and he and Mrs. Reed are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reed: Thomas, who married Kate Hefferton; Mary, twin sister of Thomas, married Thomas Solon; Kate, at home; John, married Eliza Scanlan and died in 1904; William, married and lives on the home farm; Dominick, married Ann Carrigan, also resides on the home farm; Frank, married Hannah Carrigan, and resides in Springfield: Annie, married Frank Flesch a contractor of Springfield; Joseph is single; Maggie, is Mrs. Patrick Carrigan of Springfield; and three died in infancy.

REES, Hon. Thomas.—Springfield can boast of many men of more than local reputation, and its prominent men are to be found in all lines of business and in the professions. Naturally enough its best known men are those who have held, or are now holding, public office, but most of these have been well known in other capacities before entering political life. Such is the case with the Hon. Thomas Rees, ex-State Senator and publisher of the Illinois State Register, whose reputation in newspaper circles is national. Mr. Rees was born in Pittsburg, Pa., May 13, 1850, son of William and Mary (LaForge) Rees, and his literary ability is probably inherited from his father, who was a newspaper man and the first man to recognize the literary ability of Samuel L. Clemens ("Mark Twain"), having paid him for the first of his articles, which were published in Mr. Rees' paper in the year 1856.

Thomas Rees was but nine years of age when his father died, and four years later he began to solve the serious problem of making his own way in the world by entering a printing establishment at Keokuk, Iowa. He worked several years at the trade. In 1876, he began business on his own account, forming a partnership with Judge John Gibbons, now of Chicago, George Smith and H. W. Clendenin, which connection was maintained with the latter two, until the death of Mr. Smith in Springfield in 1886. He is still associated with Mr. Clendenin in the publication of the Illinois State Register. The partners purchased the Keokuk "Constitution," and although this had been a losing investment to its former proprietors, it proved a big success in the hands of the new firm, Mr. Rees being the business manager, and in 1881, it was sold at a good profit. In June of the same year the partners purchased the Illinois State Register from the late John M. Palmer, of which Mr. Rees has since been business manager. He is thoroughly familiar with every department, from typesetting and press work to writing and compiling.

For years Mr. Rees has been a member of the Illinois Press Association, of which he was President during 1891 and 1892. He was sent as a delegate from Illinois to the National Editorial Association conventions in St. Paul, Detroit, Chicago, Galveston, and other places. He is a member of and has served on the Advisory Committee of the Associated Press, and is a member of the American Newspaper Publishers Association and other organizations. He is a 32d Degree Mason and is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Royal Arcanum and the Royal Circle, having held official rank in the two latter—and was for a term Exalted Ruler of the Elks. He has been for many years a member of the Executive Committee County Democratic Committee and has

acted as chairman of the City Democratic Committee. In the fall of 1902, he was nominated and elected to the office of State Senator. He was Chairman of the Citizen's Armory Committee that accomplished the building of the State Armory and Arsenal of Springfield, and succeeded in a short time in raising a subscription of $50,000 for purchase of the ground, which was presented to the State by the citizens of Springfield.

During his term as State Senator, Mr. Rees secured to Springfield the erection of the Supreme Court Building, which is considered a most beautiful specimen of architecture, being built on truly classical lines. He secured for the State Board of Agriculture, the enlargement of the machinery hall, the completion of the coliseum buildings, the woman's building, the dairy building, the only permanent cattle building and a number of other permanent improvements on the State Fair grounds. In addition to these items, he also secured the building of the new power plant in connection with the State House, the hospital building at Camp Lincoln, a magnificent school building for the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Jacksonville; also, extensive improvements on the buildings and grounds of the Insane Asylum and the State School for Blind at the same place. He introduced and secured the enactment of the law creating the Good Roads Commission of the State of Illinois, which is doing much for the improvement of the highways of the State.

In addition to writing a number of technical papers on the publishing business for editorial conventions, he has been the author of several pieces of work of a more literary nature. Having travelled extensively in nearly every State in the Union and in a number of foreign countries, he has given the readers of the State Register the benefit of his observations as he traveled, having attained a considerable reputation as a descriptive writer.

In 1906, he made a long trip through Cuba and Mexico and on his return wrote a book of over 400 pages on these very interesting countries, under the title of "Spain's Lost Jewels." In 1908, he made an extensive trip through Europe and wrote a similar book describing the several countries in which he travelled, under the title of "Sixty Days in Europe." Both these books were published by the Illinois State Register Company and have proven quite popular. Mr. Rees has also written a number of selections in verse.

He was married July 17th, 1901, to Lou Hart of Gardner, Illinois.

REESE, John H. (deceased), for some years a resident of Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, where he was known as a highly respected and substantial citizen, was a native of North Carolina, born January 9, 1829, a son of Samuel and Mary (Rhodes) Reese, both natives of the same State. The parents became early settlers of Shelby County, Ill., where the father purchased land and engaged in farming. He died there and his wife afterward moved to Dallas, Tex., where she purchased land and there her death occurred about thirty years ago. She had two other sons besides John H.—Joseph and Henry, both of whom remained in South Carolina.

Mr. Reese acquired his education in the public schools of Shelby County, and when old enough began to help in the work on his father's farm, continuing in this occupation during the remainder of his life. For a number of years he lived on a farm three miles southeast of the place occupied by his widow. Upon his marriage, he lived for a time near Pawnee, Ill., and also owned land southwest of the present home place, which he sold and then purchased sixty acres of land on Section 8 of Cotton Hill Township, where he lived from 1878 until his death, which occurred on his birthday in 1885. He was a Republican in politics and an active and useful member of the Methodist Church, living an earnest and consistent Christian life. He improved and cultivated that farm and was successful in his operations. It is now owned by his widow.

Mr. Reese was married in Cotton Hill Township, October 10, 1863, to Phoebe Funderburk, daughter of David and Hannah Funderburk, and a native of Sangamon County. Her father served three years in the war of 1812 and came to Sangamon County in 1819 before there was any Springfield, and two years later married Hannah Hinkle. He and his wife had five sons and three daughters and besides Mrs. Reese those living are: Alfred N., David, Sarah (Mrs. Voyles), now living in Jefferson County, Mo., and at present writing ninety years of age. Mrs. Reese has had five children of whom four sons are living: Samuel D., George Washington, Edward G. and William Warren. George W. lives with his mother. Mary Frances died in infancy. Mrs. Reese has nine living grandchildren. She has reared her children to honorable man and womanhood and is much esteemed by her many friends. Besides her home in Cotton Hill Township, Mrs. Reese owns land in the vicinity of Glenarm.

REFINE, Antonio De Frates (deceased).—It is touching to note the care with which so many of Springfield's reliable men provided for their families, so that when death claimed them the loved ones were left in comfortable circumstances. These men were fully alive to the grave responsibilities resting upon their shoulders, and never shirked their duty or put their own comfort first. One of the men deserving of special mention because of his fidelity to duty, was the late Antonio D. Refine, born on the Island of Madeira, in December, 1830, a son of De Frates Refine and Frances (De Frates) Refine. The parents died in Spain, where the father was a truck farmer.

When only thirteen years old, Antonio came to Springfield, which continued his home until

his death. He learned the brick-layer and plasterer trades, and always had plenty of work. He was engaged on a number of the leading buildings put up in Springfield during his residence there. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and died sustained by its faith, March 22, 1897, his remains being interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery. In political faith he was a Republican, but never desired office. When his adopted country had need of his services he enlisted August 14, 1862, in the Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving until 1865, when he was mustered out. When the G. A. R. Post was organized, he joined it in Springfield and continued one of its active members the remainder of his life.

Mr. Refine was married in Springfield, September 22, 1861, to Mary Roderick, born in Port of Spain, in 1848, daughter of Manuel C. and Homaya Roderick, born on the Island of Madeira. Mr. and Mrs. Refine had children as follows: James, born November 17, 1869, is married and resides at No. 1105 East Miller Street; John C., born March 27, 1872, is married and lives at No. 1329 East Adams Street; Laura, born November 11, 1877, married Andrew Leahy, a carpenter, and lives in St. Louis; William L., born September 15, 1883, is unmarried, lives in Quincy, Ill., where he is a painter; and Daniel is married, living at home with his widowed mother at No. 1101 East Miller Street. Mrs. Refine is a most excellent lady, who is beloved by her family and friends, to whom she has ever been a good neighbor, ready to give sympathy and material help in time of sickness or other trouble.

REGAN, Michael.—Prosperity after years of toil is the reward which has attended a number of the retired farmers now living in Springfield, and it is well deserved, for few men work harder than the agriculturist. One of the men representative of his class is Michael Regan, of No. 417 West Canedy Street, who has resided in Sangamon County for a number of years. He was born in County Mayo, Ireland, January 1, 1837, son of William and Bridget (Duffy) Regan, both natives of that country, who lived and died there.

The educational advantages of this lad were poor, but with customary Irish keenness of intellect, he made the most of them and worked faithfully on his father's farm until he was twenty years old, when he left, sailing from Liverpool for New York City on the sailing vessel, "General McClelland," Captain Trask commanding. After three weeks on the water he landed, with but $2.50 in his pocket. To the ambitious young Irishman, however, this was but of little importance, for he immediately secured work laying brick in Union Hill, N. J., remaining until he had sufficient to come west to Jersey County, Ill., where at Jerseyville he worked several months for $27 per month. He then went to Menard County to work in a brick yard for a season. In the fall of 1865 he came to Springfield and was a hod carrier and section hand on the Chicago & Alton Railroad for several years. In 1867 he returned to Menard County to resume work in the brick yard for a season, when he rented a farm in Petersburg and remained on it for twelve years. He then rented a farm from J. C. Taylor, at Chatham, for twelve years more, following which he bought 176 acres in New Berlin Township, on which he lived until 1903, when he retired and moved to Springfield, buying his present home.

On February 13, 1866, Mr. Regan was married to Annie Cassidy, of Springfield, who was born in County Mayo, Ireland, daughter of John and Catherine (Hannan) Cassidy, both natives of County Mayo, Ireland, and both of whom died in Ireland. Mrs. Regan came to America in 1803. She was one of the following children: Michael, of Ireland, who married Catherine Quinn; Nancy, Mrs. John Roddy, of Ireland; Catherine died unmarried; John, of Ireland; Bridget, Mrs. Patrick Reed, of Springfield; Patrick, of Ireland, married Catherine Dooney; Mrs. Regan and Mary, Mrs. Michael Manyan. Mr. and Mrs. Regan became the parents of the following children: Anna, at home; William, a farmer of this county, married Bridget Cody; Thaddeus, of Auburn, married Nellie Sullivan; Catherine, at home; Mary, Mrs. S. W. Cook, of Fancy Creek Township; and Michael, on the home farm, who married Sarah Patton. Mr. Regan belongs to St. Agnes Catholic Church. He is a stanch Democrat. All through life Mr. Regan has been a hard worker, never shirking any duty, but striving to perform every obligation faithfully and to better his condition.

REID, Archibald (deceased).—Every year the Grim Reaper calls for his own a number of members of the Grand Army of the Republic, thinning the ranks of what was at one time one of the largest organizations the world has ever known, the institution that bound together for all time the boys in blue who had fought side by side through one of the greatest struggles mankind has seen. Each year finds its ranks growing thinner, and for that reason if no other we should honor and respect the veterans while they are with us to remind us of the nation's great struggle to free the slave and uphold the Union. The late Archibald Reid, who was a retired stationary engineer and veteran of the Civil War, and who lived at No. 1146 North Fourth Street, Springfield, was born three miles from Edinburgh, Scotland, November 21, 1834, son of Walter and Jean (Stuart) Reid, and a descendant of the royal family in Scotland. His father was a miner and mine contractor, furnishing horses and mules for mine work, and both he and his wife died in Scotland.

Archibald Reid went to school until ten years of age, when he was put to work in the mines helping his father, and when seventeen

years of age he had charge of a hoisting engine, which he operated until leaving for the United States in 1854. He sailed from Liverpool to New York, whence he went to Pottsville, Pa., where one of his brothers, Thomas, had charge of a junction shaft. He worked there in the mines for a few years, at the end of which time he and a brother engaged in the grocery business in Springfield, but later operated the Co-Operative engine for two years and then took charge of the engine at the old North Shaft. He enlisted at Alton, Ill., in 1864, in Company G, One Hundred Thirty-third Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and after receiving his honorable discharge went to Florida, but eventually returned to Springfield, where he has resided ever since. He was formerly a member of the Baptist Church, and his politics are those of the Republican party.

On April 26, 1860, Mr. Reid was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Jones, a native of Wales. In 1873 Mr. Reid and his wife moved to New Athens, Ill., where he was superintendent of mines, and during their stay there they adopted a little girl about six weeks old, naming her Ella May. She married William Worthington, of Springfield, by whom she has had two children, Isabelle and Edward Bruce.

REID, William Brown, chief engineer in the Supreme Court Building at Springfield, Ill., comes of an old Scotch family in which the men for generations back have been connected with mechanics, and both his father and grandfather were experienced miners. He was born at Silver Creek, Schuylkill County, Pa., September 15, 1857, and is a son of Thomas and Maymie (Brown) Reid, and a grandson of Walter Reid, who returned to Scotland and died in his native land.

Thomas Reid was born in Dalkeith, Scotland. He came to the United States before his marriage and worked as a miner for a number of years in the Schuylkill coal regions in Pennsylvania, then came to Illinois and worked in Morgan County until 1867, when he came to Springfield. He was superintendent of the old Loose Mine and later had charge of the Wabash Coal Company mine at Athens. He died at Springfield, when fifty-nine years old, May 28, 1892. He was survived by five children: William Brown, Walter, Mrs. Henry Kusswall, Jennie and Minnie.

William Brown Reid was quite small when his parents came to Illinois, where he attended the public schools until he was fifteen years of age, at which time he became a clerk for C. M. Smith, in his grocery store, where he remained for four years, then accepted a position at the Illinois Watch Company, remaining five years. For one year afterward he was a fireman on the Wabash railroad and for three more years operated a stationary engine at a coal shaft. Mr. Reid then traveled fifteen years in all parts of the United States as an erecting engineer for the Ide & Sons Engine Works, and for seven years was chief engineer for the Springfield electric plant, one year for the water works and in 1909 accepted his present position.

Mr. Reid was married September 13, 1895, to Miss Lizzie Morris, of Springfield, a daughter of the late George Morris, and they have six children: Charles F., Janetta M., Jessie, Gladys, Willa Dorothy and Margaret Ann. Mr. Reid and family attend the Second Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican in his political views and fraternally he is prominent in Masonry, having attained the thirty-second Degree, and is a Knight Templar and a Shriner. He belongs also to the Knights of Pythias, in which he is Past Chancellor, and to the Woodmen, in which he is Past Venerable Counselor.

REILLY, Thomas W., proprietor of a grocery store at 430 West Hay Street, Springfield, is a native of the city, born October 19, 1883. He is a son of Michael and Ellen (Connors) Reilly, both natives of County Waterford, Ireland, and the father died in 1907. They were parents of seven children, four of whom now survive: Annie; Nellie, wife of John McFall, of Springfield; James, Thomas W. Michael Reilly came to the United States in 1871 and spent some years working in a foundry in Boston. He came to Springfield in 1881 and his widow still resides there. He was a strong Democrat and a member of the Hibernian Society and the Modern Woodmen of America. He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, but usually attended the Church of the Immaculate Conception, at Seventh and Monroe Streets, of whose pastor, Father Hickey, he was a warm admirer and friend.

Until fourteen years of age Thomas W. Reilly attended St. Joseph's parochial school, then went to work in a brick yard. Two years later he began driving a grocery wagon, at which occupation he worked two and one-half years, then for nine years worked in the coal mines. He has been engaged in his present business since 1907 and has succeeded in building up a good trade. His honesty and integrity are unquestioned and he endeavors to meet the requirements of his customers in the line of groceries and provisions he carries. He is well known in his part of the city and has a good standing in the community.

August 24, 1904, Mr. Reilly married Stella Hurt, also a native of Springfield, born July 10, 1872, and daughter of Laterfield and Mollie (Wehrle) Hurt, natives of Germany. Mr. Hurt is retired from active life and resides in Springfield, and Mrs. Hurt is deceased. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. Reilly and wife, namely: Stella, born May 28, 1906; Ursula, June 10, 1908; Edith, December 21, 1910. Mr. Reilly is a Democrat in politics and was a candidate for the office of Commissioner in the primaries of February 28, 1911. He attends St. Joseph's Catholic Church and is

affiliated with the Hibernians. He resides at 530 West Hay Street and has many friends in the city.

REISCH, Franz Sales (deceased).—In all parts of Illinois are to be found German-Americans who have impressed their personalities on the history of the communities in which they have lived. Their sturdy honesty, their ambition to make the most of their opportunities for advancement, and their interest in the cause of progress, are qualities which made them valuable citizens. Among the citizens of Springfield, who have contributed much to the development of the resources of the city and vicinity, was Franz Sales Reisch, who has been dead many years, but his influence is easily discernible in the results of his activities. He is well remembered by all who had dealings with him, in a business or social way, and his presence was missed in many circles of the city for many years. He left a record of which his family and friends have been justly proud, and his success in life was a gratification to his many warm personal friends.

Mr. Reisch was born in the Grand Duchy of Baden, on the Rhine, January 24, 1808. He was of the peasant class, and his father's occupation was that of a butcher. Mr. Reisch was one of five children, three boys and two girls.

Franz S. Reisch received a limited education, and at the age of seventeen years became apprentice to a cooper in the village of Schlettstadt, across the Rhine from his home, in Alsace, France. After spending three years learning his trade Mr. Reisch worked three years as journeyman. At the age of twenty-four years, he decided to seek larger opportunities to better his condition in life, and emigrated to the United States. He first located in Kentucky, later removed to Indiana, and after living in that State a short time, moved in 1833, to Beardstown on the Illinois River, where he followed his trade successfully four years. Mr. Reisch then returned to his native country for his wife, having been engaged to be married to Miss Susan Maurer, a farmer's daughter, born near his own birthplace. They were married and spent their honeymoon traveling to their new home in Beardstown, where Mr. Reisch established a shop of his own. By diligent work and economy he saved money enough to purchase, in 1840, land on Richland Creek, Sangamon County. After locating on his farm, he continued to manufacture barrels, delivering them by wagon to Beardstown, Springfield and St. Louis. He later sold this farm and purchased land eight miles from Springfield. He was a successful farmer and business man, and saved enough to engage in mercantile business, in 1846, in which he continued four years.

In 1850 Mr. Reisch moved his family to Springfield, having the previous year established a small brewery with a capacity of 150 barrels annually, and in this enterprise was so successful that he was soon able to produce 400 barrels a year. He had been associated with another in business but purchased the interest of his partner and carried on the brewery alone for some time. He also had a mercantile establishment and retained his farm. In 1854, on account of a temperance wave which swept over the country, he leased his brewery and engaged in manufacturing brick, still carrying on his grocery store, having a partner in the latter business. In 1858 Mr. Reisch resumed his management of the brewery, and started to build up the business anew, and about this time the grocer with whom he had been associated in business was admitted to partnership in the brewery, but in 1862, Mr. Reisch became sole owner again. In 1863, he admitted his son Frank to partnership and in 1868, the enterprise had grown to such an extent that they erected an immense brewing plant, which was the most extensive in the city. This enterprise has become one of the largest in Sangamon County, and its present output is 100,000 barrels per annum. The machinery has been added to and replaced from time to time, until the latest improved appliances have come into use in all parts of the immense plant, comprising five large buildings.

In 1875 Mr. Reisch was superintending the construction of an addition to the brewing plant when he fell from the partly completed building, was fatally injured, and died a few hours later. He left a widow and seven children to mourn his loss. Mr. Reisch and wife had a happy married life of thirty-eight years, and to them were born children as follows: Frank, died in 1896; Elizabeth, wife of Gustave A. Ensenberger; Joseph, Vice President of Reisch Brewing Company; Leonard, a dry-goods merchant; George, a biography of whom appears in this work. Mrs. Reisch died in 1901. She and her husband were both devout Catholics, and no matter how inclement the weather might be, Mrs. Reisch attended mass every Sunday, unless prevented by serious illness, and frequently attended church week days, as well. The family was prominent socially and delighted to entertain their many friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Reisch rose to a position of wealth and prominence through his sheer determination and unswerving purpose to succeed, coming to the United States a poor young man, beginning in a humble way in his struggle and moving slowly at first on his upward way. However, his ability and high courage could not help but advance him in position and power, and his achievements were but the natural outcome of his efforts, aided by the fact that he lived in the midst of large opportunities and knew how to take advantage of them. He delighted to provide his family with the good things of life, was most devoted to them all, and was always solicitous for their comfort. In his business relations he was most upright and conscientious, never breaking an engagement or a promise, and fulfilling the spirit as well as the letter

of all obligations. He was most generous in his contributions to the needs of those who were unfortunate and needy, and gave his support to every worthy cause which came to his notice. He was a man who was most faithful to every friend that reposed confidence in him, and his high sense of right was one of his distinguishing characteristics. In politics Mr. Reisch was a Democrat, though he never cared for public office.

REISCH, George.—The Reisch family has been prominent in the annals of Springfield, Ill., and vicinity for more than half a century, and the name has always stood for progress and public enterprise. They have been most active in securing public improvements, in forwarding the erection of public buildings and developing the resources of the community. They have been instrumental in securing the location of factories in Springfield and have helped to build up many private enterprises. Hardly a church of any denomination has been erected in Springfield for fifty years but has been materially aided by their generosity. One of the most prominent representatives of the family in the business circles of Springfield today is George Reisch, President of Reisch Brewing Company, which was established by his father in 1849. Mr. Reisch is a native of Sangamon County, born January 3, 1846, son of Frank and Susanna (Maurer) Reisch, both born in Baden, Germany, the father January 24, 1808, and the mother February 11, 1817. Frank Reisch, who was a brewer, came to the United States in 1832, spent about a year in New Orleans, came thence to Cincinnati, Ohio, and later located in Springfield, where he remained until his death in 1875. He and his wife had thirteen children, seven of whom grew to maturity, namely: Frank married Anna Hammon and died, leaving a widow and four children—Christina, wife of Charles Meyer, of Springfield; Susanna (unmarried), Mary (wife of Joseph Zimmerman), and Frank, Jr. (Secretary and Treasurer of the Reisch Brewing Company), Mary, wife of Leonard Mattias, one child—Theresa; George; Elizabeth married Gustave A. Ensenberger, a furniture dealer of Bloomington, Ill., three children—Frank, Gustave and Joseph; Joseph married Mary Stehlin, who died, leaving two children—Albert and Marie, and he is first Vice President of the Reisch Brewing Company; Susie is a nun in the Franciscan Convent, in New York; Leonard, retired, was formerly a member of the dry goods firm of Reisch & Thoma, of Springfield, married a Miss Halliday and they have one child, Linette.

At the age of sixteen years George Reisch had graduated from the common school in Springfield and began to assist his father in the brewery and his brother Frank was admitted to partnership with his father. On May 1, 1875, F. Reisch & Brothers succeeded F. Reisch & Son, and in 1903, the Reisch Brewing Company was incorporated. The business has expanded very much and the firm is well known throughout the central part of the State. The annual output of the plant is 100,000 barrels, the firm occupies five large buildings, and the most modern and best improved machinery is used in manufacturing the product. The most sanitary conditions are always observed. George Reisch has carried out the policy of his father and his brother Frank in most features of the work and is one of the ablest business men of the city. His business dealings have been characterized by the utmost fairness and uprightness, and the reputation of the firm is of the best. In his able administration of the affairs of the large enterprise of which he is the head, he has shown that he has all the details of the business in hand.

Mr. Reisch has been identified with many public enterprises and has always given his support to every measure he considers to be of interest or benefit to the public. He served four years on the Park Board of the city and was Alderman one term. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Sangamo Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Men's Club, Western Catholic Union, and many other societies of Springfield, besides the Illinois State and National Brewers' Association. He has always been a Democrat, but has taken no very active part in political affairs. He is a member of SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church of Springfield. Mr. Reisch inherits to a large degree the ambition and energy of his father, who was a self-made man, landing in America with almost nothing and building up a large business. He is an active worker for any cause in which he is interested and may be counted on for contributing his share in forwarding any movement which has his approval.

On October 10, 1878, Mr. Reisch was married at Springfield to Miss Mary Spitly, who was born in Logan County, Ill., February 14, 1859, daughter of Martin and Minnie (Frank) Spitly, the former a native of Bavaria and the latter of Baden, Germany. The former was a farmer by occupation and was for many years proprietor of the Spitly House at Lincoln, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Reisch became parents of six sons and four daughters, namely: Mrs. Minnie S. Franz, whose husband is a packer of Springfield; Eda M., married Dr. Archauer, of Springfield; George F., in business with his father, is married and living in Springfield; Carl M., unmarried, a graduate of the Law department of the university at Ann Arbor, Mich., and now general manager of the Reisch Indemnity Company; Clara, Christine, Louis Edward, Joseph and Walter, living at home with their parents. The family are prominent in social circles and live in the home which formerly belonged to Mr. Reisch's father, which has been occupied by the family for the past sixty years. Mr. Reisch also owns considerable other property in Springfield and elsewhere, including 4,000 acres in Nebraska, and some Chicago realty.

RENNE, Thomas P.—The majority of the soldiers who won victory for the North were young in point of years, although old in patriotism and buoyed up by enthusiasm. Some were not more than lads, others had barely attained their majority, and all were brave and daring, ready to risk life and limb in defense of flag and country. Thomas P. Renne, of Springfield, now residing at No. 205 West North Grand Avenue, served a short time during the early part of the war. He was born in Clinton County, Ill., October 10, 1840, being a son of James S. and Parthenia (Powers) Renne, natives of Pittsfield, Mass., and Arkansas. The father, a carpenter, moved from Clinton County to Ogle County, living there three years and working as a carpenter. He then moved to Sangamon County, where he followed his trade until his death. His home was west of Springfield, and there the mother also died. The father was a guard on the frontier during the Black Hawk War, serving for seven years. The Renne family is of French and Scotch descent, and Mr. Renne inherits the good traits of both nations. He belonged to a family of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, only three of whom now survive.

Mr. Renne went to school in Clinton County and Springfield, attending the old First Ward School in that city. This was the first school building in Springfield. During his boyhood days he worked on a farm, but when he was twenty-one years old, began learning the trade of a brick mason, and has followed it ever since. For twelve years he was employed by Springfield Iron Works in brick-laying parts of their contracts. The last few years he has been engaged in a contracting business. During the period he has been engaged at his trade, Mr. Renne has been employed on many public buildings, as he is regarded as a skilled workman. He enlisted in Company M, Seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for a ninety days' service, but at the end of thirty days was relieved from service on account of a gunshot wound.

On January 31, 1867, Mr. Renne was married to Emma Bonney, born near Berlin, Sangamon County, daughter of Benjamin and Eunice (Sikes) Bonney, who came from Springfield, Mass., to Springfield, Ill., and there the father died, August 22, 1865, the mother surviving him, and moving to Kansas City, Kan., where she passed away August 20, 1898. Mrs. Renne belonged to a family of three sons and two daughters, three of whom are now living: Mrs. Renne; Frank; and Mrs. Mary H. Palmer, of Kansas City, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Renne have had three sons and one daughter, two of whom survive: Allen B. was accidentally killed by an automobile near Chicago, April 26, 1909, having been a merchant of Pontiac, Ill.; Charles B. died in infancy; Vernon W., of Chicago; Bertha M., at home. There are three granddaughters and one grandson in the family. Mr. Renne owns his home, where he has lived for thirty-six years, and takes great pride in it and his surroundings. He is one of the solid, substantial men of the city, and one in whom implicit trust can be placed.

RENSHAW, George M., a farmer, stock-raiser and breeder of Duroc-Jersey hogs, has made his farm on Section 26, Cartwright Township, one of the show places of the county. He was born in a log house on his present farm, August 7, 1839, being a son of Wiley P. and Martha (Nesbett) Renshaw, the former born November 7, 1800, near Salisbury, Ga., and the latter born near Lexington, Ky., November 8, 1794. They were married in Bond County, Ill., (both families having come to this State in early days), December 31, 1818, and in 1821 came to Sangamon County. On February 26 of that year, they entered land from the government, their deeds being signed by John Quincy Adams, and written on sheep skin. Six of the seven children in the family came into the world, in the little rude log cabin on this farm. The eldest, Jane, was born in Bond County, in 1819, and died in Sangamon County, aged eighty-two years, in 1901; Mary A., the next child, became the wife of S. Q. Harrison, now deceased, and resides with a daughter, Mary Gardner; Margaret married F. Butler, but both are now deceased; James N. died at the age of twenty-five years; Barbara, widow of A. M. Houghton, resides on a farm in Menard County, Ill.; John S. resides in Springfield; William P. died in 1852; George M. The family comes of Scotch ancestry, the grandfather, Elijah Renshaw having come from Scotland, and he served in the Revolutionary War as an officer. His death occurred in Bond County, Ill. His widow came to Sangamon County with her son, Wiley P., to take up land, and died upon it about 1843. Wiley P. Renshaw was only eighteen when he married, while his wife was but fourteen. He educated himself after his marriage, and was always a student. When the Black Hawk War broke out he was commissioned First Lieutenant by Governor John Reynolds, in the Thirty-first Illinois State Militia, on August 22, 1833, at Vandalia. Before his regiment was called out the war was over. He was a man of sound judgment and held closely to the principles of the Whig party. When he died, in the fall of 1852, he was missed from many circles. His widow survived him many years, passing away in 1885. Mr. Renshaw was one of the first to breed short-horn cattle in central Illinois, and did much to improve the stock, believing that blood would tell, and he was rewarded for his work by receiving the highest prices for his cattle. The Methodist Church held his membership and he was a true, Christian man. He never turned anyone away empty-handed, but gave freely of his means and time to help others. He and his wife ministered to the sick and afflicted, and were always sought out in times of trouble.

Before the church was built services were held in his house, and he always entertained the ministers. His fine library was at the disposal of all who needed its use.

George H. Renshaw was educated in the Harrison District school and early worked on the farm, beginning so early that the plow handles often bumped him, and he was so small that he could not be seen behind the plow. He continued to help his father until his marriage, which occurred November 22, 1866, when he was united with Matilda Parker, born in Robinson County, September 25, 1840, coming to Illinois with her parents, in 1852. They settled in Sangamon County, but later bought land in Menard County, Ill. There they remained for a time, then sold out, coming back to Sangamon County, where both parents died. Mrs. Renshaw has two brothers living, Charles and Richard.

Mr. and Mrs. Renshaw settled on the farm where he was born, and there his children were also born, they being: Georgia Etta, wife of W. A. McNeal, a farmer of Minnesota, issue—Elmer, Guy, Ernest and Bert; Wiley P., born April 28, 1879, operating the farm with his father; Jessie Elizabeth, born July 11, 1880, mentioned below; Arthur B., born July 17, 1883, is also assisting on the farm. Mrs. Renshaw died September, 27, 1910, aged seventy years and two days. She was one of the active members of the Methodist Church, and a true, noble-hearted, Christian woman. Kind of heart and gentle of manner, she was loved by all who knew her. During the early days she never complained of hardships, but nobly bore her share, and gave her life to the care of her husband and children. Yet in spite of her many home duties, no one in distress ever found her lacking with sympathy and material help. Since her demise Miss Jessie has bravely shouldered the responsibilities of the household and is trying to make her father and brothers comfortable. She is a charming young lady, a fine housekeeper and possessed of those characteristics which make women loved by their families.

Mr. Renshaw has witnessed many changes in the county. His farm contains 170 acres, a part of the farm entered from the Government by his father. He inherits the latter's good judgment with reference to stock and has been very successful in breeding. He makes a specialty of Duroc-Jersey hogs, carrying about 150 head of swine at all times. His stock is registered and of standard breed. Like many of those who have passed through pioneer days, he looks back to those times with regret. Forgetting the discomforts he remembers the merry times when the little log cabin rang with gay laughter and hungry boys and girls devoured the food set before them. His father was among the first to bring a threshing machine into the county, and he remembers well the excitement over it, although now that old machine would appear very clumsy. In politics Mr. Renshaw is a Republican, casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, in 1860. He is still a subscriber to the Illinois State Journal, for many years published by Paul Selby, editor of this work for the Munsell Publishing Co. of Chicago, to which Mr. Renshaw's father also was a subscriber. He has never sought public office, preferring to devote his time to his private affairs. However, he has always been ready to lend his influence towards securing good government and improvement of existing conditions. For many years he has been a member of the Methodist Church, but Miss Jessie and Benjamin belong to the Baptist Church.

RHEA, Edwin L.—The agricultural interests of Sangamon County are represented by men whose progressive ideas and advanced methods have placed them in the front ranks, and among them one who has already attained an enviable success is Edwin L. Rhea, residing on Section 24, New Berlin Township. He was born in Island Grove Township, April 3, 1868, being a son of Stephen Edwin Rhea, a complete history of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Rhea grew up on the homestead, attending district school and the schools of New Berlin. Following his inclinations, Mr. Rhea has devoted himself to farming, taking charge of his father's property of 125 acres of highly cultivated land. He has just rebuilt his barns, including a fine dairy barn, having entered the dairy business in 1901. His Jersey cows are of the highest breed obtainable and he now has a herd of thirty-five head, selling his product at Jacksonville, where he received the highest market prices. He has disposed of dairy interests and kept only his Jersey cattle. He has also made a specialty of breeding the Duroc Jersey hogs, shipping about 100 head per year. These, too, net him the highest prices, owing to their superior quality. His dairy barn is one of the finest in central Illinois, holding thirty head of cattle, with eighteen milking stations. He has many improved appliances for caring for the milk and is constantly buying new contrivances, for he is a man who believes in progressing. His machinery is operated by an eight-horse-power gas engine, and he takes great pride in his equipment. His Percheron horses command a ready sale, for his stock is all registered.

For forty-two years Mr. Rhea has been identified with the best agricultural interests of this county, and he is regarded as an authority on everything pertaining to farming or stock-raising. His specialties have been Jersey cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs, and he has shown what can be done with these breeds.

The marriage of Mr. Rhea took place on February 1, 1893, when he was united with Edith Hart, born December 13, 1872, in Morgan County, Ill., daughter of Louis and Jane (Donahue) Hart, natives of Vermont and Morgan County, Ill. Both survive, living on a farm near Waverly. They were among the pioneers of Mor-

gan County and the grandfather conducted one of the first taverns, at which stage coach horses were changed in the long trips made across that County. Mrs. Rhea is one of two children born to her parents, but the other, a brother, Milton, died at the age of seventeen years. Mr. Rhea was his parents' only child. Mr. and Mrs. Rhea have had children as follows: Julia, born June 1, 1895; Louisa, born March 6, 1899; Edwin L., born April 24, 1902; and Margaret, born August 28, 1904.

Mrs. Rhea is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while Mr. Rhea is connected with the Baptist denomination. Both of them belong to the Court of Honor, while he belongs to the Odd Fellows of New Berlin and has been a member of the Modern Woodmen of America twenty-three years. His political views make him a Democrat, and he has been active in the good work of that party. Being strongly in favor of temperance, he played an important part in the crusade of 1908. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Rhea has found time to invent a refrigeration of cans, by means of which milk can be shipped in perfect safety. Kindly, energetic, a good business man and a far-sighted farmer, Mr. Rhea is a man of whom his county may well be proud. He has accomplished much in his life, and is looking forwards to doing much more, for he is in the very prime of manhood and progressive to the utmost. Both he and his wife are popular socially and welcome their many friends to their pleasant home upon the farm where he was born.

RHEA, Stephen Edwin, who owns an excellent property in Island Grove Township which he devotes to farming, is one of the old and honored residents of that part of Sangamon County and a son of one of the first settlers there. He was born November 4, 1843, in a log cabin in Island Grove Township, a son of John Rhea.

James Rhea, the grandfather of Stephen E. Rhea, was a native of Barren County, Ky., where he was married to Rachel Jolloff, and came to Illinois prior to the great snow which began falling December 28, 1830, killing man and beast alike. Some of the pioneers attempted to drive their hogs and other live-stock to St. Louis to provide shelter for them, and but few of these were saved, one pioneer losing his entire drove of 500 animals. James Rhea had settled first in Jefferson County about 1820 or '21 and engaged in farming government land, but later took up freighting and made a trip to Galena. Returning through central Illinois, he was so impressed with the possibilities of Sangamon County that on his return home he gave his Jefferson County land to his eldest son and came to Sangamon. This son, who was a soldier during the Black Hawk War, died of sickness contracted during his service, and his sword and shoulder straps are now in the possession of Stephen E. Rhea. James Rhea came to Sangamon County in time to be one of those who suffered during the great storm, but with true pioneer grit started all over again, and built a log cabin of hewn logs on his new property in Island Grove Township. This log cabin boasted a huge fire-place in its north end and doors on the east and west sides, and the logs for the fire were hauled right into the cabin by an old ox named Buck. Greased paper formed the means by which light was admitted to the cabin, which was one and one-half stories high and the finest in the section at that time. Mr. Rhea used pioneer methods in farming his land, but was a faithful, energetic worker, becoming successful and possessed of much property. A faithful member of the Baptist Church, he was ever charitably and hospitably inclined, and in his death Sangamon County lost one of its noble pioneers, who was extensively mourned. During the War of 1812 he served under Admiral Perry on the Great Lakes. Mr. Rhea was the father of these children: James, Richard, William, John, Thomas, Mrs. Mary Ausbury and Mrs. Nancy Foutch.

John Rhea, father of Stephen E. Rhea, was born July 14, 1811, and was married November 14, 1839, to Julia Starks, who was born June 21, 1823. They had these children: James B., of Midland, Tex.; Stephen E.; Mary Ann, deceased, who was the wife of John F. Wilcox, of Arizona; Thomas, a farmer in Fremont County, Iowa; John H. and Abigail, who died in infancy; and Martha E., widow of J. R. Smith, of Polk County, Mo. John Rhea was born in Barren County, Ky., whence he accompanied his parents to Illinois at an early day, becoming one of the leading men of Sangamon County and a leader in the Baptist Church, which was organized in his father's house, and of which he was the first clerk. Mr. Rhea was a great Bible student and an authority on all matters pertaining to the church, his advice naturally being much sought. Mr. Rhea died June 19, 1883, his wife having passed to her rest April 23, 1879.

Stephen Edwin Rhea was born in the original log cabin on the Rhea homestead, but when he was still a small boy his father erected a more commodious abode. He well remembers the trials and tribulations of pioneer days, as he was rocked in a cradle made of a hollowed log, worked as a lad at the hard, unremitting toil of the sugar camp, and was compelled to use a second-hand corn dropper, by which he was supposed to drop straight, like the present check row drops so that the corn may be ploughed both ways, an invention then undreamed of. His education was secured in the district schools of his day and he was reared to the life of a farmer, remaining at home until he was twenty-one years old. He was married November 2, 1865, to Lucy A. Wilcox, who was born March 9, 1846, in Island Grove Township, a daughter of Joshua and Matilda (Carruthers) Wilcox, early pioneers of Illinois, who now lie buried in the Moore burial ground. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rhea, Ed-

win L., a sketch of whose life will be found in another part of this work. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rhea spent four years in Iowa, and at the end of that time returned to the old homestead, of which he took charge. Eventually he purchased the interest of the other heirs of the property, which he has since developed into one of the finest farms in his part of Sangamon County. Mr. Rhea united with the Baptist Church when fifteen years of age and his wife joined that denomination after their marriage. Fraternally he is a Mason, having joined that organization when about twenty-two years old, and he is also a member of New Berlin Camp of Modern Woodmen. He is a Democrat in politics, but of late years has been giving his vote to the man whom he thinks best qualified to fill the office, and he has always been a foe to liquor interests. For two years he represented Berlin Township on the Board of Supervisors, and on two different occasions has been foreman of the Sangamon County Grand Jury.

Personally Mr. Rhea is a pleasant, sociable gentleman, and his strict integrity in all walks of life have gained the confidence of all who have come into contact with him, while his fund of experience and reminiscence of early days in the county make him an excellent companion.

RHODES, Clarence M.—Sangamon County, Ill., has the reputation of turning out good men young. The citizens of the county, and especially of Springfield, are quick to recognize a good man and to gauge his true worth, and they made no mistake when they chose Clarence M. Rhodes to take up the heavy responsibilities incidental to the office of Coroner. Mr. Rhodes is a native of the county, born at Rochester, December 1, 1872, a son of W. H. and Mary Rhodes.

The education of Mr. Rhodes was secured in the public schools of Sangamon County, and until the last four years, he resided on a farm. He served for three years as Assessor of Salisbury Township, and from 1906, until 1908, served as Riding Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Charles Werner. In 1908, he was nominated by the Democratic party for the office of Coroner of Sangamon County and the majority he received at the ensuing election, proved his popularity. He is a faithful, conscientious public official and in every capacity in which he has served has proven himself the right man for the place. Although his political career has just begun, he has shown the people that he can be relied upon to perform his duties fully and ably, and just as the people are quick to recognize and appreciate a good man, just so are they loath to let a good man go. Mr. Rhodes does not need to fully rely upon his friends in the Democratic organization, for he is one of those rare politicians who have friends in every party. He belongs to the Masons, the Woodmen, Redmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in all of which he is immensely popular, and he can depend upon the stanch friendship and support of the majority of the members of the fifty-three labor organizations throughout the county. He is the owner of valuable farming property in Sangamon County and in Texas.

In 1897 Mr. Rhodes married Ethel Hodgen, at Petersburg, Ill., and they have one son, Glenn. The family residence is at No. 209 North State Street.

RICH, Benjamin.—Perhaps no country has contributed more generously to the best citizenship of the United States than has England. Certainly no higher type can be found in the country than representatives of that older civilization, those sturdy, substantial qualities are shown in their reverence for the law, the founding of homes, their enlightened attitude toward education, their support of religion and their almost universal acquirement of financial independence.

Benjamin Rich, the present Recorder of Sangamon County, Ill., was born at Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England, March 18, 1854. His parents were John and Eliza (Bush) Rich, natives of England, where the former was engaged in farming. In 1861 the father brought his family to America and they settled at Johnstown, Pa., whence they came to Springfield in 1873.

The first seven years of Benjamin Rich's life were spent in his native land, where he began his education, enjoying good advantages for securing an education after the family located at Johnstown. When the family located in Springfield the young man began working in the rolling mills, where he remained until 1882, then engaged in dairy business, which he continued until 1896, when he was first nominated for his present office. He was elected in the fall of that year and has been re-elected three times since, so that he is now serving his fourth term. An ardent Republican, he has pulled through these successive elections, while the bulk of his ticket has been defeated in most of them. He is a warm friend of organized labor and carries a large vote among the laboring classes. The people fully realze that he has given them most faithful service and, following the general rule which is an admirable feature of Sangamon County politics, they have rewarded him by retaining him in office, so that the prospects are that Mr. Rich may confidently expect to be renominated and elected to his present office in 1912. He filled several public offices before assuming his present one, as he served five successive years as President of the Village Board of Ridgely, two years as Tax Collector of Springfield Township, four years as Supervisor of Springfield Township (being Chairman of the County Board one year), and also as a member of the board of School District No. 48, at Ridgely. Though his life has been a busy one, he has found time to give

considerable time and attention to the educational needs of his community. He is considered a most efficient public official and is correspondingly popular. Personally Mr. Rich possesses those sterling qualities and courteous manners which attract and cement friendship.

Mr. Rich was married in November, 1878, at Springfield, Ill., to Miss Annie Mowrey, a daughter of Isaac Mowery, who formerly was a resident of Johnstown, Pa. To this union six children have been born, two sons and four daughters, namely: Florence A., Alice, Lulu, Mollie, Benjamin and Ray. Mr. Rich has prospered in his private undertakings through his good judgment and business foresight. He has acquired some valuable property, part of it in Sangamon County, and also owns some land in Texas and North Dakota. He is a Director of the Citizens' Loan Association and in the Springfield City Savings & Loan Association. Fraternally he is affiliated with Springfield Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.; Elwood Commandery, K. T.; Springfield Lodge No. 465, I. O. O. F.; Percival Lodge No. 262, K. P.; the M. W. A., and is a charter member of Capital Tent No. 1, K. O. T. M.

RICHARD, Frank, was born in Germany, in April, 1828. His parents spent their entire lives in Germany, where the father carried on farming in a small way, but was not able to do much for his children in the way of starting them in life. Frank, however, was soon able to provide for himself, after his school days were over, when he learned the excellent trade of shoemaker.

In 1853 Frank Richard left Germany, and by slow means finally reached the United States. Being equipped with his trade, for which there is always a demand, he easily found work at the bench. He landed at the port of New York and from there came directly to Springfield and has lived in this section ever since. He worked at his trade until his health failed, then turned his attention to farming, his wife owning an excellent farm on the outskirts of the city, and he has also done considerable gardening.

At Springfield, Ill., on December 15, 1857, Mr. Richard was married to Miss Catherine Schwartz, who was born in Lauderback, Germany, March 26, 1834, a daughter of Michael and Margaret Schwartz. Her parents spent their entire lives in Germany, Mrs. Richard being brought to America when young by her uncle, Conrad Locke. The latter was a shoemaker by trade. Mrs. Richard was the youngest of her parents' family. Mr. and Mrs. Richard have had nine children and have sixteen grandchildren. The oldest daughter, Mary, is the wife of Martin Schimmitz, and they live at Springfield; Mrs. Amelia Casey also is a resident of Springfield; Frank; Elizabeth, wife of Thos. Taylor, living on the old farm, having bought the same; August, Louis, Katherine, Julia and Sophia are all deceased. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard who reached maturity all married and established homes of their own, and in addition to the sixteen grandchildren who have been taught according to the good old German way, to give obedience and respect to their grandparents, there are two great-grandchildren. Mr. Richard is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, but Mrs. Richard belongs to the German Lutheran Church, of Springfield.

RICHARDSON, Clara Belle.—Springfield, as the capital city, is a center of social life, as well as of political interest, and is consequently the home of some of the most charming and gracious ladies in the State. One who is prominent alike in social and church circles, is Mrs. Clara Belle Richardson. She was born in Carlisle, Sullivan County, Ind., October 18, 1850, and is a daughter of the late Squire M. Patterson and his wife, Mary M. (Bemfeil) Patterson. The former was born in Vincennes, Ind., October 16, 1812, while the latter was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, October 14, 1820. Mr. Patterson was a bookkeeper.

Mrs. Richardson was educated in Terre Haute, Ind., and Mattoon, Ill., and remained at home until her marriage, on April 19, 1871, to James C. Richardson. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson: Gertrude, born February 11, 1872; Mark P., born November 9, 1874; Frank G., born July 14, 1876, and Earl A., born September 29, 1878.

For many years Mrs. Richardson has been one of the earnest and effective workers in the Congregational Church, of which she is a member, and many of the present excellent conditions are due to her influence and support. She belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and the W. C. T. U. Her efforts in behalf of the latter organization have been marked with success, and she is welcomed in any gathering of her co-workers. Earnest and kind-hearted, devoted to the good work she believes in so thoroughly, Mrs. Richardson has been for years an important factor in Springfield life, and her influence has resulted in a remarkable moral uplift.

RICHARDSON, Thomas B., proprietor of the Riverton livery and feed stables, and one of the best known men in all the country round about that enterprising town, was born in Sangamon County, Ill., January 14, 1851, a son of Thomas and Janet (Wilson) Richardson, natives of Dundee, Scotland. His father was a florist and was employed as such in his native land, as well as at New Haven, Conn., where he located on coming to the United States. In 1843 he arrived, with his family, at Springfield, Ill., with a capital of only five dollars. He lived there about a year and in that time helped to lay out the square including the old State House and the present Court House. Later he located in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, where he purchased 160 acres of land, and fifty-five acres, 215 altogether, on which he

lived and farmed till 1862, when he moved a mile further west, where he also became the owner of 240 acres. There he lived until he died, when he was the owner of more than 700 acres of good Illinois land. He had five sons and three daughters, and of those eight children seven are living: William, the eldest, is a farmer in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, on his father's original home place; James, a retired farmer, lives in Rochester, Ill.; Jane is the widow of the late John W. Beaumont, of St. Louis, Mo., and lives in that city; Elizabeth, who married Erwin Johnson, of Springfield, Ill., is dead; Mary married John W. Nord, now a retired farmer living at Edinburg, Christian County, Ill. The subject of this sketch was next in order of nativity; John D. lives on the farm on which his parents passed their declining years and passed away. James served in the Civil War as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and his sister Jane presented a flag to the regiment on its departure for the seat of war.

Mr. Richardson was educated in public schools near his boyhood home and helped on the home farm during all the years of his youth and early manhood. In 1879, when he was twenty-eight years old, he moved to Christian County, Ill., and lived with one of his sisters until 1880, when he went to Colorado to prospect for mineral wealth. After a brief residence in Leadville he returned to Sangamon County and resumed farming, and was so employed till 1896, when he took up his residence in Riverton and engaged in teaming. In 1907 he bought the livery and feed stables which he has since operated with great success. As a Democrat he was elected assessor of taxes in Riverton, an office which he filled with much credit during a period of three years. He is a member of Lake Camp No. 33, Modern Woodmen of America, of Riverton, and is helpfully identified with the Christian Church.

April 14, 1884, at Springfield, Ill., Mr. Richardson married Miss Laura Dickerson, born at Rochester, Ill., February 8, 1864, a daughter of John Dickerson, a native of Virginia, who settled in Sangamon County at a comparatively early date, was for many years a farmer in Cooper Township, and is now living in retirement with his son Todd in Cotton Hill Township, his wife having died. Mrs. Richardson's only sister, Mrs. Addie Olive, wife of Wm. Olive, lives in Riverton, Ill. To Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have been born seven children, three of whom survive: Janet, Helen and Thomas, all of whom are members of their parents' home circle. Mr. Richardson owns the Riverton livery and feed stables, a home in that village, 160 acres of farm land in Clear Lake Township and 180 acres of coal rights near Riverton. He is a man of public spirit, who has the welfare of the community at heart, a patriotic citizen and a leader in his community.

RICKETTS, Albert L., a retired merchant and honored citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born at Greencastle, Ind., June 27, 1868, and is a son of Daniel D. and Florence L. (Williamson) Ricketts, the former born August 19, 1822, and the latter February 21, 1849. Daniel D. Ricketts was a lawyer and located in Springfield in 1893, remaining about six months, then returned to Greencastle, where he resided until his death, May 14, 1897. He enlisted in 1861, in Company B, Fifty-fifth Indiana Regiment, as Lieutenant, and became a musician of the Sixteenth Indiana Volunteers. Later he enlisted as a private.

The wife of Daniel D. Ricketts was a daughter of Delano E. Williamson, who was born August 19, 1822, in Florence, Boone County, Ky., and died at Greencastle, Ind., May 2, 1903. His father was a descendant of Elliott Williamson, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to America at the time of the Revolution and fought in the Continental Army under General Washington, from which his descendants are eligible to bear the title of Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. On his mother's side his ancestry dates back to the Hollingsworth family, who came to America with William Penn. The parents of Mr. Williamson emigrated to Illinois in 1833 and in 1842, when he was nineteen years of age, he went to Indiana with the intention of entering Asbury (now Depauw) University, but altered his mind and accepted the office of Deputy County Clerk at Bowling Green, Clay County, Ind. Up to this time his education had been only such as he was able to acquire in the common schools of Vermilion County, Ill. In March, 1842, he married Elizabeth Elliott, a sister of the County Clerk, in whose office he was employed. During his residence in Bowling Green, extending over a period of two years, he devoted his leisure moments to the study of law, and returned to Greencastle at the end of that time, with the view of continuing his legal studies. He entered the office of Eckels & Hanna, of Greencastle, and in due time applied for an examination for a license. In those days the old established lawyers guarded the entrance to their profession jealously from men who were unfitted to enter, and the committee which examined Mr. Williamson was composed of General Tilman H. Howard, Joseph A. Wright and Henry Secrist, who reported favorably, and a license was issued by Judge Bryant, of the Circuit Court. He afterwards secured a license for practice in Clay County, where he remained until 1849, then was elected on the Democratic ticket as a Member of the Indiana Legislature, and served in the sessions of 1849-50. In 1852 Mr. Williamson located in Greencastle, Ind., and soon afterward was admitted to practice in the Indiana Supreme Court. He became eminently successful in the practice of his profession and was distinguished for his learning and keen intellect. In 1859 he formed

a partnership with Hon. Addison Daggy, which continued for thirty years.

Delano E. Williamson was a Democrat of the old school up to 1860, then espoused the cause of the union with zeal and eloquence, and in June, 1862, attended the Union Convention of Indiana. In 1864, 1866 and 1868 he was elected Attorney General, having been recognized as an able incumbent of the office. He was married, January 3, 1861, to Miss Carrie Badger. He was a devout member of the Christian Church and fraternally was a member of the Masonic Order. At a meeting of the Clay County Bar Association held May 4, 1903, appropriate resolutions were passed upon the death of Mr. Williamson, of which we quote a part, as follows:

"Resolved, That we again feel it our duty to express in the weakness of words our deepest sorrow, lamentations and highest regards for the worthy memory, pure and unsullied reputation, in the fullness of years and honors, of an able and distinguished member of this bar, 'fallen asleep.' An inscrutable Providence in an immutable order of time, has again received from our midst one of the oldest, ablest, most faithful, honorable and honored members of the Bar of the State of Indiana, in the person of Delano W. Williamson. . ."

Albert L. Ricketts lived at home with his father until nineteen years of age, and received his education in Greencastle, Ind. His mother came to Sangamon County September 13, 1902. Upon leaving school Mr. Ricketts spent two years as baggage-man for the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railroad Company, and in 1889 went to Oklahoma, where he took up a homestead and lived five years, locating in Springfield in 1895, and has since been a resident of this city. He embarked in hotel business July 1, 1902, and continued seven years in conducting this establishment in Springfield, which was known as the Jefferson Hotel. He has since lived retired from active life. He is a stanch Democrat and served in 1905-06 as Alderman of the Seventh Ward of Springfield. Mr. Ricketts is well-known in the city and is held in universal respect. He is actively interested in the welfare and progress of the community and is looked upon as a useful citizen. Fraternally he is connected with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 437. He is a member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Ricketts was married, January 25, 1900, in Chicago, Ill., to Elizabeth Gaffigan, daughter of Michael and Margaret (Proctor) Gaffigan, whose biographical record appears on another page in this volume. She was born January 14, 1877. They have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Mary E. R. Ricketts, who was born June 19, 1904, in Helena, Mont. The family reside at 205 Elliott Avenue, which home Mr. Ricketts owns.

RIDGELY, Charles (deceased), former capitalist, manufacturer and widely-known citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born in that city January 17, 1836, the oldest son of Nicholas Henry Ridgely and his second wife, Jane Maria (Huntington) Ridgely, and died in his native city August 11, 1910. Both parents were members of families well known in State and colonial history, Nicholas H. Ridgely being the youngest of a family of thirteen children of Greenbury Ridgely, a planter of Anne Arundel County, Md., who traced his ancestry to Col. Henry Ridgely, of Anne Arundel County, the latter having held a number of colonial offices, including member of the Maryland Assembly in 1692, of the 'Governor's Council and Colonel of Militia. Greenbury Ridgely was a man of strong religious temperament, who freed all his slaves and devoted himself to the ministry, while three of his sons became prominent as bankers—Noah and Lot in Baltimore, and Nicholas, the father of the subject of this sketch, in Springfield, Ill. In 1829 Nicholas Ridgely came to St. Louis, Mo., to assume a clerkship in a branch of the United States Bank established there, but in 1835 became Cashier of the State Bank of Illinois at Springfield, where a year later his son Charles was born. The State Bank of Illinois, having gone out of existence, was succeeded in 1852 by Clark's Exchange Bank at Springfield with Nicholas H. Ridgely as President, which in turn gave place in 1859 to the banking firm of N. N. Ridgely & Company. In 1866 the latter became the Ridgely National Bank, which has had continuous existence to the present time. As a consequence no name has been so long identified with the banking history of Springfield as that of the Ridgely family, covering almost the entire period of the city's existence.

After receiving his primary education in the home schools, Charles Ridgely spent some two years as a student in Illinois College at Jacksonville, of which he was a devoted friend and which, in his later years, he served for a time as Trustee. In 1852, at the age of seventeen years, he began his business career as a clerk in his father's private banking establishment, being successively promoted to Cashier and Vice President, also in 1859, at the age of twenty-four years, being admitted to partnership in the Ridgely Banking Company. Other business interests with which he was prominently identified included the Springfield Iron Company, which was organized in 1871 and which did a large manufacturing business for a number of years, Mr. Ridgely retaining the position of President during its whole career. This concern merged with the Republic Iron and Steel Company in 1901. Although it had to meet the competition of large concerns in Pittsburg, Chicago and elsewhere, it did a large business for a number of years, employing at one time over 1,500 men. It was managed with sound judgment under Mr. Ridgely's administration and, as the first extensive manufacturing enterprise in Springfield, did much to promote the development of the city and attract attention to its advantages as a manufacturing

center. Other enterprises with which Mr. Ridgely was closely associated at the same time, were the Springfield Gas Light Company, the City Railway Company and the Springfield Electric Light Company. In the late 'seventies he served for a time as a Director of the Wabash Railway Company, was first President of the Ellsworth Coal Company, and later organizer and President of the Consolidated Coal Company, of St. Louis, which took in over thirty-five companies in the Southern Illinois coal fields. In fact, few men in Illinois State history have been identified with so many extensive business interests, and none ever played their part with higher devotion to any duty devolving upon him. A man of strict integrity and public spirit, he has left a record of which his relatives and the citizens of Springfield have a right to be proud.

In 1870 Mr. Ridgely was an unsuccessful candidate for State Treasurer on the Democratic ticket, and in 1886 was offered by President Cleveland the position of Comptroller of the Currency, but declined to accept. During his later years he acted in co-operation with the Republican party. He was one of the original founders of the Springfield Public Library and for a time served as President of the Central Illinois Art Society. A generous contributor to charities, he assisted in the erection of Christ Episcopal Church, in Springfield, in memory of his mother, and of which he became a member. Much of his time in the later years of his life was occupied in looking after the interests of his father's large estate as one of its executors.

Mr. Ridgely was married, June 16, 1857, to Jane Maria Barret, daughter of James Watson Barret, of Island Grove, Sangamon County, and is survived by three sons and one daughter. The sons are: William Barret Ridgely, of Washington City, D. C., former Vice President of the Springfield Iron Company, later of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, Minneapolis, and recent Comptroller of the Currency; Edward Ridgely, former Cashier of the Ridgely National Bank and later National Bank Examiner, New York; and Franklin Ridgely, Cashier of the Ridgely National Bank. His daughter is Mrs. Mary Ridgely Vincent, wife of Judge William A. Vincent, of Chicago. Four brothers and six sisters also survive him.

His passing away on August 11, 1910, as the result of illness from which he had suffered for some three years, called forth many tributes in his honor from former friends and associates, and the funeral ceremonies at his former home at 631 South Fourth Street, and Christ Episcopal Church, on the afternoon of August 14, Bishop Osborne and Rev. E. H. Clark officiating, were attended by a large audience of sorrowing, appreciative friends and admirers.

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RIDGEWAY, Norman.—Cooper Township is noted for its well-cultivated farms and the thrifty agriculturalists who understand their work and how to get the most from their land. One of the farmers whose prosperity has been gained through hard work, is Norman Ridgeway, of Section 15, Cooper Township. He was born in Sangamon County, December 18, 1846, a son of Patterson and Nancy (Hudson) Ridgeway, natives of Kentucky and Virginia. The father came to Sangamon County with his parents in 1829, locating at Buffalo Hart Grove, where he lived ten years, and then removed to Cooper Township. He later went to the vicinity of Loami, where he died in 1893, his wife having died in 1851. There were fifteen children in the family, all of whom lived to maturity but are now deceased.

Norman Ridgeway worked for his father until he enlisted in the army, and upon his return engaged with an engineering firm, continuing in its employ for nine years, when he resumed farming, and has thus continued ever since. He owns ten acres where he resides and forty acres in Kansas, and is in receipt of a pension from the government. His people have owned a considerable amount of land in Sangamon County since his grandfather made his first entry from the Government and began farming on a large tract in Buffalo Hart Township.

On January 22, 1865, Mr. Ridgeway enlisted in an Illinois regiment, and was discharged on April 12th of the same year, having been stationed at Camp Butler.

On August 18, 1898, Mr. Ridgeway was married to Alice Dillon, daughter of Ebenezer and Lucretia Dillon. She was born March 22, 1873, in Sangamon County, where her father was also born, but her mother was born in Indiana. Her paternal grandparents came from Kentucky to Illinois at a very early date, and all are now deceased. Mr. Ridgeway has had seven children: Ida May, wife of J. J. James; David L., Lula Hester, Norman E., Joseph W., George R., and Pearl. He has three grandchildren: Merton James, Leona James and Carl Dewey James.

A strong Republican, Mr. Ridgeway has served as School Director in Cooper Township. He belongs to the United Brethren Church. An excellent farmer, a good neighbor and conscientious citizen, he has discharged the duties life has placed upon his shoulders faithfully and well, and is rightly regarded as one of the representative men of his neighborhood.

RIEFLER, Charles J.—Among the men who have been identified with the progress and welfare of Sangamon County, Ill., for nearly half a century, is Charles J. Riefler, who has lived at Springfield uninterruptedly since his birth. He is well known locally for his keen interest in home affairs and to the people of Illinois through his past association with the labor movement. Mr. Riefler was born at Springfield, September 13, 1862, son of Michael and Eliza-

beth (Lutz) Riefler, the former born in Eden, N. Y., in 1839, and the latter born in Germany in 1842. The father located in Springfield in 1860 and died there in 1885. The mother came to America with her parents in childhood and now resides in Springfield, her home for over fifty years. They were parents of eight children.

The early education of Charles J. Riefler was received in the public schools of Springfield, and later he secured a business education in the same city. After leaving school he spent two years on a farm. At the age of sixteen years he entered a printing office and followed the trade of printer until 1906, entering into the field of journalism in 1900, as publisher of "The Court of Honor," a publication in the interests of the fraternal organization of the same name, issued at Springfield. Mr. Riefler was one of the organizers of the Court of Honor, a beneficiary society, with home offices at Springfield, and this organization has been phenomenally successful, doing business at the present time in eighteen States, with financial resources of over $2,000,000.

For over twenty years Mr. Riefler was identified with the labor movement in Illinois, and held many offices of honor and trust with the Illinois State Federation of Labor, being three times unanimously chosen as its President. He was appointed by Governor Altgeld as a Member of the City Council of Springfield, and although never going into politics with a view to securing public office, has fulfilled his duty to his fellow citizens when called upon to serve them. He is now Secretary of the Lincoln Library, having been a member of its Board of Directors for seven years. He is an enthusiastic supporter of every cause which he believes to be for the general good and is always ready to investigate any public movement.

Mr. Riefler is a member of the Springfield Business Men's Association and Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Mercantile Club, the Court of Honor, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Independent Order of Red Men, Modern Woodmen of America, Tribe of Ben Hur and Typographical Union. In all these societies he is a useful member and an active worker in their good cause. In political views he is a Democrat. He is looked upon with the highest esteem by all who have been associated with him in a social or business way, and has the universal respect of the people of his native city.

Mr. Riefler was married in Springfield, in 1886, to Barbara Kessler, born in Springfield in 1865, daughter of Adam and Mary Kessler. Her family settled in Sangamon County in the early 'fifties. Two sons have blessed the union of Mr. Riefler and his wife, namely: Carl J., born September 5, 1887, and Harold J., born September 6, 1891.

RIEGER, George.—There is no question that the Germans give their young a better practical training than we do. It is a well recognized fact that the workers and professional men of German training rank ahead of many efficient men, therefore, when a German comes to this country to engage in business he is warmly welcomed by the community fortunate enough to secure him as a citizen. An honored resident of Springfield, is George Rieger, now retired and residing at No. 227 West Madison Street. He was born in Germany, December 6, 1836, son of Joseph and Mary (Grimm) Rieger, natives of Germany. Neither of the parents came to America, but spent their last days in their native land. The father served in the wars against the great Napoleon, seeing service in Russia.

George Rieger worked on his father's farm and learned the millwright trade. Like all loyal Germans, he served his military term in the regular army, but after receiving his discharge decided to try his fortune in the New World, so came to America, in June, 1866, with Springfield as his objective point. Arriving there, he found employment at his trade, and continued to work at it until his retirement.

Mr. Rieger was married in his native land, May 15, 1860, to Margaret Phillips, born in Germany. Her parents never left their native land. Mr. and Mrs. Rieger have had two children: Frank M. of Davenport, Iowa, an insurance agent, and Mary, wife of Peter Litrell, who is with the Striffler Ice Company, of Springfield.

Mr. Rieger was brought up a Catholic and belongs to SS. Peter and Paul Church. He is a member of St. Paul's Council, No. 57, Catholic Union. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party, but he has never tried to secure office. A quiet, unassuming man, he has always done what he believed to be his full duty, and has made friends who appreciate his many excellent qualities.

RIGGINS, William Mitchell.—Both the maternal and paternal ancestors of William Mitchell Riggins fought in the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War and the Civil War, thus having been identified with the history of their country during its four greatest struggles. They have always been patriotic, law-abiding citizens, and active in promoting the welfare and progress in any community where they have lived. William M. Riggins was born in Burlington, Iowa, October 15, 1843, son of Green Washington and Mary Maria (Stafford) Riggins. The father was born in Raleigh County, N. C., son of James Riggins, who came to North Carolina from Virginia. The Riggins family came originally from England and Green W. Riggins was of Scotch and English descent. He was engaged in business at Burlington, Iowa, moved from there to Wapella, thence to Beardstown, Ill., and in 1848 located in Hancock County, Ill., where he again engaged in business. In 1852 he went to California, and afterward returned for his family and located in Colusa County, Cal., where he died

in 1855. His wife died in California, in 1907. They had seven children, of whom three survive. William M. was the third child, having two sisters older. His mother was born in Raleigh County, N. C., daughter of Noah and Mary (Jackson) Stafford, her father being a native of Tennessee, whose ancestors were from Staffordshire, England. Mrs. Stafford was a relative of "Old Hickory" Jackson.

William M. Riggins received his early education in Hancock County, Ill., where he attended subscription schools until he was eleven years of age, then accompanied the family to California and attended excellent public schools there. He worked in the store with his father after leaving school, and upon the death of the latter worked on a farm for a time, where he learned the trade of carpenter. He worked two years in the wholesale and retail store of A. Walker, in Marysville, Cal., then went on a prospecting trip and was fairly successful. He worked some time at the trade of carpenter, then learned the wagon-making trade, and worked for a time as constructing engineer in a quartz mine, after which he worked fifteen years in the quartz mills and became a millwright.

Mr. Riggins was married, in Sierra Valley, Cal., October 30, 1881, to Miss Louise Adeline Piante, daughter of Paschal and Caroline (Forsant) Piante, both natives of St. Louis County, Mo. Mr. Piante was a farmer and became a mechanical engineer. He acted as engineer of the boat "Gazelle," when it took part in the historic boat race with the "Natchez," which has been much written of in song and prose, and is thus known the world over. By the orders of his superior officer Mr. Piante was crowding the engine of the boat beyond its capacity and her boilers exploded. His wife and child (Mrs. Riggins), the latter about one year old, were aboard the vessel, as it was an excursion day. Mrs. Piante saw the impending danger, caught up her child and jumped into the water, swimming to safety. Mr. Piante, however, remained at his post and was scalded to death. This tragic episode occurred in 1857, and many lives were lost. Mr. Riggins and his wife became parents of four children, of whom but one survives, Alva Leslie.

After his marriage Mr. Riggins worked two years at his trade as carpenter, after which he spent two years in mining. Then coming to Illinois he located at Bath, Mason County, there followed his trade for a time but later moved to Chandlerville, where he lived two years, then moved to Jacksonville, where he lived until October, 1890, the date of his locating in Springfield. He has worked at his trade of carpenter since coming to Springfield and is skilled in this line. He is respected and liked by his associates and popular with his many friends. He is a devout member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Democrat. He is a prominent member of Carpenters' Union No. 6, of which he has served as Treasurer six terms.

RINDT, Rudolph, proprietor of a barber shop in Springfield, is a veteran of the Civil War and well known in the city. He has also conducted classes in music and dancing for forty years. He has been successful in many ventures. Mr. Rindt was born in Germany, July 19, 1839, son of Jacob and Phillipina Rindt, both natives of Bavaria. The father was a soldier in the Franco-Prussian War and became an Overseer of the King's Highway. He was a prominent man of Vogelsbach, and became Mayor of the city. His father was a Lutheran preacher in Germany and lived to the age of ninety-five years, and his mother lived to the age of ninety-four years. Jacob Rindt came with his family to America, locating in St. Louis, in 1852, and there spent the rest of his life.

The boyhood of Rudolph Rindt was spent in St. Louis and there he received his education in the public schools. After leaving school he learned the trade of barber, which he has since followed, except during the time he served in the Civil War. In 1867 he came to Springfield, where he has lived ever since. He and his son conduct a barber shop in Springfield and have built up a good custom. Both are skillful at their trade and the father is possessed of many social qualities. He has made a special study of dancing and is gifted as a musician.

Mr. Rindt enlisted, in June, 1861, at St. Louis, in Company D, Fifth Missouri Cavalry, and served until October, 1864, when he was mustered out at St. Louis, having served over three years. He participated in the Battles of Pea Ridge, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Helena, and many skirmishes. For two years he fought bushwhackers, guerillas and the like, among them the James boys and the Younger boys, who were living in the hills of Missouri. At the Battle of Pea Ridge, Mr. Rindt was shot in the leg but was never sent to a hospital. He is now a prominent member of the G. A. R. and stands well with his comrades. Mr. Rindt is popular in many circles and is a man of genial nature and friendly disposition. He belongs to the Maccabees, the Modern Woodmen, Barbers' Union No. 96, of Springfield, and to the Dancing Teachers' Union. He is a devout member of the Lutheran Church and interested in many charitable and benevolent movements. In politics he is a Democrat.

The marriage of Mr. Rindt took place at St. Louis, Mo., October 29, 1863, when he was united with Miss Charlotte Rogers, who was born in St. Louis, Mo., October 28, 1843. Children as follows blessed the union of Mr. Rindt and his wife: Edward F., born July 12, 1876; Daisy, August 12, 1880; Annie, July 25, 1868; Lottie, September 24, 1872. All were born in Springfield and the family reside at 202½ West Cook Street.

RITTER, Nicholas.—The building interests of a city like Springfield are always in an active

condition, giving employment to those in any way connected with this branch of industrial activity, and among those who have won a well-deserved reputation for excellent work and careful attention to the terms of contracts, Nicholas Ritter takes a leading position. Mr. Ritter was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, April 27, 1834, a son of John Ritter, born in Germany, January 8, 1808, and his wife, Anna C. (Smith) Ritter, born in Germany, November 27, 1807. The father was a carpenter and brought his family to America in 1846, landing in New Orleans, whence they moved to St. Louis, in 1854. At this time Nicholas Ritter went to the southern part of Missouri, and while he was working there, for about one year, the family came on and lived in Springfield. The father found plenty of work at his trade in the capital city, and was kept busy until his death. He and his wife are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. They had one son and two daughters, both of whom survived them when he died May 20, 1885, and his wife some time later.

Nicholas Ritter attended the German schools and for a short time went to school after coming to America. When the family reached St. Louis, he secured employment in a bindery at one dollar a week, out of which he had to board himself. The family were very poor during this time, living for a year in an old log cabin. When he went into southern Illinois, Mr. Ritter worked on a farm and at his trade. In 1855 he joined the family in Springfield, and by 1857 was able to purchase his present home at No. 1143 North Third Street. At that time the land was in the woods, but during the fifty-three years he has lived there he has witnessed many changes, and is now in the midst of a thriving community. During all these years Mr. Ritter has worked on some of the finest residences in the city, also on public buildings, and has always given complete satisfaction, for he was carefully trained in the beginning and takes great pride in his work. Some years ago Mr. Ritter was elected Superintendent of Streets on the Republican ticket, and was the only Republican then elected, his personal popularity causing him to run far ahead of his ticket. At one time he was a member of the Springfield Guards. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is a strong Mason. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership.

Mr. Ritter was married March 27, 1856, in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., to Sophia E. Hagedorn, born in Germany, January 9, 1834, died July 23, 1908. Her parents came to America at an early day, settling on a farm in Cape Girardeau County. The mother died in Cairo, Ill., in 1853, while on her way to Sangamon County, of cholera, which was epidemic in that year. The father came on to Springfield, where he lived with Mr. Ritter until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter had eight children, six of whom now survive: Edward F., who resides north of Springfield on a farm; William F., George H., and Charles G., all carpenters residing in Springfield; Henry L., resides in the Northwest; and Anna, wife of Frank M. Thompson, a carpenter of Springfield. Bernard N. and August are deceased. There are six grandchildren and one great-grandchild in the family. In addition to his home, Mr. Ritter owns other valuable city realty and is in comfortable circumstances. He is an honest, reliable, hard-working man, whose success has been won by steady effort and the practice of careful economy. The death of his wife was a heavy blow to him, for the two were devoted to each other, and she had been an excellent wife and mother.

ROACH, John N.—One of the best known and most highly respected men of Pawnee, Ill., is John N. Roach, who has reason to be proud of his war record, his business record and his position in the Social and public life of his community. He was born in Wilson County, Tenn., July 20, 1843, son of John M. and Elinora (Robbins) Roach, both also natives of Wilson County, where they were married. The father taught school in various places and finally became President of a college at McLemoresville, Tenn., where he died in 1852, his wife having died in August, 1843, the next month after the birth of her son John N. The father of John N. Roach Sr. was a farmer and gunsmith, and a native of Virginia. He moved to Wilson County as a young man, and about 1848 removed to Macoupin County, Ill., thence to Warren County, from there to Knox County, and finally to Logan County, where his death occurred, in November, 1888. He had been a Captain of Militia in Tennessee and served under Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. The father of Elinora Robbins was a native of Tennessee, where his entire life was spent.

By his first marriage John H. Roach, Sr., had two children, John N. Jr. and Herschel L., and the latter entered the Confederate army and was never afterwards heard from, it being supposed that he lost his life in Texas. The father was married (second) to Miss Newsome, of Wilson County, Tenn., and they had three children: James, Louisa and Elizabeth, all deceased.

John N. Roach Jr. was educated in the public schools of Atlanta, Ill., and lived with his grandfather until nineteen years of age, then enlisted in Company A, One Hundred Seventeenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, August 5, 1862, at McLean, Ill., under Captain S. B. Kinsey, serving to the close of the war. He was mustered out and received his final discharge and pay at Camp Butler, August 5, 1865, exactly three years from the date of his enlistment. He participated in the Battle of Collierville, Tenn.; Queens Hill, Old Town and Meridian, Miss.; Pleasant Hill, and Marksville, La., in the Red River Expedition, participating in the capture of Fort de Russey, also in the battles of Yellow Bayou, Tupelo, Franklin,

Nashville, and Fort Blakely, besides numerous other skirmishes and smaller engagements. On December 18, when the army was marching near Nashville, they passed through the cemetery where his mother was buried and he secured permission to visit her grave.

In the Battle of Nashville, December 15, 1864, Mr. Roach was on the skirmish line and was lying with his companions in the weeds near the Confederate lines, when he was ordered to take six men and flank a small party of the enemy. Two Confederate soldiers were on the other side of the log and when he raised his empty gun and ordered them to surrender they threw up their hands to this single man. They laughed and said, "Yank, did you know our guns were not loaded? He laughed and said, "No, but I knew mine was not," thus turning the joke toward them. He made them prisoners and marched them before the proper officer in his own regiment.

At the close of the war Mr. Roach returned to Atlanta, later moved to Hopedale, Ill., and in 1892 settled in Williamsville, Sangamon County, lived there six years and in 1898 came to Pawnee, which has since been his home. He served on the Board of Supervisors two terms in Tazewell County. He is a member of the Masonic order and of A. J. Weber Post No. 421, of Pawnee. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and his wife belongs to the Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican and in National affairs keeps his party principals strongly in mind, though in local affairs he votes for the man rather than the party.

Mr. Roach was married, at Tremont, Tazewell County, October 6, 1876, to Emma Waldon, a native of that county, born in 1852, daughter of John Waldon, a native of Virginia, who came to Illinois as a young man and settled first in Logan County, but later moved to Tazewell County. Mr. Waldon died on his farm in November, 1875. His wife, Mrs. Lorena Waldon, was a native of Logan County, where she married Mr. Waldon, and died in Tremont, in 1865. They had seven children: Abraham, Joseph, Henry, James, Emma, Angeline and Louisa. There are two sons and one daughter now living, namely: Henry and James, of Tazewell County, and Mrs. Roach. Abraham served in the Mexican War, enlisting at Pekin, took part in the Battle of Cerro Gordo where he and three companions captured the carriage of Santa Ana, from which the old Mexican had just made his escape in the dark of early dawn on the out-rider's mule, when nearly overtaken, and within found his wooden leg, which is now a trophy of war in Memorial Hall in the Capitol Building at Springfield. The large sum of gold money found under the seat of his ambulance-bed, was turned over to the United States Government, and his two little books—the story of Telemec, printed in Spanish and French (on alternate pages), were presented to the commanding officer, Major S. D. Marshall —General Shields having previously been laid low with a supposedly mortal wound. One of those intrepid young Illinois' soldier boys was Elmer Elwood Ellsworth, now of San Raphael, California. John Waldon, the father of Abraham Waldon and Mrs. Roach, was a soldier in the Black Hawk War.

Mr. Roach and his wife have four children: Edith M., born in Tazewell County, October 6, 1875, is unmarried and lives at home; Bessie B., born May 13, 1878, unmarried and living at home; Ruby G., born January 24, 1881, also unmarried and living with her parents; John Neal Logan, born June 24, 1884, is a railroad clerk and lives at home.

Mr. Roach is one of the most popular men of Pawnee and takes great interest and pride in the village. He is proud of his family, who have always been identified with the best interests of any place they have called home, and have served in many of the wars. He is now retired from active business life and is Police Magistrate, which office he has held the past sixteen years. He has a large number of friends and enjoys the confidence of all who know him.

ROBERTS, William P.—In these days of high land values, a man is wealthy who owns plenty of Sangamon County rich acreage, and when it has been accummulated through his own individual effort, he can well afford to retire and live free from the cares of business during his declining years. Illiopolis is the home of a number of retired farmers of this class, among whom is William P. Roberts. He was born in Schuyler County, Ill., January 23, 1831, a son of Norman and Temperance (Lockhart) Roberts, born in South Carolina, October 19, 1800, and Washington County, Ky., November 17, 1796, respectively. The grandfather, Joseph Roberts was born in Virginia, but after several changes, died in Gibson County, Ind., being accidentally killed by a gun shot.

Norman Roberts went in boyhood from South Carolina to Georgia, thence to Kentucky and from there to Indiana. He traded to some extent on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, going as far as New Orleans, but eventually went to Schuyler County in 1830, and from there to Warrie County, Ind., in 1831. In 1852, he came to Sangamon County to engage in farming. Finally he went to Macon County, Ill., where he died, near Niantic, in 1890. He was twice married, the first ceremony occurring June 13, 1821, and his first wife, Temperance Lockhart, bore him seven children of whom William P. Roberts was one. His second wife, whom he married September 18, 1840, was Mrs. Orpha (Whittinghill) Lockhart. To this union four children were born. Her husband, James Lockhart, was a brother of the first Mrs. Roberts. The second Mrs. Roberts died February 6, 1870, aged sixty-three years, seven months and twenty-nine days.

William P. Roberts went to the typical log school of his period, sitting on slab benches, and laboring under the usual number of disadvan-

tages incident to that period, but he managed to lay a good foundation for a solid education that has been of practical value to him. Coming to Sangamon County with his father, he has made it his home ever since, and was a farmer of whom the State may be well proud. Until 1902 he operated his fine 340 acre farm in Illiopolis Township, but in that year he retired, still owning his farm, which is just a few feet east of the town line of Illiopolis.

On January 28, 1858, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage by Rev. Nathaniel G. Averitt, in Macon County, Ill., to Nancy E. Boyd, born in Morgan County, Ill., March 12, 1841. Her father became one of the early settlers of Macon County, later removing to Missouri, he being Milton Boyd, and his wife bore the name of Polly Bobbitt before her marriage to him. Mr. Boyd was born in Kentucky, October 15, 1809, while his wife was born in Missouri, August 6, 1813. Leaving Missouri, Mr. Boyd came to Sangamon County, but his last days were spent in southwestern Missouri where he died, February 5, 1898.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, five of whom survive: Mary A., wife of William J. Kaylor, living on a farm north of Illiopolis; Tampa Florence, wife of Alva Jeffords a farmer of Illiopolis Township; Ida B., wife of Edward Baker, a farmer of Illiopolis Township; George H., a farmer of the same township, as is Harvey C., who also conducts the Farmers' Elevator Co. There are nineteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Roberts is a consistent member of the Christian Church to which he accords a hearty support. As a Democrat, he has conscientiously cast his vote, and given his support to those measures which he believed were for the best interests of his community. All his life Mr. Roberts has endeavored to live according to his religious creed and is a true Christian man, hard-working and thrifty, who knows how to save his money and invest it profitably. Such sound, practical farmers as he has been, are a welcome addition to any community, and his success not only reflects credit on him, but advances the standing of his locality, and encourages others to follow his example, and by earnest endeavor place themselves beyond the fear of poverty in their old age.

ROBERTSON, Marcus Browning.—Children born of honored parents appreciate the record of their family history, which otherwise might be lost as time progresses. It is therefore really an obligation which their relation to them lays upon the shoulders of such parents, to set down in logical order what has been accomplished by those from whom these children sprung. One of the best types of American citizenship in Sangamon County is Marcus Browning Robertson of Old Berlin, born in Missouri, January 31, 1857. The family moved to Kentucky in 1860, and to Illinois in 1871, where a year was spent in Quincy, and then in 1872, location was made at Pleasant Plains. In 1877, another change was made, and a year was spent in Berlin. Following this Mr. Robertson went west and spent two years on the plains, but returned to Berlin in 1880, and this locality has since been his home.

The grandfather of Mr. Robertson was Martin Robertson, who graduated from the University of Edinburg, Scotland, in his eighteenth year. The family had been associated with that institution of learning from its foundation, and belonged to one of the important clans which played so aggressive a part in Scottish history, it being the same that claimed the doughty McDonalds and Campbells, and they were also closely related to the Beckwiths. Martin Robertson, doubtless for religious reasons, emigrated in 1795 to the land of promise beyond the seas, where he found a home in Virginia. There he married Mary Morton, daughter of a wealthy Virginia planter. Their son, W. R. Robertson, father of M. B. Robertson, was born there in 1800, coming with his parents to Kentucky in 1815. He was graduated from the Transylvania Medical School of Kentucky in 1821, becoming one of the successful physicians of his day. He was also a large planter and slave holder. In 1855, he moved to Missouri, but at the outbreak of the Civil War, he returned to Kentucky, and from that State entered the Union service as a surgeon. Owing to the war, he lost heavily, and in 1871, moved to Illinois, where his death occurred at Pleasant Plains, March 23, 1876. He was a Whig and Republican in politics. The family faith was that of the Presbyterian Church. Of his three wives, the last was the mother of M. B. Robertson. She was Ann Davis Browning, a relative of Jefferson Davis, born in Harrison County, Ky., in 1819, coming of very good stock. One brother, Orville H. Browning of Quincy, Ill., was a United States Senator, and a member of President Johnson's cabinet, as well as an able lawyer. Another brother, Milton Browning of Burlington, Ia., was a prominent man of his period. Mrs. Browning's mother bore the maiden name of Sally Brown, and was an aunt of Captain James N. Brown of Inland Grove. The Brown family were prominent in legal circles and public life in both Kentucky and Illinois. This most estimable lady died at Quincy, at the home of her brother, O. H. Browning, February 3, 1872.

M. B. Robertson taught school for four terms after his return from the west, and then entering a mercantile line in Berlin, in 1881, was engaged in agricultural pursuits. On June 17, 1885, Mr. Robertson was married to Lou Scott of Berlin, Ill., born there in 1856, daughter of John W. and Martha (Yates) Scott, and granddaughter of Andrew Scott who came from North Carolina to Sangamon County in the early 'twenties and located in Island Grove in 1824. The Scott family is of Scotch descent. Mrs. Scott was a sister of War Governor Richard Yates, and daughter of Henry Yates, who settled

in Berlin in 1831, the family coming originally from Virginia, but later from Kentucky. Nearly all the ancestors on both sides of the Robertson and Scott families were Revolutionary soldiers. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson: William Scott died in infancy; Colin Morton, born November 13, 1888; Harry Yates, born August 7, 1890; Pattie, born October 30, 1892; Thomas Browning, born August 4, 1895; William Beckwith, born July 6, 1897, and Donald Alexander, born April 2, 1901.

Mr. Robertson was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, but united with the Christian Church at Berlin in 1888. In politics he is a Democrat, and his party has honored him by electing him to the following offices: Supervisor, Collector, Town Clerk, member of the Village Board, School Director and Justice of the Peace. He has held that office for ten years, and still occupies it. He is a man of solid characteristics, and high standing, proud of his family and devoted to his wife and children. As a public official, his actions have been governed by justice and sound judgment, and no one is considered as better representative of the best interests of this part of the county, than he.

ROBINSON, James C. (Vol. I, p. 454.)

ROBINSON, John Wesley, M. D., who has built up an excellent practice in the vicinity of New Berlin, Ill., is a self-made man and well deserves the success which has attended his efforts. He is a member of the band of physicians and surgeons who do their best for their patients in a careful, painstaking way, and always bear in mind the highest principles in their profession. Dr. Robinson was born on a farm in LaSalle County, Ill., August 26, 1871, of Scotch and English descent. His father, Alexander Robinson, married a Miss Day, who died when her son John W. was a child. After his mother's death the boy was taken by his grandfather, James Robinson, to rear, and received his early education in the schools of the locality. He was reared on a farm and lived with his grandparents until he was twenty-two years of age, then rented land and began life on his own account, as a farmer.

After carrying on farming for himself for three years, John W. Robinson decided to begin the study of his chosen professior, and held a sale of his farm implements and horses. In 1895, he entered Illinois Medical College, at Chicago, where he took a four-year course, being graduated in 1900, after which he was appointed interne at St. Elizabeth hospital. He remained in this post eighteen months, gaining valuable experience and rendering excellent service. He then entered the office of one of his preceptors, Dr. McGee, near his old home at Tonica. He had studied with Dr. McGee during his vacations and had received advice from him on difficult problems, at different times. This arrangement lasted until 1903, then the younger doctor began practice by himself, at Berlin, Sangamon County, where he at once met with success, and in November, 1905, he moved to New Berlin, where he has established himself in the confidence and esteem of the community and has an excellent practice.

Dr. Robinson has one of the best equipped offices in the county, and the latest appliances for the practice of both medicine and surgery, as well as a fine laboratory. He keeps abreast of the latest literature of his profession and the times in everything. He compounds most of his own medicines and in this way greatly adds to his success. He is sympathetic and courteous in manner and speech and in all things shows promise of a bright future in his career. He belongs to various medical societies. He is one of the medical examiners for the M. W. A. of New Berlin and also belongs to the I. O. O. F. Every public enterprise finds in him a ready sympathizer and he is much interested in the progress and development of his community. He has for several years been a member of the Presbyterian Church. Readily making and retaining friends, he is well known in his part of the county as an upright, useful citizen. Dr. Robinson has performed several surgical operations during the time he has practiced in Sangamon County, and for this purpose takes his patients to the hospital at Springfield.

ROBINSON, Joseph A.—Lancaster County, Pa., has given Illinois some of its most substantial citizens, and Sangamon County has always been proud to welcome them to her confines. One of the representative families from that locality which has become well known here is that of Robinson, and a prominent member of it is Joseph A. Robinson, of Riverton. He was born in Lancaster, Pa., September 26, 1844, a son of Daniel and Narcissa (Colson) Robinson. The father was a blacksmith and farmer, whose operations extended over Perry and Cumberland Counties in Pennsylvania. He was also a local preacher of the Methodist faith and traveled about considerably, dying at last in York, Pa. His wife died when Joseph A. Robinson was but a child, and there were three sons and three daughters in the family in addition to him. Susan, the eldest, married A. J. Gordon, now deceased, and she lives in Lancaster, Ohio; Rebecca married James Howett, of Riverton, now deceased, and she resides in that town; Jesse W., of Marysville, Pa.; Martha J., wife of Robert Boyd, of York, Pa.; William J., of Lancaster, Ohio, and Joseph A.

Joseph A. Robinson was educated in Pennsylvania, working with his father during his boyhood. Later he went into business for himself. When the war broke out he enlisted from Berks County, in Company A, Third Pennsylvania Artillery for three years. In a few months he was transferred to Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Pennsylvania, Volunteer Infantry, being made Sergeant under command of Colonel Bowen. A little later he was made First Lieutenant of the One Hundred and

Eighteenth Regiment of colored troops. After a service of twenty-two months he resigned, on October 1, 1865. During his period of service he participated in the engagements at Dewey's Bluff, Cold Harbor and Fort Harrison, and was wounded September 29, 1864. He was also in the Siege of Petersburg. After the close of his brave career as a soldier, Mr. Robinson returned to Cumberland County, remaining there and in Perry County until 1871, when he was attracted towards Illinois, and settled in Schuyler County, but a short time later moved to Sangamon County. For some time Mr. Robinson was engineer in a mill and distillery, and was fireman and engineer on the Northern Central Railroad. Upon locating in Riverton Mr. Robinson became engineer at Howitt's distillery, but later became engineer for the old paper mill, then for the new mill. Following this he acted as engineer for the old shaft. For several years he was engineer for the electric plant, which he built. Still later he returned to the old shaft, where he has since discharged the duties of engineer. He has been prominent in public affairs, being elected President of the Town Board on the Republican ticket, also Assessor, member of the School Board and Alderman, and has faithfully discharged the duties of all the offices held. He is a member of Stephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R., and was Past Commander of Camp Butler Post, which was disbanded. He is a member of Riverton Lodge, No. 786, A. F. & A. M., and its Chaplain; belongs to Clear Lake Lodge, No. 445, I. O. O. F., and is its Treasurer, having belonged to that order for forty-two years. He is very prominent in fraternal matters of all kinds. The Methodist Church holds his membership and he is one of its Trustees. Mrs. Robinson belongs to the Eastern Star.

In August, 1863, Mr. Robinson was married at Harrisburg, Pa., to Sarah Gensinger, born in Cumberland County, Pa., July 22, 1846, a daughter of Daniel Gensinger, a native of Pennsylvania, as was his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Gensinger had two sons and three daughters, Mrs. Robinson and her brother Joseph, of Marysville, Pa., being the only survivors. The latter served during the Civil War in the Seventh United States Cavalry, for nine months and later for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson became the parents of ten children, six of whom survive: Alice, wife of John Maddox, of Springfield; Rebecca, wife of Vincent Saville, of Riverton, where he is electrician for the town; Joseph, a miner of Riverton; Tennie, wife of Adam Rhode of Riverton; Thomas, at home; Susan, a teacher in the Riverton schools. There are twenty grandchildren and one great-grandchild in the family. Mr. Robinson owns his home and other property in Riverton, and has the utmost confidence in the locality, believing that all realty will show a steady and healthy advance, so that in his opinion it is the best kind of investment.

ROBINSON, William S., switchman for the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, is a man of careful habits, whose fidelity can always be relied upon. He was born in Virginia, April 21, 1868, a son of Samuel and Mandy (Grant) Robinson. The father was born in London, England, while his wife was born in County Cork, Ireland. He was a railroad man and later connected with the recruiting service. When twenty-one years old he came to the United States, settling in Virginia, where he worked at various kinds of employment. Eventually he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he now resides. He belongs to various railroad orders. His wife died in 1869, leaving four children: Martha, wife of Jake Barns; John, Edward and William S. Edward, twin brother of William, is now deceased. Mr. Robinson was a Protestant and a Democrat, and the mother was a Catholic.

William S. Robinson attended school in Virginia until he was eleven years old, when he began working as a structural iron worker, but later went into railroad work. In 1895 he came from Virginia to Terre Haute, Ind., but April 26, 1902, came to Springfield to enter the service of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company, as a switchman, which responsible position he still holds. For twenty-three years he has been a railroad man and could not now interest himself in any other line of work.

On October 2, 1894, Mr. Robinson was married, at Logansport, Ind., by Rev. H. Harland, in the Methodist Church, to Millie Small, a native of that city, born September 28, 1872, daughter of Alexander and Anna Catherine (Wean) Small, the latter a native of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have two children: Otis S., born August 3, 1895, in Logansport, and Marie Catherine, born June 23, 1903, in Springfield. Mr. Robinson is a Democrat and a Catholic, while his wife is a Presbyterian. They are members of the Knights and Ladies of Security. He is very popular among railroad men and is generally liked wherever known. He has been a hard worker all his life and has never shirked any duty which was laid upon him. If he is selected to hold an elective office his constituents may be certain of the same faithfulness to duty in the discharge of its obligations that he has ever observed in his private life.

ROBINSON, William T.—Many of the older residents of Springfield remember well the great Abraham Lincoln, and love to recall him as he was to his fellow-townsmen. One of these men is William T. Robinson, a native of the county, who was born far enough back to remember distinctly when Indians were not merely names, but realities. He was born in Buffalo Hart Grove, August 2, 1833, a son of John W. and Lucinda Robinson, natives of Virginia and Winchester, Ky. The father came to Illinois at an early day, locating at Buffalo Hart Grove, where he resided until his death, being

killed by lightning in 1840, at the home of his mother. A bolt struck the house, which was built of logs, and he was killed instantly and his sister badly injured. The poor old mother, who at the time was on her death bed, suffered the shock of seeing these two terrible accidents occur before her eyes. Mr. Robinson left a widow, who lived until about 1890, and two sons and two daughters, one of the latter being now deceased. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Finfrock resides in Waynesville, Ill., and is the other daughter. One son, John F., resides in Lincoln, Ill. Mr. Robinson comes from good old Virginia and Kentucky ancestry.

His father being a farmer, William T. Robinson was brought up to agricultural work, attending school in a little building that was also used for religious services. He worked on his father's farm until 1860, when he went to Atlanta, Ill., to conduct a grocery business, but seven years later returned to Springfield, where he has since lived. Upon his return he took a position with the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, working as truckman for a year, then becoming shipping clerk. For twenty-three years he held this position, when he was injured in the freight house. Upon his recovery the company made him flagman at one of their crossings, and he is now faithfully discharging the duties pertaining to that position. Mr. Robinson never served in the army, although he wanted to and offered his services, but failed to pass the examination. His brother John served in Company I, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Infantry. While residing at Atlanta, Mr. Robinson served as Constable, and was also a School Director at Buffalo Hart Grove, being elected on the Republican ticket, as he has always held to the principles of that party. His personal friendship for Mr. Lincoln led him to adopt these principles as his own, and he has never wavered. He is a member of the United Brethren Church and is faithful in his devotion to it.

Mr. Robinson was married in Springfield, December 4, 1856, at the old American House, which stood on the present site of the Bressmer dry-goods store, to Julia A. Lunbeck, born near Courtsville, Ohio, August 24, 1837. Her parents moved from Courtsville to Iowa, residing there until their deaths. Her father was a carpenter and farmer. Six children came to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, four daughters and two sons, two of whom survive: Ida L., wife of Benjamin Fagin, living on a farm west of Springfield; Clara E., living at home, employed by the Illinois Watch Company. There are four grandchildren in the family: Bessie, Ethel and Roy and Herbert, and one great-grandchild, Helen Binney. Mr. Robinson lives at No. 1251 North Second Street. He recalls many interesting events of the days when his father's house was the stopping place of the various lawyers who rode through on horseback on their way from Springfield to Pulaski. Among them was Abraham Lincoln, who was attracted towards the intelligent young man, and the two became warm friends.

ROCCHICCIOLI, Charles, who has been engaged in business in Springfield since 1889, has a fruit and confectionery store at 605 East Washington Street. He has established a large patronage, being considered an upright and honest dealer and highly respected. He was born at Lascana, Italy, January 8, 1860, son of Palo Rocchiccioli, a farmer by occupation, who died there. He had almost no educational advantages as a boy, as his parents were not able to send him to school, and he began working on a farm at a tender age. He is largely self-educated, and through study at home and learning in the school of experience is able to carry on his business in an able manner and reap a good profit therefrom. At the age of sixteen years, wearing the crude wooden shoes he had been accustomed to at home, Mr. Rocchiccioli went to London, and there for two years sold statues from door to door. Then he made a short visit home, but returned to England and resumed his former occupation, making another visit home, and in 1884 embarked for America. He landed at New York and went thence to St. Louis, where for three years he sold statues, then came to Springfield. He embarked in business first at 707 East Washington Street and a few years later moved to 825 East Washington Street, where he remained twelve years, and in 1906 came to his present location.

Mr. Rocchiccioli was marrid in Springfield to Zita Maggenti, who was born in Italy in 1872 and came to America with her parents when a child. Her father, Dominoe Maggenti, kept a store in Springfield some years, but finally returned to his native country, where his death occurred recently. Children were born to this couple as follows: Marie was born in Italy in 1890, while her mother was making a visit to her native country; Charles J., born in Springfield May 31, 1892; Millie, born in 1896, and Yolanda, born in 1903. The family are members of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church and Mr. Rocchiccioli is a Republican in politics. He has a comfortable home on West Washington Street and has many friends in the city.

ROCK, John Francis.—Some of the solid, reliable men of Springfield have lived in the city all their lives, and their interests are closely connected with its growth and prosperity. One of these representative citizens is John Francis Rock, of East Capitol Avenue. He was born in Springfield, July 15, 1860, a son of James and Mary (O'Connor) Rock, natives of Ireland. In 1835, they came to America, and after a residence in New York City that covered only a short period, they came to Springfield, which was then attracting attention as the proposed site of the State capital. Mr. Rock established himself in a grocery business on Jefferson, between Third and Fourth Streets, in which he

continued for five years. He and his wife are deceased. They were worthy people, and consistent members of the Catholic Church.

John Francis Rock went to school in Springfield, attending the Lincoln School and St. Mary's institution, leaving to enter the employ of the rolling mills which were located in the suburb of Ridgely. There his faithful and efficient service extended over a period of twenty years, or until the mills were closed. He then connected himself with the large plow works of Springfield, where his efforts are equally appreciated.

Mr. Rock served as patrolman for two years, but otherwise has confined himself to labors as before mentioned. His pleasant home on East Capital Avenue is owned by him, and his wife's taste is reflected in its artistic furnishings. Mr. Rock is a Republican in political faith. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. On June 21, 1887, Mr. Rock was married in Springfield, Ill., to Catherine L. Madden, no issue. While Mr. Rock has never taken an active part in public affairs, he has always been in favor of good government, and has borne his part in securing it.

Mrs. Rock was born at Salisbury, Sangamon County, July 27, 1860, daughter of John and Marguerite (Fitzgerald) Madden, natives of County Clare, Ireland. The parents came from Ireland and settled in Sangamon County, where they became prosperous farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Rock are devout members of the Catholic Church.

RODEMS, Charles E. proprietor of a blacksmith shop at Cotton Hill Station, Ill., is a native of Sangamon County, having been born at New City, January 15, 1885, a son of Peter Rodems. His grandfather was a native of Germany, who spent his entire life in the Fatherland.

Peter Rodems was born in Germany and first came to the United States in 1859, but returned to his native land in 1860, only to come again to this country the year following. His occupation was that of a machinist, and after coming to America the second time he settled in Sangamon County, where he spent the remainder of his life working at his trade, his death occurring December 13, 1899, in Springfield. He was born October 30, 1829, and was married to Marie Lederbrand, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 18, 1848, and whose father came from Germany to Sangamon County, where he died. She died November 25, 1909, in Springfield. Both she and her husband were buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Charles E. Rodems received his education in the public schools of his native city, and was always an active, healthy boy, delighting in all manner of out-door sports. At an early age he started working on a small Illinois farm for his father, and he so continued until he was sixteen years old, when, deciding that he could better use his abilities in another field, he started to learn the trade of blacksmith, and being bright and quick to learn, soon mastered this occupation and began to find ready employment in various shops in the vicinity of Springfield. When he was eighteen years old he went to Bloomington, where he worked for six months in the shops, but returned to Springfield and continued working at his trade for three and one-half years. During the next year he was engaged at his trade in Chicago. After his return to Springfield secured a position with the Illinois Central Railroad Company as a blacksmith, and worked all along their line for ten months. Once more he returned to Springfield, and ten months later decided he was capable of conducting a business of his own, and accordingly invested his savings in the shop and equipment at Cotton Hill Station. He does a flourishing business and his excellent workmanship has given him a high reputation in his trade. He is a Republican in political views, is a member of the German Lutheran Church, and holds membership in the Illinois Life Insurance Company.

On November 18, 1908, Mr. Rodems was united in marriage with Annie Gritens, at Springfield, Ill. Mrs. Rodems was born at Deer Plain, Calhoun County, Ill., August 7, 1891, daughter of Henry and Ida Gritens, natives of St. Charles, Mo., and Calhoun County, Ill. respectively. To this union there has been born a son, Peter Henry, born at Cotton Hill, November 25, 1909.

Mr. Rodems is one of the energetic young business men of Ball Township, and is immensely popular with all who know him. In addition to his business he is the owner of the residences and lots at Nos. 1228 East Stuart Street and 2000 South Thirteenth Street, in Springfield.

RODERICK, John C. (deceased).—In looking back over the history of Springfield, the biographer is struck with the number of its representative men who figured prominently during earlier days, and who have passed away from this life. This city was the home of Lincoln, Douglas, Grant, Logan, and many others who have helped develop the State and make it second in importance in the nation. There are others who, although they did not rise so high in political and military life, bore just as important a part in making history, for they were part of the great backbone of the State. One who belonged to the latter class was the late John C. Roderick, who was for many years a carpenter of Springfield, where his family still reside. He was born in Madeira, in April, 1842, and was an excellent example of the people of that country. His father was Joseph Roderick, and his mother was Jocintha (Roderick) Roderick, and both were natives of Madeira. Joseph Roderick was a carpenter and contractor before coming to America, but when he located in Springfield, in 1850, he became interested in the iron industry, and was connected with it for thirty-four years.

John C. Roderick was associated with his father in several enterprises in Springfield, even before enlisting, when twenty years old, in the Union Army, in 1861. He served faithfully and well, making a record as a soldier of which his family is justly proud. Mr. Roderick was a carpenter by trade, but also operated a grocery for some years, becoming successful in all his ventures. He was a Woodman, belonging to Springfield Lodge No. 114. A Republican, he took an active part in party life. The Presbyterian Church held his membership and he died in its faith.

Mr. Roderick was married in Springfield, December 24, 1869, to Mary Sylvester, a native of Madeira, born there in 1852, daughter of John A. and Frances C. (Depotas) Sylvester. Mr. and Mrs. Roderick had children as follows: Albert, born in March, 1871, is married and resides in St. Louis; Eva, born August 15, 1873, resides with her mother in Springfield; Joseph A., born in 1875, married and lives in St. Louis; Elmer V., born 1885, and Charles O., born March 26, 1888.

During his long and useful life Mr. Roderick made many friends, and when he was taken away, April 21, 1905, his loss was deeply felt and the bereaved family had the universal sympathy of a wide circle of those who knew and appreciated him. While he was prominent politically, he never sought public office, preferring to exert his influence as a private citizen. Faithful in his church observances, he tried to do his full duty and live up to his beliefs, and no man stood higher in the estimation of his neighbors and business associates.

RODERICK, Joseph (deceased).—Although Portugal has not contributed as many of its sons to the United States as a number of other European countries, those who have come are excellent examples of sturdy, hard-working men, who become good citizens. One of the best representatives of this class was the late Joseph Roderick, of Springfield, probably born on the Island of Madeira about 1826. When only twenty years of age he came to the United States, landing in New York City, whence he came direct to Springfield, being one of the early natives of his country in this locality.

His first employment after coming was in the line of day laboring. Never neglecting a chance to improve his condition, Mr. Roderick worked hard and saved his money, and after marrying built a house at No. 930 North Ninth Street. Later he built two more north of his residence, which yielded him a good income. When he purchased land in the locality there was but one other house there, but he had confidence in future prospects, and lived to see his foresightedness justified. His death occurred at his home in 1906, he dying a faithful member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Republican.

Mr. Roderick married Clara Mendonsa, also a native of the Island of Madeira, who died in 1894. She bore him the following children: Julia Anna, now Mrs. John DeFrates, of North Eighth Street; John, of Springfield, and Lucy, now Mrs. Sidney Vasconcellos. Mr. Vasconcellos is a carpenter of Springfield, and he and his family live in a pleasant home at No. 926 North Ninth Street. He was born in Jacksonville, where he was educated in the common schools, but came to Springfield in 1898, finding ready employment at his trade there ever since. In 1902 occurred the marriage of Mr. Vasconcellos and Miss Lucy Roderick, and they have one child, Roland Roderick, a bright little fellow, who can already speak in both English and Portuguese, and is a wonder at counting. The affection existing between members of this family is something that unites them very closely and makes them proud of the father who left behind him a name which stands for hard work and sterling integrity.

RODGERS, Alfred, a retired farmer living at Spaulding, Ill., belongs to an old and prominent family of Sangamon County, where he has spent his entire life. He was born in the county, May 22, 1845, son of Thomas and Mary K. (Lockert) Rodgers, the former born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Virginia. The father was a farmer by occupation and he and his wife came to Sangamon County among the pioneers. He died in 1851 and his widow survived until 1872. They were parents of three sons and three daughters, all of whom are deceased except Alfred.

The boyhood of Alfred Rodgers was spent on his father's farm in Sangamon County. The school he attended, near his home, was furnished with slab seats. He worked with his father until he was seventeen years of age, then began to work on his own account. He spent one year on his grandfather's farm near Riverton, then for one year conducted Mr. Yokum's farm, for one year lived on Mr. Cooley's farm, a year later removed to Mr. Wilson's farm, where he remained a like period, and then for one year lived on Mr. Pitcher's farm. He put in one crop on river land and lost it all by inundation from the river. He conducted a confectionery store and pool room in Spaulding for three years, and some three years ago retired from business life.

Mr. Rodgers was married in Springfield, in October, 1897, to Mary Davis, born in Tennessee, May 22, 1855. Both her parents died in Tennessee, some five or six years since. By a former husband Mrs. Rodgers had two children: Ellen married John Spoon and living in Peoria, Ill.; and Daniel Morgan, who is living at home, carries on farming and mining.

Mr. Rodgers is regarded with respect and esteem by all who know him, as he is a true friend, a kind neighbor and the soul of honor. He is a man of good habits and high character, industrious and energetic, and fond of his home. He was always very kind and dutiful to his mother in her widowhood, and cared for her

well until her death. He is known as a second Abraham Lincoln in regard to the number of rails he has split and the wood he has cut. He has carried a sack of wheat or corn to mill on horseback, waited for it to be ground, and then brought the grist back home. He is an active member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of the American Home Circle. He owns four acres of land in Spaulding and his wife also owns some property.

RODGERS, John, a successful merchant and well-known citizen of Dawson, Ill., is a native of Scotland, and has inherited the thrift and business enterprise of his race. He was born in Montrose, in 1836, a son of James and Jane (Thompson) Rodgers. The parents were farmers and spent their entire lives in Scotland. They had five children, of whom three were sons.

The education of John Rodgers was acquired in his native country, and when sixteen years of age he became a merchantman on a ship and followed the occupation of sailor for ten years, then engaged in gold-mining in Australia. He followed mining ten years, then returned to his native country and in 1873 emigrated to the United States. Mr. Rodgers lived for a time in Chicago, then moved to the vicinity of Covington, Ind., where he engaged in coal mining. In 1877 he located at Riverton, Ill., engaged for a time in mining, then became employed in the company's store, and in 1880 this company started operations in Dawson. Mr. Rodgers severed his connection with the company in 1898 and made a trip to Scotland, where he remained until 1901, then returned to Dawson and engaged in mercantile business in company with Thomas A. Morgan. They carried a line of groceries and Yankee notions, and continued in partnership until the death of Mr. Morgan, in 1905, since which time Mr. Rodgers has conducted the enterprise on his own account. He has established a good trade and carries on his business in a manner to inspire confidence and insure success.

In July, 1874, Mr. Rodgers married Jessie A. Eggo, who was born in the same county in Scotland as himself, and who had come to Covington, Ind., in that year. They have no children. Mr. Rodgers is a Presbyterian in religious belief and a Democrat in politics. His education was acquired in the parish school in his native place, and was rather limited, but he has learned much in the school of experience and is possessed of good business judgment and ability.

RODGERS, Richard, a retired farmer residing in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, Ill., belongs to a family that has been prominent in the county since 1837, and its members have ever been identified with its best interests. He was born in Wayne County, Ohio, June 5, 1836, and is a son of Robert B. and Catherine A. (Huggins) Rodgers, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born August 1, 1793, in Westmoreland County, and the latter born February 11, 1800, in Liverpool, Perry County. They were married in Pennsylvania, where eight of their children were born, and moved to Medina County, Ohio, where they had one child born. In the spring of 1837 they arrived east of the river, in what is now Clear Lake Township, and there became parents of two more children. Mr. Rodgers continued to live on his farm near Riverton until his death, which occurred March 25, 1862. His widow died in April, 1864. They were parents of children as follows: Lucetta married Charles McClure and died in Wooster, Ohio, leaving three children; Thomas, married Catherine Hazlitt, in Sangamon County, and died in 1852; Jane married William McClure, and both she and her husband died, leaving two children; Rebecca married James Morton, in Sangamon County, and they had eight children; Amanda married William Steele in Sangamon County, and they had six children; Mary married J. C. Harris in Sangamon County, had eight children, and died in Christian County; John served in Company A, Third Illinois Cavalry, and married Mrs. Nancy J. (Kinder) Harsh; Caroline; Richard; Samuel D. served in Company I, One Hundred Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, and married Emma Yocum; Robert, born in Sangamon County in 1842, in 1861 enlisted for three months in the Seventh Illinois Infantry, and died at Cairo, July 9, 1861. The only two of these children who now survive are Samuel, of Riverton, and Richard.

Richard Rodgers received his education in the old log school house near his home in Clear Lake Township and in boyhood worked on his father's farm. He later learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for many years in Springfield and Riverton, and later engaged in farming and gardening. For several years past he has been retired form active life and owns a comfortable home in Riverton, where he has twenty-three acres of land. He has been a hard-working man and success has attended his efforts to a gratifying degree. He is looked upon with respect and esteem by all who know him and has a large number of friends. In politics he is a Republican and has always been much interested in the development and progress of his community. He was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and a great admirer of this great and good man.

Mr. Rodgers was married (first) in Clear Lake Township, in December, 1864, to Mary Major, a native of Pennsylvania, who died in 1896. Her parents were early settlers of Sangamon County and spent the remainder of their lives on a farm in Clear Lake Township. Four children were born to Mr. Rodgers and his wife: Louis, of Decatur, a train dispatcher for the Wabash Railroad Company; Richard, in the coal business in Chicago; Edith F., of Detroit, Mich.; George, of New York City. Mr. Rodgers married (second), in 1905, Josie Allen, born in Riverton, whose parents were early settlers of Clear Lake Township and died near Riverton.

Both Mr. Rodgers and his wife are well known in the vicinity of their present home, where their lives have been spent.

ROE, Edward Reynolds. (Vol. I, pp. 455-456.)

ROHRER, Andrew (deceased), who was a prominent farmer of Section 8, Ball Township, Sangamon County, Ill., was a native of Wurtemburg, Germany, born January 1, 1840, son of Andrew and Barbara (Blakely) Rohrer, both natives of Germany, and the former of Wurtemburg. The father was a farmer by occupation and emigrated to the United States in 1852, spending a short time in New Jersey and in Philadelphia, then came to Illinois, where he located on a farm. He died in Sangamon County and was buried in Chatham Cemetery and the mother, who died in Kansas, was buried at Lebanon. They were parents of five children, three of whom now survive.

Andrew Rohrer received his education in Germany, and was twelve years of age at the time he came with his parents to America. After spending a short time in New Jersey, he accompanied them to Philadelphia, and spent six years in that city. At the age of eighteen years he came with his parents to Sangamon County, and spent the remainder of his life in Ball Township. At the time of the Civil War he did all the overseeing and labor for Col. Shoup's family until the Colonel returned from the War.

Mr. Rohrer was married in Springfield, Ill., by Rev. Barthing, February 12, 1867, to Mina Schmidt, who was born in Germany, April 20, 1847, daughter of Gottlieb Schmidt. She accompanied her parents to America as a child. The Schmidt family landed at New York and soon afterward came to Sangamon County. Mrs. Rohrer died February 7, 1904, having borne her husband seven children, namely: Edward Godlob, born April 30, 1868; Emma Louise, February 26, 1870; George William, February 11, 1872; Charles John, April 27, 1874; Benjamin, July 1, 1876; Carrie Ida, November 16, 1878; Francis, October 30, 1888. Three of these children are married and four single, and all reside in Sangamon County except Mrs. Martin Wagner, of Chicago.

After his marriage Mr. Rohrer spent some time at the home of Col. Shoup, then engaged in farming in Ball Township, where he became a well-known and respected citizen. He was a Democrat in politics and served as County Commissioner from 1895 until 1904. In religious views he was a Lutheran. He was a most industrious farmer and brought his thirty acres of land to a high state of cultivation. He won many friends and was highly esteemed by all. He died at his home in Ball Township August 27, 1910, and his loss was genuinely mourned by all who knew him.

ROKKER, Henry William.—Had it not been for the assistance of its foreign-born citizens, it is doubtful if the North would have ended the Civil War as soon as it did. Almost without exception, those who sought in this country freedom from the exactions prevailing in the lands from which they came, took up arms in defense of their adopted country. One of the men who gave valiant service in this way was Henry William Rokker, now living at No. 1020 West Lawrence avenue, Springfield. He was born at Arnhem, Holland, August 3, 1834, a son of John Peter and Catherine (Gitsel) Rokker, the former born December 25, 1801, and the latter in 1809, both being natives of Holland. The father was a harnessmaker.

Henry William Rokker grew up in Holland, where he attended the city schools of Arnhem, learning the Dutch, German, French and English languages. Leaving school, he was taught the trade of bookbinding, and seeking a wider field of endeavor, came to the United States in 1856. He worked at his trade in Dubuque, Iowa, Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, whence he went to New Orleans, but there spent only a short time, owing to climatic conditions of that city. Going north as far as St. Louis, he remained in that city until war was declared, when, in the early part of 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Third Missouri Volunteer Infantry. During his period of service, Mr. Rokker was stationed at Fulton, Mo., and was wounded four times, including injuries in both arms, the shoulder and lungs, so that he was honorably discharged for serious disability. Returning to St. Louis he started in business for himself, as bookbinder, as soon as his health permitted, and in 1863 came to Springfield, to enter the employ of A. B. Mackenzy. He continued with this establishment until the following spring, when the plant was destroyed by fire. Mr. Rokker once more established himself in business, selling out to the Journal Company, and becoming superintendent of the plant. After a year, he once more started in business for himself, and continued to operate his plant until 1910, when he sold his printing and bookbinding establishment to Colonel Jefferson.

Mr. Rokker was married (first) in St. Louis, in 1860, to Matilda Kowats, and they had three children: Henry, who died in infancy; Kate, who died at the age of thirty-three years; and Minnie, wife of Rev. William Uffenbeck. Mr. Rokker was married (second) to Rose M. Liebke of Chicago, in 1894. In addition to the family residence in Springfield, Mr. Rokker owns some farm lands in the West, and is in comfortable circumstances. The German Lutheran Church has in him a faithful and liberal member. During the many years he has resided in Springfield, Mr. Rokker has been identified with those movements looking towards moral uplift and the betterment of civic conditions, and has been a most desirable citizen in every respect.

ROLL, John E. (Vol. I, p. 457.)

ROLLET, Andrew.—All civilized countries are represented in Sangamon County, and these men

of foreign birth have become assimilated in our melting pot of nations until they are numbered among the reliable and substantial citizens. Among those who are Americans by inclination, Andrew Rollet, of No. 1702 South Tenth Street, Springfield, is as good a representative of the Franco-American as can be found in Sangamon County. He was born July 20, 1835, being a son of Joseph and Christina (Hirsch) Rollet, both of France. The parents were farming people, who never left their native land, where they died and are buried. Of the three sons and one daughter born to these parents, only the daughter, residing in France, and Mr. Rollet survive.

Growing up in France, Andrew Rollet secured a common school education, and worked for his father, but was not satisfied with existing conditions, so, when he was twenty-five years old, enlisted in the army, serving for seven years. When his enlistment expired he re-enlisted for three years. Mr. Rollet is proud of the fact that he fought under Louis Napoleon, and participated in many famous battles of the empire. With the fall of Louis Napoleon, Mr. Rollet turned his eyes towards the land his countrymen a century before had helped to free, and arrived in New York, whence he came direct to Springfield, which has been his home ever since. Upon his arrival he secured employment on the construction of the State House, later entering the mines, where he met with an accident that compelled him to retire about 1895.

In February, 1873, Mr. Rollet was married in Springfield to Mrs. Marie (Frye) Rosenzweig, born in Germany, July 4, 1842, a daughter of Jacob Frye, who came to America in 1865, settling in Springfield, where he lived until his death. The mother died in Germany, having borne her husband four sons and five daughters, four of whom survive: Adam, of Springfield; Anton, a farmer of Sangamon county; Mrs. Anna Christman of Springfield, and Mrs. Rollet. Mr. and Mrs. Rollet have had six children: Adam, a cigar manufacturer; Anton, a cigar maker; George, Andrew, Charles and Madaline, at home. Jacob, of Springfield, and Anna, wife of Peter Penney, are half brother and sister of the others. There are fourteen grandchildren in the family, as well as one great-grandchild. All reside in the city or vicinity. Mr. Rollet owns his home and other valuable property in Springfield. A consistent Catholic, he belongs to the Sacred Heart Parish. In politics he is a Democrat. Few men of his nationality have accomplished more than he, coming, as he did, at the age of thirty-five years, after ten years of hard service. His life has been an adventurous one and his recollections of stirring days in France are well worth hearing.

ROOSA, Charles A.—Some of the most progressive and public-spirited men of Springfield are those who are retired from active life and are consequently able to study carefully the needs of the community. One of these men is Charles A. Roosa, a retired real estate dealer, who was born in South Lebanon, Ohio, March 21, 1838, a son of Matthew and Eunice (Mullin) Roosa. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, came of "Pennsylvania-Dutch" stock, his father having emigrated to Pennsylvania from Germany, previous to the Revolutionary War.

Charles A. Roosa received more than ordinary educational advantages, attending the common schools and later taking a course in Antioch College and having the privilege of studying under Horace Mann, then its President. After leaving college he learned milling and distilling in his father's mills, and later embarked in the same line of business with his brother-in-law, Joseph W. Rhodes. Meanwhile his father had died, leaving a large estate which was divided among his heirs. Having been married near Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, to Sarah V. De Haven, in 1865 he came to Illinois, establishing himself in a shipping and produce business at Mattoon, where he was able to recover from the heavy loss of $8,000 he and Charles DeHaven had sustained in a venture at Boonville, Mo. He and his wife's brother had established themselves in a milling business there in 1864, but all their investment was swept away in Price's famous raid. Owing to lack of educational advantages for his children, he left Mattoon to go to Jacksonville, where he with his sons Frank and Edward, conducted a grocery, hardware and furniture business, and also bought produce. In January, 1895, he came to Springfield, and has been a heavy realty operator there. Some of the finest buildings and residences in the city were put up by him and his sons, including a five-story one of concrete. He is a Democrat in political convictions. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen and the Knights and Ladies of Honor. Mr. and Mrs. Roosa have had children as follows: Frank, of Springfield, married a Miss Hawkins; Douglas, deceased; Edward D., in the plumbing business in Springfield, married a Miss Schlagle, of Bloomington; Bessie married H. C. Ogden, of Chicago; Deanie married Samuel B. Stewart, of Jacksonville, who was City Clerk for eight years. Mr. Roosa is one of the substantial men of Springfield, and to his and his sons' influence and public spirit many improvements are due. Frank, the eldest, has established a vulcanizing plant at three points—Springfield, Bloomington, and Decatur.

ROSE, James A. (Vol. I, p. 459.)

ROSS, Hon. David.—The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the State of Illinois, with headquarters in the State House at Springfield, gather information and prepare reports and statistics regarding the laboring classes of the State, as, for instance, the number of persons engaged in the various trades, the number receiving various amounts for wages, the number of hours per day employed, etc. This information is gathered and prepared for publication with great

care and the men who have the work in charge must of necessity be well fitted by training and education to be able to discharge their duties with ability and good judgment. The Secretary of this Bureau at the present time is David Ross, who has held various other offices of public trust and honor in the past. Mr. Ross was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, September 19, 1861, and is a son of William J. and Jean (Snedden) Ross. He was educated in the common school and came to the United States in 1868. He located in LaSalle County in 1878 and represented his district in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, in 1889-91, while a resident of that county. He assumed his present office in February, 1897, and has been a resident of Springfield fourteen years. He is well known in political circles and among the various representatives of the State Government, and is a stanch adherent of the principles of the Republican party.

Mr. Ross was married, in Streator, Ill., August 30, 1893, to Miss Eleanor Fairbairn, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Fairbairn, born in Bedlington, England, October 4, 1862. Two children have been born of this union: Hypatia Evangeline and David Thomas.

ROSS, Duncan (deceased).—In the death of the late Duncan Ross the village of Dawson, Ill., lost a valuable and highly respected citizen. He was well known in the community and had many warm personal friends who deeply mourned his loss. He was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, for whom he had a high regard. Mr. Ross was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 13, 1831, his father being a native of Scotland and his mother of Virginia. The parents were early settlers of Ross County, where they engaged in farming, and remained there until their deaths. Duncan Ross was educated in the schools of his native county, then took up farming there and continued in this occupation until the beginning of the Civil War, when he enlisted in an Ohio regiment and served throughout the struggle. He made an excellent record as a soldier and at the close of hostilities returned to Ohio, but a short time later went to Kansas and carried on farming there a few years, then sold out and came to Sangamon County. He there engaged in farming and some years later retired from this work and located in Dawson, where he conducted a general store until his weight of years induced him to retire from active life, and he spent his remaining years in the rest he had so well earned. He had an excellent reputation in business, was honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellows, and was greatly loved by his family, of whose comfort he was ever solicitous. He was a member of the Christian Church and a Republican in politics. He served for a time as Police Magistrate in Dawson and was always ready to perform the duties of good citizenship. He was especially missed in the ranks of the G. A. R., having for years been a member of Buffalo Post.

Mr. Ross was married (first) in Ohio to Elizabeth Greene, a native of that State, and to this union eight children were born, of whom four now survive, namely: Isaac, a blacksmith, living in Chicago; David and Newton, of Mechanicsburg; Jasper, of California. Mrs. Ross died in Dawson soon after the family located there. Mr. Ross was married (second) March 15, 1888, to Anna (Mullen) McCormick, born in the northern part of Ireland, December 25, 1839, and brought to America by her parents as a child. The family located at Chandlerville, Ill., and the parents carried on farming near there until their deaths. Of their five children but two are now living, Mrs. Ross and her brother, John Mullen, residing in Virginia. Mrs. Ross was first married, July 15, 1865, to Duncan McCormick, their union taking place at Jacksonville, Ill. Mr. McCormick was a native of Scotland and came to America as a young man. They lived for a time at Jacksonville, then removed to Dawson, where he died in 1884. They had one son, James McCormick, of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. McCormick served as First Lieutenant of a company that was mustered in at Springfield for service in the Civil War, and acquitted himself honorably in this post. Mrs. Ross owns a comfortable home in Dawson and is well known in the community. The death of Mr. Ross occurred at his home, September 3, 1910.

ROSS, Nathan, a representative citizen of Cooper Township, Sangamon County, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits on his tract of twenty-three acres in Section 6, was born July 22, 1847, in Bourbon County, Ky., the son of William H. and Ellen (Lane) Ross, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Wales.

The mother of Mr. Ross came to America with her parents, and in Kentucky was married to William H. Ross. They carried on farming in that State until 1869, in which year they came to Sangamon County, Ill., settling on a farm in Cooper Township, on which Mr. Ross died in January, 1870, while his widow survived him until 1900. They were the parents of six children, of whom three survive, namely: Nathan; George A., who resides near Breckenridge, Ill.; and Susan, who married Thomas Maddox, a farmer of Clear Lake Township.

Nathan Ross secured his education in an old schoolhouse in Cooper Township which was built of sycamore logs, and during his boyhood and youth worked for his father on the home farm. At the age of twenty-seven years he was married and with his wife moved to a farm in Clear Lake Township, but several years later returned to Cooper Township, taking the management of his mother's farm, which he conducted for her until her death. He then purchased his present property, a tract of twenty-three acres located on section 6, and he has

been successfully engaged in general farming to the present time. Mr. Ross has been a public-spirited citizen and has served his township as School Director for several terms, being an incumbent of that office at the present time, as well as being Road Commissioner. In political views he adheres to the principles of the Democratic party.

On December 24, 1874, Mr. Ross was married to Leah Huffman, who was born in Sangamon County, daughter of Enoch Huffman, who with his wife came to this country at an early day and here spent his life in agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Ross died in 1877, having been the mother of two children, of whom one is now living: Lucile, the wife of Bert Morgan, of Springfield. On August 19, 1884, Mr. Ross was married (second) to Elizabeth McIntire, who was born in Sangamon County, Ill., the daughter of Sanford McIntire, an early settler and farmer of Sangamon County, and there were seven children born to this union: Bertha, who is deceased; George H., living on a farm near Dawson; Elizabeth, the wife of George Purcell, who lives near Breckenridge and is engaged in farming; Elvin, who resides near Buffalo; Herbert Lee, who lives with his father; and Edith and Maryland, at home. In the family there are seven living grandchildren.

ROURKE, William P. (deceased).—Ireland was the birthplace of some of the best citizens Springfield has ever known, there being that in the nature of an Irishman that tends towards good citizenship. The people of that land possess a quickness of perception, a keenness of wit and a loyal patriotism that make them welcome wherever they locate. William P. Rourke, who for many years was a familiar figure on the streets of Springfield, was born May 9, 1849, a son of Thomas and Margaret (Burns) Rourke, both natives of Ireland, who came to America in 1851, locating in Springfield, which remained their home thereafter.

William P. Rourke was sent to St. Mary's Catholic School in boyhood, and when old enough was taught the blacksmith trade, at which he worked until 1874, when he established his own shop on South Eighth Street, where he was in business until his death, which occurred April 9, 1900, and his remains are interred in Calvary Cemetery, he having been a consistent member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. While a stanch Democrat, he did not aspire to public office, but discharged the duties pertaining to that of Supervisor for one term. Fraternally he was a Modern Woodman and was much interested in its work. Quiet, devoted to his business affairs, Mr. Rourke was an industrious, true, loyal citizen and a devoted husband and father.

On September 30, 1873, he was married in Springfield, to Frances Craren, born April 20, 1853, daughter of James and Ellen Craren. Mr. and Mrs. Rourke had the following children: Charles J., born in 1875; William, in 1878; Thomas James, in 1881; Robert Francis, in 1884; Ellen, in 1887; Margaret E., in 1889; Francis William, in 1891. Mrs. Rourke owns the family residence at No. 1600 Jackson Street. She is a good mother, devoted to her home and church, and has brought up her children to be a credit to her.

ROUTT, James Jackson.—Most of the veterans of the Civil War who survive have retired from active life and are now living in comparative ease. An honored veteran of Sangamon County, Ill., who has a good war record and is highly respected in his community, is James Jackson Routt, who for the past ten years has been a resident of Loami. Mr. Routt was born in Fleming County, Ky., March 15, 1845, a son of Byram B. and Eleanor Charlotte (Riggs) Routt, the former born in Bath County and the latter in Nicholas County, Ky. Byram B. Routt was a son of George Routt, and the family is supposed to be of Scotch descent. They were prominent in Kentucky in early days and were considered members of the aristocracy of that State. Eleanor Charlotte Riggs was of German ancestry and could scarcely understand her Grandmother Riggs.

Byram B. Routt was a native of Bath County, had a large amount of land and was an extensive slave-owner before the war. Byram was a well-to-do farmer and a leader in his community. He was born in 1800 and died in 1850, at which time talk of war was sometimes heard. He left a widow and several children. Mrs. Routt owned many slaves and was a good mistress, keeping the members of a family together and taking a humane interest in their welfare and morals. In 1858 she decided to sell out in Kentucky, as she had considerable trouble managing her estate, but she hated the idea of parting with her slaves. When she left, however, she left the entire number and they were afterward set free by the emancipation proclamation of President Lincoln. George Routt and his wife had sons as follows: Allen, William Bailey, John, Isaac, Byram B. and George. There were three daughters: Sally, who never married; Winnie, who became the wife of Nathan Vice, and died on the home farm; and Lucy, who married Henry Martin. All the children settled near home and all died in Bath County with the exception of Bailey, Byram B. and Lucy.

Mrs. Eleanor C. Routt was the daughter of a large slave-owner of Nicholas County, and her son James J. well remembers his maternal grandparents and events which occurred in his boyhood home. There were no telephones in those days and he can remember when a man rode up to the door and called to his mother that her mother was dead, and she immediately started horseback sixteen miles to her mother's bedside. She was one of thirteen children: John, Caleb and Erasmus, sons; Polly, Mahala, Maria, Ruth, Patsy, Mary, Ann, Kitturah, Eleanor and one other, daughters, all now de-

ceased. Mrs. Routt and her husband began housekeeping in Fleming County, Ky.

The children of Byram B. Routt and his wife were all born in Fleming County, Ky., and were as follows: Catherine married M. Rodger and died in 1896, her husband having died in a hospital at Louisville, Ky.; George E., John W., James J., Sarah Ann, Eleanor Charlotte, Bryam Lewis Jr., Caleb T. and Patsy L. (twins); Francis M. Mr. Rodger, who married Catherine Routt, was a member of a Kentucky regiment in the U. S. A. service, and his widow moved to Morgan County, Ill., where her death occurred in 1896. They had four children: a son, who died in infancy; Kitturah, Ellen and Nancy Ann, who grew to womanhood. George E. Routt came to Illinois and from there went to Missouri, where he married Harriet Manning, and they had one daughter, Lucinda. George died in Kansas and James J. Routt does not know the whereabouts of the daughter. John W. Routt accompanied his mother from Kentucky to Morgan County, Ill., in 1858, and was buried in Mason County, Ill., in 1897. Sarah Ann was married in Kentucky, to David Hendricks, and they settled in Bolivar, Polk County, Mo., becoming parents of several children. Eleanor Charlotte came with her mother to Illinois in 1858, married (first) Samuel Riggs, and they had a son Ernest, and Mr. Riggs died at Havana, Ill. Mrs. Riggs married (second) Benjamin F. Pulling, and they had two children, Ralph and Gertrude. Mr. Pulling and his wife both died in Mason County. Byram Lewis Routt enlisted in the Confederate Army, was captured by the Union Army, afterward joined the U. S. troops, and was taken sick and sent to the hospital at Rolla, Mo., which is the last his family ever heard of him. Caleb T. and Patsy L. were twins, and the former, now a resident of Loami, was a member of Company G, Twentieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Patsy married Charles Goodman and had three children: Harry, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Edward, and one child who died in infancy. Mrs. Goodmna lives in Erie, Pa., with her son Edward, who is foreman of a factory there. Francis M. Routt came to Illinois with the family and later went West, where he became well-to-do, and died, unmarried, in California.

In 1858 Mrs. Eleanor Routt brought part of her children to Morgan County, Ill., and made her home with her son James J. for many years before her death, which occurred in 1883, at the age of seventy-four years. She had a sister, Ann Loar, who lived near Jacksonville. James Jackson Rutt inherited his love of books from his father and grandfather, who were well-educated and intelligent men. He received his education in the district school and applied himself to his studies in earnest, making the most of his opportunities.

Being imbued with a patriotic spirit, Mr. Routt enlisted, January 5, 1864, in Company A, Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, taking part in many long marches and never failing to perform the duties assigned to him. In Mobile, Ala., he was for sixteen consecutive days under fire, and his hearing was much affected by the explosion of a magazine, which has always been a great sorrow to him. The regiment crossed the Gulf July 2, 1865, and went on to Brownsville, Tex., where they remained until mustered out March 15, 1866, receiving honorable discharge at Springfield May 13th, after which Mr. Routt resumed farming in Morgan County.

One of the most exciting experiences Mr. Routt had during his service in the army was just previous to the fight at Mobile. The twenty-eighth was in camp at New Orleans, having been concentrated there for Fort Morgan, and they were loaded on to the ship "George Peabody," for transportation to Mobile, sailing out the mouth of the river into the Gulf. They had about 150 mules on the lower deck and the men on the upper deck, the vessel being heavily loaded. They were struck by a heavy storm, the water washing over the lower deck, and the rope attached to the rudder broke. The Captain began to berate the soldiers, who went to the lower deck and threw the mules and wagons into the water, remained on the lower deck the better to balance the boat, and fastened a rope to the rudder and to the mast-head. The pilot instructed some of them how to guide the vessel and they returned to New Orelans, then took another steamer for Mobile, landing at Fort Morgan and marching to Spanish Fort, and thence to Mobile.

Mr. Routt was married, December 25, 1867, to Martha A. Sayre, a native of West Virginia, who came as a child with her parents to Illinois. She was a daughter of Jonathan and Rachel Sayre, who later became residents of Greene County, Ill. After his marriage Mr. Routt followed various occupations for a time, but most of the time was engaged in farming in Sangamon and Morgan Counties. In 1905 he retired from active life and bought his present comfortable home in Loami. He has been very successful in his operations and has a reputation for industry and integrity. He has many friends in both Sangamon and Morgan Counties, and after locating in Loami was given the contract for mail messenger, performing his duties to the satisfaction of the public.

Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Routt: Charlotte E., born in Morgan County, September 2, 1868, married Jay W. McPherson, March 7, 1888, and they had four children. Mr. McPherson died May 31, 1902, after which his widow married (second) John W. Street, by whom she had one child, Lyle C., born June 11, 1906; Emma J., born October 29, 1871, married S. E. Martin, a farmer living near Raymond, Ill., and they have eleven children—Buell, Ernest, Halbert, John, Oland, Cecil, Alma, Stanley, Harold, Glenn and Lucile; James H., born April 29, 1874, married Bertha Martin, and they have one child, Mabel; Anna May died unmarried, at the age of twenty-seven

years; George E., born March 3, 1883, married Stella Dodd, lives on a farm west of Loami, and they have three children—Dorothy, Helen and Martha; Rena B., born April 23, 1889, married George P. Powell, and they have one child, Fred. Mrs. Powell is a devout Christian, having united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of sixteen years. The oldest daughter, Charlotte, had four children by her first husband; Clifford Ray McPherson, born February 23, 1889, is in the livery business at Chatham; Orvill L. J., born December 30, 1891, at home; Truman P., born October 17, 1896, died October 15, 1908; Loie Sayre, born August 15, 1901, died August 24, 1903. Mr. McPherson was a farmer by occupation and a devout member of the Baptist church.

For the past forty-four years Mr. Routt has been a member of the Odd Fellows, being a charter member of Lodge No. 901, at Loami. He is a Republican in politics and liberal in his views on most subjects. In 1909 he was elected Police Magistrate and received an appointment, signed by Governor Deneen. He has lived in Loami the past ten years and is considered one of the town's best citizens.

ROWLEY, Timothy W., a well-known and highly respected citizen of Springfield, Ill., is a native of the city, born October 25, 1854. He is a son of Reuben and Minerva Rowley, the former a native of New York and the latter of Illinois. The father disappeared when Timothy was a boy and was never again heard of, and the mother died when he was small. Reuben Rowley was engaged in stock buying and also owned a farm. The boyhood of Timothy W. Rowley was spent on a farm and when a young man he engaged in railroad work, which he followed ten years, after which he engaged in mining in Sangamon County, Ill. In 1894 he moved to Juneau County, Wis., where for six years he was engaged in farming, then returned to Sangamon County and has since lived in Springfield. He has been self-supporting since early boyhood and by good management and industry has been able to accumulate some property. As a boy he sold milk to the soldiers in Camp Butler, near Springfield, during the Civil War.

Mr. Rowley was married in Menard County, Ill., September 24, 1882, to Miss Harriet Boring, a native of Morgan County, Ill., daughter of Lee and Nancy B. (Stewart) Boring, both natives of Illinois. Mrs. Rowley's grandmother lived to be ninety-two years of age and passed away in Springfield. Her father is deceased and her mother lives in Wisconsin. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rowley, of whom six survive: Cornelia B., born in Tallula, Ill., August 19, 1883, married Frank Galliger, lives in Wisconsin and has four children; John B., born in Morgan County, April 27, 1885, married Vivian Hedrick, and lives in Athens, Ill.; Reuben L., born in Jacksonville, Ill., June 25, 1889, served three years in the regular United States Army and is now farming in Texas; Etta N., born at Jacksonville, December 28, 1891, lives at home; Ralph B., born in Springfield, July 31, 1893, and Arthur B., born in Juneau County, Wis., December 20, 1897, at home. Mr. Rowley has always been honest and reliable in his business transactions and in religion follows the teachings of the Golden Rule, which he tries to carry out in his daily life. He takes great interest in the progress and welfare of the community and in politics is a Republican. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and enjoys the society and companionship of his many friends. The family reside at 1908 South Fourteenth Street, where they have a very pleasant home.

RUDEN, Fred.—Love of country and true patriotism is fostered in the shadow of the Alps, and no people are more loyal than natives of Switzerland. These sturdy people bring with them also, when they emigrate to a new country, a desire to work and a capacity for saving, taught them from the cradle. One representative of this desirable class of foreign-born American citizens is Fred Ruden, a retired printer living at No. 912 East Carpenter Street, Springfield. He was born September 6, 1842, a son of Fred and Anna (Lainge) Ruden, natives of Switzerland. The father was a farmer and he and his wife never came to America, but lived and died in their native land.

Fred Ruden grew up under their firm yet kindly rule, attending school and working hard on the home farm. Later he learned the trade of printer and worked at it before coming to America in 1878. He landed in New York City and came thence direct to Springfield, which has continued to be his home. For eighteen years he was in the employ of the Rokker Printing Company, and also worked in the shops of the Wabash Railroad Company for several years. However, in 1899 he retired, feeling that he had earned a little leisure. Through industry and thrifty habits he had saved enough to purchase his home, and is in comfortable circumstances.

Mr. Ruden was married in Switzerland in 1874, to Mary Strobel, also a native of that country, where her parents both died. Ten children were born of this union, three of whom now survive: Fred, Jr., engaged in retail oil business in Springfield; Charles and Louis, both living at home and engaged in conducting a grocery. There are four grandchildren in the family, of whom Mr. Ruden is very proud. He belongs to Trinity Lutheran Church. His political sentiments make him a Democrat but he has never sought office. All who know this kindly Swiss gentleman admire his perseverance and steadfast purpose to make a place for himself in the land to which he came in young manhood.

RUMSEY, Aaron Burr (deceased).—The descendants of the Burr family are very proud of

their connection with the distinguished statesman who was at one time vice-president of the United States and one of the most brilliant men the country has produced. One of the men who came of this line was Aaron Burr Rumsey, born in Westport, Conn., May 29, 1803, son of Aaron and Sallie (Burr) Rumsey. The former was born in Fairfield, Conn., July 1, 1772, and the latter in the same place, November 10, 1774. Aaron Rumsey was captain of a merchantman vessel. Sallie Burr was a cousin of Col. Aaron Burr, who was Vice President at the time her son was born, having missed the presidency by but one vote, and the proud young mother was pleased to name him after her distinguished relative.

Captain Rumsey traced his ancestry back to the Mayflower passengers, two of his forebears having signed the immortal act (in the cabin of the little vessel) which was really the birth of the new nation eventually to become the most powerful in the world. Prior to this event, the Rumsey family goes back to William the Conqueror's advent into England, and probably is connected with the Manor House in France, founded in 1126. With such ancestry behind him and trained by as careful a mother as he was blessed with, Aaron Burr Rumsey grew up into a healthy, normal boy, attending school in Westport and New York City, possessing refined tastes and industrious habits. He became supercargo, probably on his father's boat, which sailed between New York and the West Indies, exchanging the products of both countries. Later he became connected with the wholesale mercantile trade in New York City, and amassed what was then considered a fortune. His grief at the loss of his first born son, Webster, led him to confide too much in his partner, and he had the misfortune to suffer a betrayal of his trust. Having lost his fortune, he came to Illinois, taking charge of the first railroad in the State. Once more he became rich, acquiring large property interests in both city and country, owning over 3,000 acres of land at one time.

Mr. Rumsey took a deep interest in the matters which brought about the Civil War. He had belonged to the New York Seventh, but even before the outbreak of the war he was too old to serve, although he offered his services cheerfully. However, he drilled twenty young men, every one of whom gave gallant service to the country they all loved so dearly. Mr. Rumsey was a member of the first anti-slavery society, with William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and others of equal prominence, and suffered all the inconveniences and dangers incident to holding such views. This society met at night on a canal boat which ran to Utica, in order to be unmolested in their conferences. Mr. Rumsey lived to send his three sons to the war. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, was Elder of the Brainard Church, New York City, and all his life kept the Sabbath Day holy. He voted the Free Soil ticket until the nomination of his friend and neighbor, Abraham Lincoln, for whom he cast his vote, although at that time he had no hope of this election, so he was pleasantly disappointed at the astonishing results.

On August 20, 1833, Mr. Rumsey was married in New York City, to Lucetta Crane, daughter of Morris and Abigail (Sickles) Crane, born in Jersey City, October 30, 1806. She was descended from Robert Treat, Governor of Connecticut for thirty years, and associated with the famous Charter Oak. The Cranes date back to Charlemagne. Mrs. Rumsey was a woman of great beauty and possessed a most tender and affectionate disposition, which gained her the love and respect of all with whom she was brought into contact. Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey had children as follows: Webster, born June 13, 1834, in New York City; Sarah, born February 6, 1837, in the same city; Harriet, born December 5, 1838, in Westport, Conn.; Gerard, born January 6, 1840, also at Westport, as was Charles, born April 8, 1841; Frederick, born October 4, 1842, at Westport; Arthur Wellesley, born May 3, 1844, and Rachel Sickles, born July 28, 1846, both in New York City.

Mr. Rumsey had the confidence and respect of his neighbors. His ideas of manly integrity were of the highest, and he was often consulted on matters of business. It was characteristic of him that he would much prefer to suffer himself than to inflict suffering upon others. He and his wife were fine singers and belonged in early life to the Handel & Hayden Musical Society, of New York City. The death of Mr. Rumsey occurred February, 8, 1875. His wife survived him nine years, as she passed away March 20, 1884.

RUNKLES, John G., a retired miner of Spaulding, Ill., has been a resident of Sangamon County since early boyhood. He was born near Zanesville, Ohio, October 17, 1852, a son of William H. and Louisa Frances Runkles, the former born in Maryland and the latter in Ohio. William H. Runkles accompanied his father to Ohio and learned the trade of cooper as a young man. He followed his trade many years in Zanesville and vicinity and brought his family to Springfield, Ill., where he engaged in his trade, and later took up mining, moving to Riverton in 1866, and there the family lived several years. He died in 1875 and his widow in 1883. They were parents of five children, two sons and three daughters, and four children are now living: John G., subject of this sketch; Jacob, of Spaulding; Mrs. Minerva Shriber, of Peoria, and Mrs. Elizabeth Cone, of Springfield.

Mr. Runkles received his education in the school at German Prairie, Sangamon County, where he had come as a small boy, and afterwards learned the trade of meat cutter, which he followed several years. He then engaged in mining, and followed that occupation until a few years ago, when he retired from active life. He has made his home in Spaulding, Riverton and Springfield during this time. He is a Demo-

crat in politics and fraternally is connected with the Red Men. He is well known as an industrious and useful citizen, who has made his own way in life through his industry and perseverance, and has made many warm friends. He is a man of good principles and is esteemed by all with whom he comes into contact.

Mr. Runkles was married in Springfield, in 1887, to Sarah A. Stark, of an old pioneer family in Sangamon County. Her father, John Stark, served in the Civil War and was an honored citizen of the county. Three children were born to Mr. Runkles and his wife, of whom two survive, Charles and Stephen A., both of Riverton. There are three grandchildren in the family.

RUNNELS, Jesse.—The old soldier of today is in a measure rewarded, not only in the form of a pension by his government, but with the plaudits and admiration of those who know of his past bravery. Yet all this is but small return for what he suffered and risked, and the time will come when the men who fought to preserve the Union will be numbered among the greatest heroes the world ever knew. One of the men who fought bravely and well during the Civil War is Jesse Runnels, of Springfield, now a retired farmer residing at No. 312 South State Street. He was born on a farm in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, October 13, 1840. His parents, Willis M. and Julia Ann (Baker) Runnels, came from Kentucky to Illinois over seventy years ago, locating in Clear Lake Township, where the father died in young manhood. He had two children, Jesse being the elder. His brother Willis now lives in the State of Missouri. Mrs. Runnels had been married before, and had one child by her first husband, named Alfred Waddell, who resides at Fort Scott, Kan. She died when Jesse was but four years old and at that tender age he was taken by his Grandmother Baker, and reared by her and his grandfather, Jacob Baker. The latter was a farmer of Clear Lake Township.

Jesse Runnels grew to manhood on his grandfather's farm, receiving the usual educational advantages offered the country boy of that period. When 22 years old, he enlisted as a private at Camp Butler, on July 25, 1862, in Company I, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years, or during the war. The regiment was assigned to the Western Army, and he participated in many hard-fought battles, including those of Vicksburg, Guntown, Tupelo, Nashville, Mobile, and others. His brother Willis was in the same company. After his discharge Mr. Runnels came back to his grandfather's farm, to resume peaceful operations.

In 1868 Mr. Runnels was married in Clear Lake Township, to Charlotte Haines, of Rochester Township, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (McCarty) Haines, both natives of Ohio, who came to Sangamon County when Mr. Runnels was a small child and died here. Mr. Runnels had purchased 160 acres in Clear Lake Township, and to it took his bride, but soon thereafter sold it and bought a small farm of forty-six acres in the same township. This continued to be his home until the fall of 1898, when, feeling that he had done his full duty, he retired, coming to Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Runnels became the parents of three children: Flora, Mrs. James Chancellor, of Springfield; Elizabeth, at home, and Willis, a farmer of Clear Lake Township, married Charlotte Miller. Mr. Runnels owns his home, as well as his farm, and is a well-to-do, prosperous man, who has accomplished much during his industrious life. He is a consistent member of the Christian Church. The Republican party receives his loyal support. His connections with the G. A. R. are pleasant and he enjoys meeting old comrades and with them living over the scenes so full of interest to a soldier.

RUPP, Philip.—The young German emigrant coming to America has great hopes of success, and, if he possesses industrious inclinations and frugal habits, is more than likely to attain the height of his ambitions. In this country are none of the restrictions which are placed upon the workman in Germany, and he is able to rise more rapidly. His early training teaches him to save and invest, and he soon becomes a proprietor instead of a workman. A case in hand is that Philip Rupp, of Springfield, now living in a well-earned retirement after years of successful business life as a baker. He was born in Bingen-on-the-Rhine, Germany, February 14, 1835, being a son of Jacob and Mary (Haas) Rupp, natives of Germany. The father was a farmer who lived and died in Germany. His widow came to America in 1888, but four years later returned to her old home. She was born February 5, 1813, and died August 13, 1898.

Philip Rupp was brought up in Germany, leaving home when eighteen years of age, and landing in Brooklyn, N. Y. He worked at an upholstering business for twenty dollars per year, although he was a baker by trade. In 1853 he came west to Detroit, where he followed his trade for five years, coming to Springfield in 1857, working at his trade and going south every winter and returning in the spring. In 1862 he established himself in a confectionery business. In 1865 he rented and later bought the building and established a bakery business on Washington Street and continued his bakery until 1892. In that year he moved to Springfield Township, a mile and a half east of Springfield and became a farmer. He bought sixty acres divided into three fruit farms and built a good house on each place. In 1908 he retired, returning to Springfield, and selling his farms. He owns his beautiful home at No. 200 South State Street and other real estate.

Mr. Rupp was married in Springfield, Ill.,

June 16, 1862, to Genevieve Neuer, born in Ulm, Germany, July 15, 1841, who came to the United States in 1860, although her parents never left their native land, dying there at an advanced age. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rupp: John, of Springfield; Mary, who married Adolph Walder, a machinist of the Chicago & Alton railroad; Barbara, who married a Mr. Witley, of Colorado; Victoria, who married R. Richard, a butcher of Los Angeles, Cal.; Jacob, of Denver, Col.; Philip, a clerk in Buck's hat store, and his twin sister, Genevieve, wife of Joseph Stevens, who is living in Fresno, Cal. Five grandchildren and one great-grandchild have been born in the family. Mrs. Rupp died September 11, 1901.

Mr. Rupp is a Mason. In politics he is a Republican but has never aspired to public office. He is one of the best representatives of German-Americans in Springfield, and would be regarded as one of the desirable citizens anywhere he cared to locate. His efforts have always been directed towards the securing of good government and schools, and he can always be counted upon to exert his influence towards these ends. Mr. Rupp was a member of the "Wide Awakes" Republican Club during Lincoln's campaign, which serenaded Mr. Lincoln at his home after his nomination. Mr. Rupp was a personal friend of Mr. Lincoln and admired him very much.

RUSSELL, James K. P.—In every community are to be found men who rank much higher than their neighbors by reason of superior mental endowments. Many of these men cultivate their natural ability until they are able to command attention in both private and public life. They are to be found in all callings and professions. While their attention during business hours is given to their work, when they are over, these men of intelligence are free to pursue other studies and to further develop their minds. One of the most interesting men of Springfield is James K. P. Russell, whose study of phrenology has made him noted along these lines and afforded him much intellectual pleasure. He was born in Muncie, Ind., July 31, 1844, a son of Elijah and Susan (Anderson) Russell, natives of Ohio and Delaware. The father, a farmer, moved from Ohio to Indiana, in boyhood. Later, he came to Bond County, Ill., where his death occurred.

It was in Bond County that James K. P. Russell grew up, attending school and working on the farm, passing his boyhood as do so many country boys. However, a different spirit burned in his breast, and he resolved to learn something of the great outside world. During his more mature years, he has carried out that ambition, having traveled over nearly all of the United States, and as he is a keen observer, has made good use of his travels. On February 4, 1865, when barely twenty-one years old, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Illinois Infantry, and was mustered out November 18, 1865. He served under General Sherman, Colonel Wood commanding his regiment, and participated in the various engagements of the Tennessee and Carolina campaigns. From August to November he was an independent soldier with no government record. On account of his army experience, his associations with the G. A. R. are exceedingly pleasant. Upon his return he interested himself in several lines of business and now owns and conducts one of the best regulated meat markets in the city.

On October 30, 1891, Mr. Russell was married, at Decatur, Ill., to Lizzie Dowd, born October 10, 1860, in Pennsylvania, daughter of Patrick and Julia Dowd, natives of Ireland. Patrick Dowd was a soldier in the Civil War. One child, John Russell, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell, on February 15, 1894, at Moweaqua, Shelby County, Ill. Mr. Russell is a consistent Republican and has often been called upon to represent his party in public office, always discharging the duties involved, faithfully and honorably. He is a member of the Christian Church, and finds in that body a congenial religious home. A man of high intelligence, he has pursued the study of phrenology until he is an adept in the science, and believes thoroughly in it and its disclosures.

RUTHERFORD, Newton, a successful farmer of Illiopolis, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and highly respected by all who know him. He was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, April 15, 1836, a son of John R. and Elizabeth Rutherford, natives of Kentucky. They came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1841, as did their parents, who were also natives of Kentucky. The grandfather of Newton Rutherford was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, but the latter knows very little further of his ancestors. He received his education in the country schools and then engaged in farming, which he has followed ever since. He came to America when five years old and in 1874 moved to Kansas, where he lived seven years, but returned to Illinois and carried on farming in Montgomery County until 1900, when he came to his present home.

Mr. Rutherford enlisted at Springfield, August 10, 1861, in Company D, Fortieth Illinois Infantry, served two years and several months, and in December, 1863, re-enlisted at Scottsboro, Ala., in the same company, serving until July 24, 1865, when he was mustered out at Louisville, Ky. He served under Captain Samuel Hooper and later under Captain G. J. George, now residing in Springfield, and participated in the Battles of Shiloh, Siege of Corinth, Iuka, the Atlanta Campaign, Kenesaw Mountain, Griswoldville, Georgia, and many skirmishes. He was wounded in the Battle of Shiloh and was with Sherman on his famous March to the Sea. He is reasonably proud of his record and is a prominent member of the local

post, G. A. R. He is a devout member of the Christian Church and in politics is a Republican. He is a man of upright character and true worth and has many friends.

February 28, 1870, Mr. Rutherford was married, at Decatur, Ill., to Miss Sarah Knott, who was born in Macon County, Ill., daughter of William and Sarah Knott, the former an early settler of Macon County, where her mother was born. Mr. Knott and his wife both died on their farm there. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, all of whom are deceased.

RUTZ, Edward. (Vol. I, p. 462.)

RYAN, Charles James, a successful young farmer of Sangamon County and a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company, of Chatham, has spent his entire life on the farm he now owns in Section 18, Ball Township, where he was born November 12, 1878. He is a son of Michael and Anna (Curran) Ryan, natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was born in 1835 and died in February, 1880, and the mother, who was born in 1855, died in October, 1879. Michael Ryan came to America from County Tipperary, and spent some time in farming in Morgan County, Ill. Later he came to Sangamon County, where both he and his wife died. His father died in Ireland and his mother was killed on the Wabash Railroad at New Berlin, Ill., in 1883. The parents of Annie Curran were born in Ireland and both died in Sangamon County. Michael Ryan and his wife were married at Auburn, Ill., by Father Hickey, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and settled on a farm in Ball Township.

Charles J. Ryan was reared on a farm and educated in the country schools of the neighborhood. He was fond of hunting and playing ball in boyhood and has always been fond of horse racing and other sports. He is an enterprising and progressive farmer and his land is in a high state of cultivation. He owns 240 acres of land, where he resides.

November 20, 1901, Mr. Ryan was married, at Auburn, by Rev. Father O'Conner, to Monica Gertrude O'Conner, born in County Kerry, Ireland, September 8, 1878, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Hagerty) O'Conner, both natives of Ireland, where the mother still resides, the father being deceased. Her grandparents spent their entire lives in Ireland. Five children were born of this union: Annie G., born October 19, 1904, died in 1905; Monica, twin of the preceding, born October 19, 1904, died three weeks later; Gertrude, born in 1907, died at the age of three weeks; Mary Josephine, born May 1, 1903, at home; Julia, born September 9, 1905. Mr. Ryan is one of the best-known farmers of Ball Township and has many warm friends. He is well acquainted with Father Hickey and James M. Graham, both prominent citizens of Springfield, who have a warm regard for him. Left an orphan at a tender age, he early learned the lessons of industry and self-reliance. He is a devout member of the Catholic Church and belongs to St. Benedict's Parish, presided over by Father Ryan. In political views he is a Democrat, but votes for the man and principle rather than for party. He is affiliated with the Court of Honor No. 25, of Springfield, of which his wife is also a member.

RYAN, Michael, a retired farmer of Riverton, Ill., has been living on his present place since 1875, and is well known and highly esteemed in the neighborhood. He was born in Ireland, in 1844, son of Michael and Johanna (Burke) Ryan, both also natives of Ireland. The father was a farmer and both he and his wife spent their entire lives in Ireland, he dying as the result of an accident caused by the running away of a team of horses. Michael Ryan Jr. was thus early left fatherless. He was educated in the public schools of his native country and helped his father on the farm during his boyhood, being always fond of outdoor life.

At the age of seventeen years Mr. Ryan came to America, landing at Boston, where he remained two years, then spent five years in New York, after which he came to Illinois, spending one year at farm work near Jacksonville. Later he moved to Decatur, and after spending a few months there, moved to Riverton and for three years was engaged in mining. At the end of this time Mr. Ryan resumed mining in Clear Lake Township, and three years later came to Riverton and purchased the home he has since occupied. He has lately retired from active life, and is enjoying a well-earned rest. He has been a hard-working and industrious farmer and miner and success has attended his efforts. He owns a pleasant home and ten acres in Riverton, where he lives.

Mr. Ryan was married in Springfield, in 1873, to Maggie Ryan, born in Syracuse, N. Y. Her parents came from Ireland to Syracuse, N. Y., and thence later to Springfield, where they lived to the time of their deaths. Twelve children were born to Mr. Ryan and his wife, of whom seven sons and one daughter survive: Michael, living near Pittsburg, Pa.; William, living in Athens; Timothy, Thomas, John, Edward and James, at home; Maggie, living with her brother in Pennsylvania. Mr. Ryan is a faithful member of St. James Roman Catholic Church and is active in its work. In political views he is a Democrat and is interested in the progress and welfare of his community. He is well known in Riverton and vicinity, where he has many friends.

SACK, William F.—Springfield is one of the most desirable places of residence in the country, especially for those who have retired from active life, and are interested in observing from the outside the various incidents of city life. The climatic conditions are excellent, while the advantages offered are unsurpassed anywhere.

One of the men now living from the fruits of their industry is William Sack, of No. 931 North Fifteenth Street, Springfield, who belongs to that reliable class of German-Americans so honored in this country.

He was born December 28, 1847, near the city of Berlin, Germany, being a son of William and Louise (Mundt) Sack, both born in the same locality as their son. A farmer by occupation, William Sack Sr. lived out his span of years in Germany, as did his devoted wife, and both are interred in the Fatherland. They had three sons and one daughter, and the latter, Mrs. Mary Strasberg, of Germany, and William Sack Jr. are all who survive.

Attending the excellent German schools, William Sack grew to manhood, assisting his father and herding sheep. On November 1, 1871, he sailed from Hamburg for America, on a steam vessel, landing in New York City, whence he came to Altamont, Ill., where he spent twenty years. His first employment there was with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, as foreman of a construction gang. Later he entered the employ of the Vandalia railroad, working for them for four years. He was then made section foreman on the Ohio & Mississippi railroad (now Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern), continuing with them for fourteen years. It was then that he moved to Springfield to engage for a short time with the City Street Car Company, but left them to enter the Wabash Railroad Company's employ. A year later he engaged with the No. 2 North Shaft, continuing there until he entered the Devereaux mine, where he worked until his retirement.

While residing in Altamont Mr. Sack was married, on May 20, 1872, to Augusta Bauer, born in the same part of Germany as he, December 29, 1849. She was a daughter of John and Wilemena (Schoenwald) Bauer, who never left Germany, where the father was a distiller. Mr. and Mrs. Sack became the parents of fourteen children, nine of whom survive: William of Springfield, married to Georgine Busch; Gustav, also of the city, both being engaged in mining; Anna, living at home; Augusta, wife of Louis Sterneman of Staunton, Ill., a carpenter; Marie and Herman, living at home; Caroline, wife of Herbert Keiter, lives in Springfield; and Louise and Henry are at home. Those deceased are: Gustav, Sopha, Bertha D., Bertha D. and Henry, two of same name.

Mr. Sack is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, as are all of the members of his family. He owns his beautiful home, as well as other valuable Springfield realty, having had confidence in the city and recognized the worth of its property. He is one of the best examples of what the Germans have accomplished in this country, and possesses, in addition to German industry and thrift, other very desirable qualities which have made and retained for him the warm friendship of all with whom he has been brought into contact.

SAGLE, Samuel F. (deceased), was a farmer, of Section 23, Mechanicsburg Township, Sangamon County, Ill., Rural Delivery Route No. 21, Dawson. He was born five miles from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, October 27, 1833, a son of John and Mary (Wadsworth) Sagle, natives respectively of Virginia and of Maryland. His parents, who married in Virginia, had nine children, all born in that State, all of whom have passed away. The family moved from West Virginia to Ohio and settled in Muskingum County, where the elder Sagle farmed successfully until his death, which occurred in 1872, when he was sixty-seven years old. His wife had died in 1852. John Sagle served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812-14. His father, Peter Sagle, emigrated from Germany to America during the Revolutionary War and fought for the cause of the colonies in that struggle. Mr. Sagle's grandparents in the maternal line were born and reared near Fredericksburg, Md.

Mr. Sagle was educated in Virginia and Ohio and in early life helped his father in his farming operations. In 1853 he went to New Orleans, whence he came in 1854 to Illinois, settling in Sangamon County. He farmed in Rochester Township forty-nine years (1854-1903), then sold out and moved to a farm of twenty-five acres in Mechanicsburg Township, which he owned and occupied. He was a Republican and he and his good wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Sagle married, in Rochester Township, March 25, 1858, Miss Josephine Sidener, born five miles from Lexington, Fayette County, Ky., a daughter of George Sidener, who came to Illinois in 1849, settling on a farm which he bought in Clear Lake Township, where he died in 1866 and his wife in 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Sidener had ten children, six daughters and four sons, of whom three are now living: Mrs. Sagle; Richard Sidener, of Springfield, Ill.; Rebecca, wife of Thomas Nicholson, of Springfield. James Smith, Mrs. Sagle's grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. and Mrs. Sagle had twelve children, nine daughters and three sons, and four of them have passed away. William is a farmer in Rochester Township; Mary is the wife of Albert Turly, a farmer, of Divernon Township, Sangamon County; Lilian, another daughter, married Richard Sawes, a farmer of Clear Lake Township; Ada married Leonard Houk, of St. Louis, Mo.; Luella is the wife of Mahlon James, a photographer, of Strong City, Kan.; Jessie married William Beaver, a farmer, and lives near Independence, Kan.; Harvey Sagle is a member of his mother's household; Carter, another son, lives in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Sagle had twenty-seven grandchildren. Mr. Sagle was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and helped to build the Lincoln home in Springfield, Ill. Mr. Sagle died March 28, 1911, and his widow and his son Harvey live in the old home.

SAMS, Alexander, a useful and respected citizen of Springfield, is a veteran of the Civil War and a man of upright honesty and probity. He was born in Brown County, Ind., August 10, 1841, a son of Amon and Rebekah (Fiske) Sams, both of whom were natives of Brown County, Ohio. The parents moved from Ohio to Brown County, Ind., and thence to Peoria County, Ill., where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, also in the Mexican War. The grandfather of Alexander Sams came to Ohio when that State was a wilderness, and the family is of hardy pioneer stock.

Alexander Sams spent his boyhood on a farm and has always been fond of outdoor sport. He was educated in the schools of Ripley County, Ind., and Peoria County, Ill., and has lived in the latter State since he was eight years old. He has always worked hard and has been sober and honest. He is now practically retired, but is able to work if it were necessary, and retains the happy good nature and optimism that has been his through life. He has lived in Springfield sometime and has always taken great interest in the welfare and improvement of the community. He is a true friend, a kind neighbor, and ready to anything in his power for the cause of progress. He is a devout member of the Baptist Church and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Sams enlisted, at Pekin, Ill., in 1862, in Company K, Sixty-eighth Illinois Infantry, served five months, and was mustered out in the same year. He re-enlisted at Peoria, Ill., in 1864, in Company E, One Hundred Thirty-ninth Illinois Infantry, was discharged and again enlisted, at Springfield, in Company K, Forty-seventh Illinois Infantry, and altogether served over two years. He first served under Captain Jones, the second term under Captain Odell, and the third term under Captain Rope. He served as picket a great deal of the time and was forced to undergo many trials, hardships and dangers. He is a member of the G. A. R.

The marriage of Mr. Sams occurred in Fulton County, Ill., August 12, 1874, when he was united with Sarah Jane Chambers, who was born August 20, 1851, daughter of Robert Chambers and his wife, who were of old Ohio families. Five children were born to Mr. Sams and his wife, namely: Albert E., May 12, 1875; Ada N., in 1877; Effie L., in 1880; Alfred A. and Allen E., twins, born August 1, 1884. The family reside at 1133 North Fifth Street.

SANDERS, Charles Beverly, Jr., one of Sangamon County's progressive and energetic young business men, who holds the responsible position of Superintendent of the Boynton Telephone Company at Pleasant Plains, Ill., was born in Ashland, Cass County, Ill., September 23, 1874, a son of Charles B. and Mary (Teal) Sanders.

When Mr. Sanders was about four years of age the family moved to Lamar, Mo., and at that place he began his school days. As a youth he carried on the work of a farmer's boy, and when only sixteen years of age rented land and began farming on his own account, operating a property near Lamar for three years. In 1893 he went to Kansas City and for a time was engaged in work in a nursery, but eventually became employed by the Armour Packing Company, and in 1894 went to Galveston, Tex., where he engaged in selling horses. He was employed as the overseer of a plantation at Richmond, Tex., for one year and in 1895 went to Houston and later to Sherman, Tex., but finally returned to Kansas City and in 1896 came to Pleasant Plains. In 1898 he was foreman of an extra gang on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and in 1900 went to work for the Western Union Telegraph Company, and during the same year became connected with the Boynton Telephone Company. In 1901 he was given the position of Superintendent, which he has ably filled to the present time, having entire charge of the building of a system that has over 700 fully equipped telephones. Mr. Sanders has a comfortable home, situated on North Maple Street in Pleasant Plains. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been for six years a member of the Board of Aldermen, as well as being a member of the Board of Education. He is progressive in his views and considered one of his community's most dependable citizens.

On August 12, 1903, Mr. Sanders was united in marriage with Miss Rosa Kundig, who was born at Pleasant Plains, January 17, 1871, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Volkart) Kundig, natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Kundig came to America in 1868 and settled at Pleasant Plains, where he established a shoe business and later a grocery store, and continued to conduct the latter until his death in 1901. His daughter, Mrs. Sanders, conducted the business for a time after her father's death and then sold the stock. To Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have been born four children: Amy Violet, born July 3, 1904; William H., December 29, 1905; Harold Eugene, October 12, 1907; and Nina Eloise, November 5, 1910.

SANDERS, Charles B., Sr., who is now living retired at Pleasant Plains, is a representative of one of Sangamon County's oldest and most honored families. He was born May 2, 1828, in Fauquier County, Va., a son of Albon Nash and Lucinda O. (Powell) Sanders, he a native of Fauquier County and she of Fairfax County, Va., in which latter county they were married in 1826, after which they settled on a farm. There their children were born, as follows: Charles B.; Albert P., who made a trip overland to Colorado in 1850, and has since been lost to the family; Joseph Britton, who enlisted in the One Hundred Seventeenth Illinois Infantry during the Civil War, contracted illness, was honorably discharged and came home, where he died in September, 1879; Wilson Fenton, also a member of that regiment, served

four years, was honorably discharged and died from the effects of army life in 1883, at the home of his brother. Charles B.; Armstrong, born February 3, 1837, died October 12, 1896; Anne Elizabeth, born in 1840, married Bushrod Powell April 9, 1861, and died in November, 1863, he surviving her until November, 1895; William E., born in 1844, is a stock operator of Richland, Mo.; and Mary V., born May 21, 1847, married Abraham Epler, and both are deceased.

The family left Virginia in 1844 and Albon N. Sanders followed farming in Cass County, Ill., for twenty years, at the end of which time he purchased the hotel property at Pleasant Plains and continued to operate it until his death, January 15, 1893, at the age of ninety-two years, his wife having passed away in 1870. For twenty-four years he served as Postmaster, and was well known and highly respected throughout his section. He and his wife were earnest Christian people, he being a member of the Baptist Church, while she was a Presbyterian.

Britton Sanders, the grandfather of Charles B., was of English ancestry and was reared in Fauquier County, Va., where he married Mary Love Gill, February 12, 1798. They made a home in Virginia, he finally locating in Loudoun County, where he died about 1838. His first wife died in Fauquier County, and he married (second) Annie Ekahel, who died in Loudoun County. He was a farmer and an old "Hard Shell" Baptist minister. Of their twelve children, eleven grew to maturity: Robert Henry, who died in Nashville, Tenn.; Albon Nash, father of Charles B.; Charles L., who died in Nashville, Tenn.; Sidney H., who died in Nashville; Samuel A., who died in Loudoun County, Va.; Beverly C., a prominent wholesale merchant in Baltimore, was appointed Collector of the Port at San Francisco by Millard P. Fillmore, but returned to Baltimore and there died December 25, 1883; Lewis Fenton, about 1834 emigrated to Illinois, settled in Beardstown, was for several years County Clerk, and died September 27, 1883; John Gill died in young manhood in Loudoun County, Va.; Wilson S. died on the old home farm, was Colonel of a regiment in the Indian war in Florida, and later became a prominent politician, and died August 23, 1885; and Mary Love, who married Fenton Vandewenter, emigrated to Cass County, Ill., about 1834, located in Springfield in 1877, and died there about 1903.

Mr. Sanders' maternal grandfather was Joseph Powell, who was a German and settled in Virginia in Colonial days, his life being spent in Fairfax County, where he was a man of note, a County Commissioner and later for many years High Sheriff. He was a prominent Mason, and as a member of that order attended the funeral of George Washington. Of his family of seven children all are deceased: Bushrod died about 1838; Edmond died in Fairfax County; Jane E. married William B. Peak, came to Illinois in 1837, settling in Salisbury, where he opened the first store in the town; Walter, for many years Deputy Sheriff of Fairfax County, Va., was the first Sheriff elected under the new constitution; Joseph had made arrangements to emigrate to Illinois but took sick and died; Lucinda O. and Beverly. Beverly Powell came to Illinois with Mr. and Mrs. Peak in 1837 and settled in Springfield, but in 1844 went back to Virginia and persuaded Albon N. Sanders, by means of letters written by Abraham Lincoln, to come to this State. On settling in Sangamon County he became a stanch friend of Mr. Lincoln, although while in Virginia he had been a slave owner. Beverly Powell, who was Mr. Lincoln's best man at his marriage, went home to settle up the estate and while there died.

Charles B. Sanders came to Illinois with his parents when he was sixteen years of age and settled in Cass County, having received his education in his native State. After the family settled on the farm he took charge of it until 1858, when he went to McLean County, Ill., with his two brothers, Wilson and Joseph, and there they operated a farm until 1862, when the two brothers enlisted for army service and during the following year the farm was sold. Mr. Sanders came to Pleasant Plains at this time and went into the hotel business on the old State Road, and succesfully conducted it until 1864, when he sold out to his father, at which time Mr. Sanders removed to Litchfield, Ill., and embarked in the insurance business. In 1870 his mother died and he and his wife returned to Pleasant Plains to take charge of the hotel, but in 1874 they went to Ashland, where Mr. Sanders took charge of the Transient House. In 1878 he removed to Barton County, Mo., where he purchased a farm, and remained there until 1893. At the time of the death of his father, Mr. Sanders came back and took charge of the hotel, but subsequently bought a small piece of land near Pleasant Plains, where he has since made his home. Both he and his wife united with the Methodist Episcopal Church when they were young, and both have always taken a great interest in church work. Mr. Sanders was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge, joining over fifty years ago. In 1846 he heard John Hawkins, of Baltimore, speak on Temperance, and since that time has tasted no liquor. To this he attributes his long life and vigorous health. He walks erect without a cane, reads without glasses and has never had to rely upon the services of a doctor.

On March 7, 1861, Mr. Sanders was married to Mary E. Teal, who was born at Carlisle, Nicholas County, Ky., December 31, 1837, a daughter of Benjamin M. and Elinor (Bruce) Teal, a lineal descendant of Robert Bruce of Scotland. Her mother's parents emigrated to Georgia, and from Georgia to Kentucky in early days, and in 1855 came to Sangamon County, Ill., purchasing a farm in McLean County during the following year. Her father died in 1882, aged seventy-one years, and her mother in 1888, in Barton County, Mo., both

being buried in McLean County, Ill. To them were born seven children: Mrs. Sanders; Lucian, widow of John Pumpelly, a resident of Bellflower, McLean County; Samuel F., a farmer in North Dakota; George B., a farmer of Barton County, Mo.; Edward H., a farmer of Iroquois County, Ill.; Sarah J., who married William Briggs, and both died in McLean County; and Frances T., widow of William Briggs, his second wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have had three children: Mabel, born November 5, 1870, in Pleasant Plains, is the wife of G. H. Lange, of Springfield, Ill.; Elinor, born November 9, 1871, in Pleasant Plains, is the wife of William J. Graham, a farmer of Barton County, Mo.; and Charles B. Jr.

SANDERS, Elisha.—Pawnee, Ill., has many residents now living retired from active life after years spent in agricultural operations, who can remember the time when Sangamon County was little better than a wilderness, and who have watched its growth and development year by year until it is now one of the most productive counties in the State. One of these retired citizens who has a large acquaintance is Elisha Sanders, who was born in Pawnee Township, April 26, 1848, a son of Robert E. and Eliza (Funderburk) Sanders.

Mr. Sanders' paternal grandfather was a native of Kentucky and came to Illinois the winter before the deep snow, settling on Spring Creek, near Springfield, but later located near Pawnee, where he spent the balance of his life and there died, as did also his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Fausett. Grandfather Funderburk was a native of Sangamon County, where his life was spent. Robert E. Sanders was born in Kentucky, May 26, 1825, but lived in Sangamon County practically all of his life, engaging in agricultural pursuits there until his death, January 3, 1906, in Pawnee. The children of Robert E. and Eliza Sanders were as follows: Mary E., Margaret A., Eliza J., John E., Thomas E., James W., Sarah, Robert W., Emerson, Dennis and Ezra, all living, and Jannie, Susan, Clarence and an infant, deceased. During the war Mr. Sanders was one of the leading Democrats in his section of the State, and his duties as Collector led him into considerable trouble, several attempts being made to search his house by the enemies of the Democratic party. On March 5, 1865, his brother, J. E. Sanders, was killed by a shot fired by Barney Vanarsdale, who in company with Jim Lemon and another were robbing Mr. James Bodge's store in Pawnee. Vanarsdale and Lemon were captured and hung in the jail yard at Springfield by Sheriff Crafton.

Elisha Sanders was educated in the country schools of Pawnee Township, and remained at home, working on the farm with his father until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, when he started to work on various farms in the vicinity and so continued until 1883, in which year he went to Kansas. He farmed there until 1886, then returned to Pawnee and purchased property, and has made his home there to the present time. Mr. Sanders is a Democrat in politics, has served as Constable of Pawnee for four years and was also on the police force for three years. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Court of Honor and the Modern Woodmen, while his religious affiliation is with the Primitive Baptist Church, his wife and children belonging to the Methodist Episcopal denomination.

Mr. Sanders was married in Pawnee Township, September 30, 1869, by the Rev. Samuel Proctor, to Mary E. Frey, born in Smith County, Tenn., October 4, 1852, daughter of James E. and Sarah J. (Harris) Frey, natives of Tennessee, who were married in that State and came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1861. The father died in Sangamon County in 1907, but his widow survives him and resides in Divernon. They had the following children: Ida M., James J. and Benjamin S., who are deceased; and William B., Mary E., Robert S., Dawson B., Sarah E. and Rebecca A. The Frey family had many exciting experiences in making their way through the Confederate lines to Illinois in 1861, as they were known to be in sympathy with the North.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have been born the following children: Julius O., born in Christian County, Ill., December 28, 1872, now a resident of Oblong, Crawford County, Ill., married Hattie Gore, of Taylorville, and has two children, Helen and Louis; Lillian P., born in Sangamon County, August 2, 1875, married H. O. Barnes, of Macoupin County, and now resides in Springfield, where he is a teacher in the high school; Earl V., born in Elk County, Kan., is now a mail carrier and makes his home with his parents; an infant, born July 7, 1871, who died the same day; James E., born September 16, 1880, died January 11, 1882, in Pawnee; and an infant born and buried December 2, 1882.

SANER, Benedict.—Contracting and building operations assume important proportions in a city like Springfield, and those conducting them reap a large benefit provided their work is honest and they live up to their contracts. One of the men for many years associated with these lines of endeavor is Benedict Saner, born in Switzerland, January 23, 1826, a son of John and Sallie (Horner) Saner, both born in the same country. The father was owner of a sawmill, but came to America in 1852, locating near Utica, in New York State, to be with his son, Benedict, who had come a year before. After a short stay he returned to Switzerland, where he died, but his widow survived him some years, finally passing away in Sangamon County. There were four sons and three daughters in the family, but Benedict Saner is the only survivor. A brother, Edward, died in Springfield February 8, 1911, at the age of eighty-one years.

Benedict Saner lived in New York State ten

years, and then in 1862 came to Springfield. He had received a good education in his own land and learned the saw-mill business from his father. When only eighteen years old he entered the regular army and was stationed at Naples for four years, and witnessed many marvelous events, including the eruption of Vesuvius. After coming to Springfield he learned the trade of plastering with a brother-in-law, and evolved into a contract plasterer, continuing in this line of business until his retirement a few years since. He has held and carried out contracts on some of the most important buildings in Springfield, including the first Leland Hotel.

Before leaving Switzerland, in 1849, Mr. Saner was married to Johanna Saner, a school mate but no relation, and a native of Switzerland, whose parents remained in their native land, where they died. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Saner, six sons and three daughters. Two were born before the family emigration. Those living are: Barbara, who keeps house for her father; Carrie, wife of Matthias Kramer; Mrs. Mary Reece of LeRoy, Ill.; Albert and Charles J., plasterers, who live in Springfield. There are thirteen grandchildren in the family, as well as three great grandchildren.

Mr. Saner is a Roman Catholic, belonging to the Church of the Sacred Heart, and is a member of St. Vincent's Society. In politics he is a Democrat. He is one of the oldest residents of Springfield. He was personally acquainted with Mr. Lincoln and remembers that great man reverently and tenderly. The pleasant family home at No. 516 South Eleventh Street has been the residence of Mr. Saner for half a century, and is his own property. He also has other holdings in the city. A man who stands high in the estimation of those who know and love him, he is one of the representative men of this locality, and his recollections of early days are exceedingly entertaining.

SANNER, John W., a farmer and stock-raiser living near the city water works at Springfield, has occupied his present farm for about sixteen years, and has been successful in his operations. Though he owns but a small tract of land he makes the most of it and makes it yield a fair profit. He is a native of Sangamon County and was born March 1, 1870, son of John A. and Anna A. (Walkins) Sanner, the former born in September, 1823, and the latter April 25, 1837, both natives of St. Mary County, Md. The father was a carpenter and he and his wife came to Illinois in 1865, locating in Springfield, and for a number of years worked as finisher in carpenter work in the employ of James Sutton. He continued this occupation until his death, in 1895. His widow survived him about two years.

John W. Sanner was educated in Sangamon County country schools and was reared to farm work. When he reached the age of sixteen years he found employment as fireman and later engineer with the Springfield City Water Works, remaining with this company for twenty-three years. In September, 1909, he took up his present occupation, which he finds congenial and profitable. He moved to the city of Springfield in 1893, and two years later came to his present location, where he has a comfortable home. He stands well in the community and is regarded as a man of industry and integrity, carrying on his work to advantage and interested in the progress and welfare of his township and county.

Mr. Sanner was married in Springfield, June 10, 1890, to Katie Smith, born February 6, 1871, daughter of John W. and Nanna A. Smith, the former born December 12, 1839, and the latter June 15, 1849. The father came to Wisconsin from New York in an early day, and later came to Springfield, where he was for a short time engaged in butcher business. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanner, namely: Lee L., of Springfield; Delos E., Chester M., Ruth E., Mary M., Bessie V., and Esther V., all at home. Mr. Sanner is a member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Republican. He has a fine family of children and is a man who is very fond of his home.

SARGEANT, George, retired farmer of Dawson, Sangamon County, is of English nativity and his life is an illustration of the value of British blood in the building up of sturdy and patriotic American citizenship. He was born in Lancashire, December 23, 1837, a son of George Sr. and Jane (Todd) Sargeant, members of old English families. His father, a farmer, brought his family to America in 1845, sailing from Hull and landing six weeks later at Quebec, Canada. From there he came to St. Lawrence County, N. Y., where he settled on a farm and lived about ten years. In 1844 George Sargeant Jr. came west to Illinois, and in the following year the family came on, locating in Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, where the elder Sargeant died in 1857. Mrs. Sargeant had passed away in 1856.

The subject of this sketch was educated in England and initiated into the mysteries of good farming under his father's able tutelage. He came to the United States with his parents and lived with them until the beginning of our Civil War. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served till the close of the war. He was mustered out at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., after having taken part in many battles, notably in the Siege of Vicksburg. After the war he resumed farming near Springfield, Ill., but soon located in Mechanicsburg Township, Sangamon County, where he continued in that occupation successfully till 1909, when he retired from active life and moved to Dawson. Here he bought several pieces of property, and will pass his declining years. He is a

member of the Grand Army of the Republic and Mrs. Sargeant is identified with the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mr. Sargeant married Miss Elizabeth Dillon in 1858. She was born in Sangamon County, a daughter of John Dillon, an early settler in this part of Illinois and a farmer in Sangamon County till his death. Mrs. Sargeant bore her husband a daughter, Ada, wife of Peter Pope, of Dawson, and died in 1866. In November, 1870, Mr. Sargeant married Miss Mary Waterman. She was born in Sangamon County, a daughter of Charles Waterman, a native of Kentucky. Mr. Waterman came early to Mechanicsburg, and there worked at his trade of harnessmaker several years, until he abandoned it to become a farmer, following that occupation as long as he lived. Mrs. Sargeant bore her husband nine children: John, the eldest, is a farmer in Missouri; Chester is farming in Sangamon County: Flora is the wife of James Pettit, of Buckhart, Sangamon County; Ethel and Harry are members of their mother's household; the others have passed away. Mrs. Sargeant was born November 15, 1847. There are nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren in the family.

SARVER, James P., a highly respected citizen of Springfield, and a veteran of the Civil War, has been a resident of the city since 1869, and is an artist of some reputation in Illinois. He was born at Warren, Pa., January 10, 1840, a son of Andrew Sarver, a native of Ohio. The father was first a cabinet-maker and later a painting contractor, and in 1850 came to Illinois, located in Joliet and engaged in painting contracting. Later he moved to South Dakota, took up a claim there, where his death occurred, at the age of eighty years. By his first wife he had eleven children, four of whom now survive, namely: Mrs. Holdebrand, of Oregon; Mrs. Fisher, of Illinois; Mary, of Ohio, and James P. The mother died when James P. Sarver was very young. Andrew Sarver married Sarah McCracken as his second wife, and of their six children the following four now survive: William, George, Edward and Martha.

Mr. Sarver was ten years of age when he accompanied his father to Illinois. They located near Joliet and there the boy received his education. In 1858, when thirteen years old, he began learning the trade of a painter, which he followed two years, then worked three years at the printing business, after which he took up carriage painting and followed it three years, being then placed in charge of a carriage shop in Aurora. Two years later he went to Chicago and there studied sign painting and spent eight months studying under a scenic artist who worked at McVicker's Theatre. Returning to Joliet at the end of two years spent in Chicago, Mr. Sarver engaged in carriage painting until his enlistment in 1861, in Company B, Twentieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until September 1, 1862. At the battle of Shiloh he received four gun-shot wounds, and after his recovery was detailed for running on the railroad for the Government, until the fall of 1863. He had participated in the battle of Fredericktown, Mo., Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and several minor engagements. After his discharge he returned to Joliet and remained there until 1866, then went to Attica, Ft. Wayne and Logansport, Ind., coming to Springfield in 1869. He has since spent much of his time in sign painting, although he has taken up extensively the painting of portraits in oil from living objects, and has a large collection in oil, some of them ranging in value to the amount of several hundred dollars. He has a natural talent for the higher branch of art and his skill in portraiture is a source of much pleasure to himself and has won the admiration and appreciation of those able to judge of its merits. Mr. Sarver is well known as a man of high principle and strict integrity, and is well regarded by all who know him.

Mr. Sarver was married in Joliet, in 1864, to Lizzie Savage, a native of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., daughter of John Savage. Her parents spent their later years at Ottawa and Gardner, Ill. Four children were born to Mr. Sarver and wife, all of them now deceased. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and in politics is Independent. He was a candidate for Commissioner of the city in the primaries of February, 1911. He belongs to Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R.

SAUNDERS, Milton (deceased).—The number of farmers who have succeeded in winning wealth from the soil increases each year as farming methods improve, yet there were many in the earlier days who found no difficulty in earning plenty from the land they wrested from the wilderness. One of the reliable farmers and one who thoroughly understood his work was the late Milton Saunders, whose memory is tenderly cherished by his family and friends. Mr. Saunders was born in Springfield, October 3, 1836, being one of the first white children born there. His father was Jonathan R. Saunders, born near Franfort, Ky., who married Sarah McKinney, born in Virginia. They came to Sangamon County in an early day, about 1826, and farmed for years in Sangamon County, where they eventually died.

Milton Saunders grew up in Sangamon County, receiving a common school education, supplemented by a course at the Jacksonville Institute. Having learned how to farm with his father, when he began for himself he knew just how to go about it and developed his fine farm of 160 acres, twelve miles north of Springfield on the Peoria Road, into one of the best pieces of farming property in his part of the State. In pioneer days there was a public inn on this farm, and it is yet known as the "Twelve-mile Place." Mr. Saunders also owned some valuable real estate in Springfield. In 1892 he retired from his farm and came to Springfield. There he enjoyed a brief period

of rest, passing away October 18, 1902, and his remains were interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was a consistent member of the Christian Church, dying firm in its faith. The Republican party claimed his vote and influence, but he was never willing to accept office.

On August 28, 1872, he was united in marriage with Martha Beeley, born in Illinois August 31, 1842, who survives him. They had three children: Lillian, Marcia ,and Milton, married Helen Sullivan, who died in 1904, leaving a daughter, Helen Elizabeth. By a former marriage with Annie Edwards, which occurred in 1860, Mr. Saunders and two children, Nellie and Frances S.

Mrs. Saunders is a most estimable woman and is beloved by her family and neighbors. She is interested in others and is charitable, giving where she believes help is needed. The children of Mr. Saunders are well liked in the community, and his memory is cherished for what he accomplished as a sturdy, reliable, upright man, who always tried to do his duty and governed his life acording to the religious faith he professed.

SAXER, George, an enterprising German-American citizen of Springfield, Ill., has for some years been successfully engaged in gardening. He was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, April 7, 1840, son of Martin and Mary (Capes) Saxer, both natives of Germany, who died in Perry, Pike County, Ill., the father in 1869 and the mother in 1884. Martin Saxer was a shoemaker by trade and in 1862 enlisted in the Seventy-seventh Illinois Regiment, under Colonel Matthews, serving to the end of the war. He and his wife had one son, the subject of this sketch. They came to America about 1850 and settled at Perry, where they spent the rest of their lives.

George Saxer was educated in the public schools of his native country, and at the age of fourteen years became employed in a patent leather factory. He enlisted, in 1861, in the Prussian Army, and served five and one-half years, two and one-half years as Corporal, being discharged in 1867. After his marriage, which occurred in Germany, August 16, 1869, he emigrated to the United States and located in Springfield, which has since been his home. His wife, Mataline Denchlow, was born in Germany, daughter of Simon and Mary Denchlow, both of whom lived to be very old and died in Germany. Mr. Saxer and his wife now reside at 941 South College Street and he occupies his time in gardening. Upon locating in Springfield he worked five years in a brick yard, was employed from 1875 to 1889 as janitor in the Supreme Court Building, and since 1889 has followed his present line of work. He is an industrious and thrifty worker and a man of excellent habits. He is a member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Democrat. He has made many friends in Springfield and owns the pleasant home which the family occupy.

Eight children, five sons and three daughters, were born to Mr. Saxer and his wife, of whom the following are living: Simon is married and has a son, Talbin; Henry is married and has a son, John; Edward, a decorator in the employ of Mr. Schanberger, of Springfield, married Emma Kessler, of Hillsboro, and they have one daughter; Mary lives at 628 South Walnut Street, Springfield; Elizabeth, married Fred Anderson, a brick contractor in Springfield; Nellie married Henry Offer, a clerk in the Marine Bank.

SCANLAN, Edmund J., a machinist of the Wabash Railroad shops, and one of the substantial residents of Springfield, living at No. 1901 South Sixth Street, has been connected with the Wabash shops since 1856, his long service beginning with an apprenticeship. He was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, December 19, 1838. He came to the United States when only five years old, being brought by his oldest brother William. Three brothers and the parents had already come to the land of promise, locating at Hartford, Conn. The little party sailed from Liverpool and spent seven long weeks on the voyage. The family was re-united at Hartford, but a year later moved to New Haven. Little Edmund received a common school education in the several places they lived and in 1856 came to Springfield.

The father, Thomas Scanlan, was also born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and was a farmer there. After coming to this country he worked as a switchman. After locating in Springfield he obtained the same kind of work, and died there in 1872. He married Bridget Stack, who died at the age of eighty-six years. The children of these good people were: William; John, deceased; Lawrence of Springfield died in 1911; Thomas and Edmund, of Springfield.

Edmund J. Scanlan was married in Springfield, in November, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth McGrain, daughter of Thomas and Mary McGrain. Mrs. Scanlan died October 31, 1909, a most worthy and good woman, and a devout Catholic. She was, as are all the family, a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Scanlan were: Elizabeth, Mrs. Henry Morley, deceased; Edmund William, of this city, married Catherine Cullen; Mary Monica, at home; John, Thomas and Catherine, deceased.

The political opinions of Mr. Scanlan make him a Democrat and he is faithful in his support of his party. Honest, faithful, hardworking, Mr. Scanlan sets many a younger man an example, and is well liked in the shops where he has passed over half a century in arduous work.

SCANLAN, John J.—Some of the very best men of our county, State and Nation, are self-

made, and many of these have come to America from foreign shores. Among these representatives of other countries, none rank higher than those from Ireland, which has contributed more than its quota to the intelligent citizenship here. In speaking of such men none are more worthy of mention in a work of this character than John J. Scanlan, who is engaged in a real estate business in Springfield. He has been a lifelong resident of this city, and now lives in his beautiful home at No. 1401 South Eighth Street. He was born on East Capital Avenue, Springfield, February 28, 1861, a son of James and Honora (Griffith) Scanlan.

James Scanlan was born in Ireland and as a young man left County Tipperary for the United States. On locating in this country he secured employment as a railroad conductor and for several years was in the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company. He died in Springfield in 1867, his widow surviving him for some years. John J. Scanlan was their only son.

The latter received his education in the parochial school of the Immaculate Conception, and when he was but eleven years old went out to work on farms, receiving seven dollars per month for his services, and continuing thus for five years. He then drove a grocery wagon for several years and was engaged in various enterprises for several years more, including mule driving and mining. Meanwhile his father had died, and the mother mortgaged her little home in order that the boy might have a chance to go into business, and he accordingly invested the money in a grocery at the corner of South Grand Avenue and Eleventh Street. He rented for a few years, then bought the property on the southeast corner, across the street, where he put up a brick building and continued in business for twelve years, but finally sold it. For the past few years he has been engaged in real estate business and has holdings in many concerns. Besides his home, he owns a number of other dwellings and a valuable farm of 240 acres in Woodside Township.

Mr. Scanlan was married in Springfield, May 14, 1890, to Cecilia A. Merrick, daughter of Michael and Bridget Merrick, and they have one child, Gertrude, born February 19, 1891, who is a teacher of music. The family attend the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

In his business dealings Mr. Scanlan has always been actuated by motives of honesty and integrity, and has reached his present enviable position through open-handed transactions. Having a reputation unsullied by doubt of his sincerity of purpose, and being a man of upright character, he stands high in public esteem. He is a great lover of his family and has always had their interests at heart. Genial and kindly of manner and nature, he has made hosts of friends, among whom he is very popular. Always interested in the cause of education, and maintaining high ideals with regard to everything of a public nature which he believes will advance the moral, financial or intellectual welfare of the community in which he lives, he wields a strong influence for good. To such men as he is due the credit for the remarkable growth and development of Springfield, Sangamon County and the State of Illinois.

SCHAAF, Anton.—German emigration has not ceased, fortunately for this country, for it has no better citizens than those born in the Fatherland. In both war and peace the German-Americans have proven their worth. One of the younger generation of this reliable class of men in Springfield is Anton Schaaf, born in Uber Ruhr, Reinland, Germany, September 11, 1880, being a son of William and Minnie (Bloomer) Schaaf, the latter born in Rotthausen, Germany. The parents were born in 1854 and 1858. The mother died in Germany, in 1883, having borne one child, Anton. Three years after the mother's death the father married. Theresa Dietz, in Germany, and three daughters were born of this union. The father came to Springfield, arriving Thanksgiving eve, 1889. This continued to be his home until his death, January 19, 1911. He was a man of sober, industrious habits, and became a responsible citizen of this community. His religious affiliations were with St. Vincent's German Catholic Church. He belonged to the Catholic Order of Foresters, and the German Society. In politics he was a Democrat, and served on the school board for two terms, one of which he was president, in East Springfield, five years before it was incorporated as a part of Springfield. He was also trustee for two terms. He had children as follows: Anton by his first marriage. By his second wife, Thresa (Dietz) Schaaf, his children were: Rosie, wife of David Jennings, of Springfield; Elizabeth, wife of Herman Freischlag, of Springfield, and Mary. The mother of these three children was born in Munsterland, Germany, and died in Springfield in 1894.

Anton Schaaf attended school for three years in Germany, and after coming to Springfield went two years to SS. Peter and Paul German Catholic school. When but a little over twelve years old he began working in the mines, and has continued in that line of work ever since.

On January 27, 1903, he was married in Springfield, by Judge Charles Smith, to Nannie Conner, born in Hannibal, Mo., May 31, 1884, daughter of James and Martha (David) Connor, natives of Bourbon County, Ky. This was the father's second marriage. He was a farmer, who died at Hannibal, Mo., in 1907, but his wife passed away in 1888. There were six children in their family: William, John, Bettie, Mrs. John Morrison; Anna, Mrs. Fred Menaefee; Mrs. Schaaf; and Lillie, wife of Henry Connor. By his first marriage, to Malinda Kimball, Mr. Connor had four children: Zeek; Plas; Clay, wife of William Cur-

tis; Fannie, wife of Jesse Baskett. Mr. and Mrs. Schaaf became the parents of two children, Rosie, born July 29, 1903, and Josephine, born April 17, 1905. Mr. Schaaf is a member of the U. M. W. A. In religious faith he is a Catholic and politically a Democrat. He owns his own home at No. 2185 East Jefferson Street. While his life has not been eventful, he has steadfastly adhered to his work, carefully saving his money, and now has a pleasant home and enjoys the respect of those with whom he associates.

SCHAEFFER, Michael, a retired farmer and a veteran of the Civil War, who owns a comfortable home at 1020 South Sixteenth Street, Springfield, is one of the many enterprising German-American citizens of the city who have identified themselves with its welfare and progress. He was born in Germany, February 18, 1836, and came to the United States with his parents in 1844. He received his education in the country schools of St. Clair County, Ill., and as a boy assisted with the work on his father's farm. He is a son of John H. and Christina (Geidel) Schaeffer, natives of Germany. The parents emigrated to the United States and lived on a farm in St. Clair County until their deaths.

After leaving school Michael Schaeffer worked at farming until his enlistment, August 25, 1861, in St. Clair County, in Company B, Forty-third Illinois Infantry, under Captain Samuel Shimmer, serving one year. He was wounded at Shiloh, the bloodiest battle of the war, sent to a hospital in St. Louis, April 17, 1862, then home until his wound was healed, and was discharged August 5th. He returned to St. Louis, and re-enlisted, January 5, 1864, at Belleville, Ill., in Company H, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, under Captain Dowd. He joined the Eastern Army, being sent to Washington, D. C., and was mustered out at the close of the war, in St. Louis. He took part in many skirmishes and was one of the nine men of his company who came out of the battle of Shiloh with their lives. He had many narrow escapes but was never captured by the enemy. He proved a brave and faithful soldier and has reason to be proud of his record. He is a prominent member of the G. A. R.

At the close of the war Mr. Schaeffer returned to St. Clair County, where he resided until 1870, then moved to Jackson County, and thence to Springfield, where he enjoys the rest he has earned by long years of toil and endeavor. He was a most ambitious and enterprising farmer and became successful through unremitting hard work. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and in politics is a Democrat. He is well known among those with whom he has had business dealings for his uprightness and integrity, and has many warm personal friends.

Mr. Schaeffer was married (first) in Jackson County, Ill., to Mary Bergner, a native of St. Clair County, daughter of George and Eva (Marout) Bergner, both natives of Germany and early settlers in Illinois. Mr. Bergner was a soldier in the Mexican War. Four children were born of Mr. Schaeffer's first marriage, namely: Caroline, born in Jackson County, February 11, 1871; Annie, July 16, 1872; Minnie, December 25, 1873; Elizabeth, died May 18, 1877. Mr. Schaeffer married (second) Sophronia Hartley, born in Jackson County, daughter of William H. and Martha (Crofton) Hartley, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of Missouri, were early settlers in Illinois and the father took part in the Civil War. To Mr. Schaeffer's second marriage one child was born, Albert, May 21, 1891, in Jackson County.

SCHAMEL, Albert (deceased), a successful carpenter and builder of Springfield for many years, was a native of that city, born April 24, 1849, a son of Conrad and Maria (Kritzer) Schamel, both natives of Bavaria, Germany, the mother born at New Stot. The father was born May 20, 1811, and the mother December 7, 1821, and both were the only issue of their parents. He was a miller by trade, and upon coming to America settled four miles north of Springfield, in 1848, remaining there until his death, which occurred March 6, 1868. The mother died March 9, 1907. The father had secured 320 acres of land, which is still undivided, and is cultivated by the children. There were five sons and five daughters born to Conrad Schamel and wife, namely: Conrad, Jr., who died about twenty-one years ago, being a wealthy farmer of Taylorville, Ill.; George J., a wealthy farmer of South Dakota, died March 6, 1904; John G., a wealthy ranchman of South Dakota, and a veteran of the Civil War, died November 8, 1910; Catherine, wife of Jenson Thompson, died twenty-six years ago; Thomas; Elizabeth, on the home farm; Mary married Jenson Thompson as his second wife, and he was a wealthy farmer, but is now deceased; Ida, wife of George Stremsterfer lives on the home farm; Albert; and two who died in infancy.

The education of Albert Schamel was acquired in what was known as the "Liberty School," a log building about four miles north of Springfield, and he worked on his father's farm until he was about fifteen years of age when, having a strong inclination in that direction, he began learning the trade of a carpenter and joiner. In 1876 he moved to the city of Springfield, which continued his home until his demise. He erected his home in 1895, on two forty-four-foot lots, pleasantly located at No. 1440 North Third Street. He retained his interest, which was one-sixth, in the old home farm of 320 acres, and was prosperous in a gratifying degree in the career he chose to follow. He acquired a reputation for ability and integrity in business and built up a good patronage.

Mr. Schamel married, at the home of a neighbor, on a farm near Springfield, December 3,

1873, the Rev. Father Hale officiating, Anna Elizabeth Schwarberg, who was born at Girard, Ill., February 21, 1854, a daughter of Christian Henry and Rachel (Way) Schwarberg, both of whom live with their daughter, Mrs. Schamel. Mr. and Mrs. Schamel became the parents of one child, Maude Elizabeth, born March 5, 1879, living at Macomb, Ill., where she holds the position of Supervisor of Music in the Macomb Normal College. Mr. Schamel was a member of the Woodmen, the Fraternal Army, the Loyal Americans, Federation of Labor, and Carpenters' Union, and in politics was a Democrat. He was a Lutheran in religious belief. He was always ready to do his part to promote any public measure. He served as Paving Inspector for three years, under the Woodruff administration, and during 1905-07, inclusive, was Business Manager for the Carpenters' Union. His maternal grandfather, Mr. Kritzer, was a stonecutter by trade, and cut stone for the old State Capitol, the Marine Bank Building, and the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Schamel is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Royal Neighbors. Mr. Schamel died December 8, 1911.

SCHARF, George Philip (deceased).—There is no way in which a man can better demonstrate his faith in the future of any community, than to invest largely in its realty. Those investing in Springfield property during the early days have their faith gloriously justified, and can now reap the benefit of their foresightedness and loyalty. The late venerable George Philip Scharf was one of those keen, shrewd Germans who, coming there over fifty years ago, understood and appreciated the great future that lay before the little Illinois town, whose only distinction at that time was the fact of its being the State capital. Mr. Scharf was born near Heidelberg, in Baden, Germany, November 11, 1821, a son of George and Margaret (Hildebrandt), both natives of Germany. The father was a farmer and worked on his land until he was killed by lightning, in 1847, and his widow, after struggling on there until 1853, in that year came to America, landing in New York on December 10th. From there she came directly to Springfield, choosing the home where Mr. Scharf resided until his death.

The boyhood days of Mr. Scharf were spent in the country in his native land, where he was well educated and became a prosperous farmer. Upon coming to this country he began investing in Springfield realty, and before his death, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, became one of the wealthy men of the county. During the Civil War he enlisted, but at the expiration of three weeks was honorably discharged on account of disability. His political affiliations made him a Democrat and he was always an excellent representative of the doctrines of that party. At one time he received from it nomination to the office of County Commissioner and was elected and performed his duties to the entire satisfaction of all. The German Lutheran Church, of Springfield, was his religious home after coming to Springfield.

Mr. Scharf was married in Germany, December 15, 1850, to Rosena Long, born in Baden, Germany. Her parents never came to America, dying in their native land long ago. Mrs. Scharf died October 1, 1905, after a long and useful life, filled with kindly, Christian acts. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scharf: Adam, of Springfield; Will, deceased; Philip, who is engaged in teaming; Mrs. George Sourwine, whose husband is dead; and Elizabeth Milbers, the youngest of the family, who kept house for her father, and to whom he willed the home at 1320 North Rutledge Street. During his long residence there, Mr. Scharf was identified with many business interests of Springfield, as stockholder and director, in addition to owning much realty, and was naturally regarded as the city's friend. The home he occupied is on the site first selected, and the house was built by him forty-two years ago. His children did well and were a credit to him. Mr. Scharf died December 5, 1910.

SCHEIBNER, John H.—Among the successful coal-mine operators in the vicinity of Springfield, Ill., John H. Scheibner, President and largest stockholder of the Springfield Cooperative Coal Company, takes a leading place. Mr. Scheibner has been in business on his own account since 1875 and before that time worked at mining for others, so he has had long years of experience in the business. He was born in Aelsnitz Ersgebirg, Germany, December 13, 1844, son of John Gottlieb and Christane (Ginder) Scheibner. The father was born April 27, 1813, and the mother in 1815, and both spent their entire lives in Germany, where he died in 1896 and she in 1891. John G. Scheibner was a stockingmaker. One son came to America in the fall of 1870 and died in 1895. A daughter came in 1883 and died in 1889, and both she and her brother are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield. The former was Secretary of the Springfield Co-operative Coal Company, and a partner of his brother, John H. He had eight children, four of whom are deceased and buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

John H. Scheibner received his education in the public schools of Germany, and after leaving school worked in an office until sixteen years old, then took up coal mining. He enlisted in the Saxon army in 1866, serving two years in the Austrian war with Prussia. In the fall of 1868 he emigrated to America, landing in New York and proceeding direct to Springfield. He worked for a time in the old North Shaft mine, and in 1875 began operations on his own account, under the present firm name. He began business in rather a small way and has been able to increase it from time to time until he has one of the large enterprises of its kind in the community. He has

been successful from the start, and is well known in business circles in Springfield. In 1883 he made a trip to his native land to see his mother, spending three months with her. He spent eleven days on the water on his way there and seventeen days on the return trip.

Mr. Scheibner was married, at Petersburg, Ill., October 21, 1890, to Miss Betie Schmidt, born October 4, 1855, daughter of Lutwick and Lizzie (Bromlo) Schmidt. Her father came to America in 1871 (the year of the great Chicago fire), and located in Springfield, where he lived four years, then moved to a farm west of the city. Later he bought eighty acres of land in Cass County, Ill., and died there in 1907. The mother died in Germany in 1869. The daughter of Draujott Scheibner (brother of John H.), Christi Schiebner, was born in 1882, and for the last thirteen years has lived with her uncle and aunt. Mr. Scheibner owns a home at 1725 Sangamon Avenue and has seventy-three acres of land in the neighborhood. He is honest and upright in his business dealings and is highly respected by all who know him. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church and in politics is a Republican. He was a good soldier in the defense of his native country and participated in two most important battles, those at Ketchin, Austria, and Keingkratz, and was discharged in 1867, at Saxon, Germany. Mr. Scheibner and his wife have no children.

SCHEVERS, William David, who has recently purchased a blacksmith shop in Springfield, is a native of that city, born January 9, 1887, son of George Frederick William and Elizabeth (Walsh) Shevers, the former a native of Keokuk, Iowa, and the latter of Sangamon County, Ill. George F. W. Schevers came to Illinois as a boy and drove a grocery wagon for some time, then took up railroad work and was employed twenty-one years as railroad engineer. In 1894, on account of the strike on the Wabash road he left this line of work and became Assistant Fire Chief of Springfield, in which capacity he served two years, then purchased the Green Tree Hotel and conducted it nine years. In 1902 he became Chief of Springfield Fire Department and was killed by a train on the Illinois Central while responding to an alarm of fire, June 11, 1905.

William D. Schevers was reared in Springfield and attended St. Mary's Catholic School. He was always fond of hunting, fishing, driving, and all outdoor sports, from boyhood. After leaving school he worked one year as bundle boy for Talbot & Hammond, of Springfield. He later took up the trade of blacksmith and worked as journeyman nine years. June 1, 1910, he purchased the shoeing shop of W. T. Kirby, at 403 East Jefferson Street, which is known as headquarters for horse men, and has been enjoying a good trade. He is industrious and prosperous and has a good business reputation, being honest and reliable and giving good service to his patrons. He is ambitious to succeed financially and seems to have the requisite push and energy to build up his present enterprise to larger proportions.

Mr. Shevers was married, in Springfield, October 30, 1906, to Miss Gertrude E. Thomason, of Alden, Ill., daughter of Richard and Elizabeth A. Thomason, who came from England to Illinois many years ago and settled at Alden, where Mr. Thomason engaged in wall building in a mine and lost his life in this work, in 1874. Mr. Schevers and his wife have no children. They reside in 1522 Peoria Road, Springfield. Mr. Schevers is a master horse-shoer and an expert in his line.

SCHILSKY, John.—During the past forty or fifty years Springfield has so materially changed that those who knew the place then can scarcely realize that it is the same now. One of the men who has witnessed these changes and has done his part in effecting them, is John Schilsky, a German-American of the city. He was born in Germany, January 31, 1837, being a son of Joseph and Barbara (Judge) Schilsky, both of Germany. The father was a man of means, who rose to be Supreme Judge in Miesekowo Posen, Germany, and lived to be ninety-nine years of age, while his wife attained the unusual age of one hundred and ten years. They had eight children, of whom John is the only survivor that we know of. The paternal grandfather served fifty years in the Prussian army. Neither Joseph Schilsky nor his wife came to America.

John Schilsky was educated in Germany and was taught gardening. When only seventeen years old he enlisted in the German navy, and was on a gun-boat seven years, traveling to many ports. In 1864 Mr. Schilsky came to America, landing in Baltimore, where he remained for a short time, then came on to Springfield, which has been his home ever since. He worked for General McClernand for two years, and then went into gardening on his own account. He also assisted in the construction of the State House.

In 1873 he was married, in Springfield, to Mary Schneider, born in Germany. Her parents lived out their lives in Germany, being farming people. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schilsky: Joseph, in the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company at their round house; Albert, in the employ of the George J. Connelly Grocery Company as buying manager; and Anna, wife of Zephry Rawlling, of Springfield. There are two grandchildren in the family and one step-son, who has two children. The pleasant family residence at No. 526 West Jefferson Street, is owned by Mr. Albert Schilsky, his son, and he also owns other property. Being a consistent Roman Catholic, Mr. Schilsky is a member of SS. Peter and Paul parish. Politically, he is a Republican. Honest, industrious, a man of thrifty habits, Mr. Schilsky has worked hard and saved care-

fully, investing to good advantage, so that now he is in comfortable circumstances.

SCHLENKER, Fred J.—While the machine-made cigar has gained in popularity on account of its cheapness in price, the fastidious smoker prefers those made by hand in factories owned by men who have spent their lives in the work. In spite of the fame of Havana cigars, those of domestic manufacture are equally good, and some of the leading cigar men of the country have their own specialties which they are ready to place in line with any which came from Cuba. One of the men thus ready to prove the superiority of his product is Fred J. Schlenker, of Springfield, a native of the city, born August 11, 1883, a son of Philip J. and Elizabeth Mary (Schmidt) Schlenker, who were born in New York City. The father was born August 16, 1852, and the mother, May 25, 1856. Coming to Sangamon County, Ill., the parents settled in Springfield in 1878. The maternal grandparents came to the county in 1860, where the grandfather passed away in 1892, but his widow survived until 1910. Both grandfathers served in the Civil War, being brave and efficient soldiers in the defense of the Union.

The education of Mr. Schlenker was secured in the public schools of Sangamon County, and at an early age he learned the cigar-making trade. He has worked at this ever since, becoming very proficient and making a success of his undertaking. Thus far he has found nothing that promised as much to him as his own line of work, consequently, has shown no desire to change it. He belongs to the Cigarmakers' Union. The Methodist Church claims his membership. Mr. Schlenker is interested with his father, in considerable city realty, and has great faith in the future growth of Springfield. His life record has been a good one, and he is a young man of whom any community might well be proud.

SCHMIDT, Anton, one of the old retired German-American citizens of Springfield, Ill., has spent most of his life in farming and gardening, and has been industrious and thrifty, winning the respect of all who know him. He is a veteran of the Civil War, and having lived in Springfield since 1854, has seen many changes and improvements in the community. He remembers Abraham Lincoln well, having often seen him when first locating in Springfield. Mr. Schmidt was born in Westphalia, Germany, in November, 1829, son of John Schmidt and his wife, both natives of Germany, where they died. His father was a farmer and the boy was reared on a farm, attending school until fourteen years old, after which he was occupied in various ways until his emigration to America, in 1854. He was several weeks on the voyage and landed at Galveston, Tex., where he spent a short time, then came direct to Springfield, his home ever since.

July 28, 1861, Mr. Schmidt enlisted at St. Louis, Mo., in Company F, Third Missouri Volunteer Infantry, served three years and then returned to Springfield, where he again engaged in farming. He is a member of Stephenson Post, G. A. R., of Springfield, and much esteemed by his comrades. He belongs to Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and is active in church work. In politics he is a Democrat. He has been retired a number of years and is one of the most popular men among his acquaintances. He owns the family home at 1614 East Edwards Street.

Mr. Schmidt was married, in Springfield, in 1869, to Miss Mary Woller, who was born in Germany and died in Springfield, in 1892. Her parents were farmers and both died in Germany. Nine children were born to Mr. Schmidt and his wife, of whom five are living.

SCHMIDT, Stephen, one of the oldest and best known German-American citizens of Springfield, has for several years been retired from active life. He was born in Westphalia, Germany, September 6, 1832, son of John Schmidt and his wife, both natives of Germany, who spent their entire lives in that country. They were farmers and Stephen Schmidt spent his boyhood on a farm, attending school until he was fourteen years of age. After leaving school he was employed at various occupations until 1853, when he emigrated to America, landing in New Orleans, where he spent a short time, then came north to St. Louis, making the journey on an old river boat which traveled up and down the Mississippi. After working a few months in St. Louis, Mr. Schmidt came to Springfield, his home since 1855.

All his life until a few years ago Mr. Schmidt has worked hard and at rather small wages, but has been industrious and thrifty, and has been able to accumulate some property, having a nice home at 1501 East Cook Street. He is a devout Roman Catholic and belongs to Sacred Heart Parish. In politics he is a Democrat and takes considerable interest in public issues and men. He greatly enjoys the society of his many friends and is of a kindly, optimistic nature.

Mr. Schmidt was married, in Springfield, to Miss Kate Otto, who was born in Germany and died in Springfield a few years since. Her parents spent their entire lives in Germany. She and her husband had no children.

SCHMIENZ, Martin, of Springfield, Ill., has all his active life been engaged in gardening and is very skillful in this line of work. He was born in Gottbus, near Berlin, Germany, December 25, 1844, son of Martin Schmienz, a tailor by trade, who died in Germany in early life. He and his wife had five children, four girls and one boy. One daughter married and lives near Melbourne, Australia. Others still reside in Germany.

Martin Schmienz was educated in his native country and there took up the study of garden-

ing, which he followed until emigrating to America. He landed in New York City June 11, 1869, and proceeded to Milwaukee, Wis., where he was employed one year on a farm. He has been a resident of Springfield since March 27, 1870, when he entered the employ of Dr. Pasfield, one of the oldest settlers in the city. Mr. Schmienz is now living retired. He is conscientious and ambitious and has become the owner of a comfortable and pleasant home at 927 South College Street, where the family has resided since 1897.

Mr. Schmienz was married in Springfield, May 1, 1875, to Miss Marie Richards, who was born in Germany, February 22, 1854. Her mother, Catherine Swartz, was born March 27, 1835, and her father in 1828. They were rather early settlers of Sangamon County, where they still reside. Two sons and two daughters were born to Mr. Schmienz and his wife, namely: Katherine, born August 13, 1876; Rosa, born July 15, 1878; John A., Treasurer of the Racine-Sattley Plow Works, at Springfield, is married and has a daughter, Marie Charlotte; Martin, clerk at the Racine-Sattley Plow Works. Mr. Schmienz is a member of the German-Lutheran Church and in politics is a Democrat. He is a man of ability in his trade and is highly respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. He takes no active part in public affairs, although he is interested in the progress of the community.

SCHNEIDER, Daniel (deceased).—Many of the more progressive Germans have left their native land to come to the United States, where, owing to the careful training they have received, they are able to engage profitably in almost any line of work, and in time become as devoted to their adopted country as to the Fatherland. The late Daniel Schneider, of Springfield, belonged to the best class of German-Americans, and during the quarter of a century he lived in the city made many friends who grieved with the family over his demise. He was born in Baden, Germany, December 8, 1826. After a six-year service in the German army, he came to the United States, in 1854, sailing from Havre to New Orleans. Coming north to St. Louis, he worked in that city for a year, then left it for Springfield, where for twenty-five years he worked at his trade of stone-cutting. During all these years he was in the employ of but two men, and was regarded as one of the most upright and steady of men, conscientious in his work and devoted to his family. He was a consistent member of SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, and in politics a Democrat. He died May 3, 1883, being survived by his widow, who is now seventy-six years old.

Mr. Schneider was married in Springfield, May 24, 1857, to Louesa Andrews, born April 28, 1835, in Baden, Germany. She came to the United States in 1855, landing in New York, whence she came to Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider became the parents of thirteen children. Louesa, the eldest child, married Constantine Schuessler, and they had three children: Josephine, who married Hugh E. Prickett, lives in Springfield and has two children, Theresa Susannah and Mary Louesa; Frank J.; and Mary Louesa, who died at the age of three months. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Schneider were: Fred, Charles, William, Emil, Henry, Sophia, Anna, Josephine and Frank, all now deceased; Henry (2), who married Gertrude Howard and died, leaving one chil, Elizabeth Louesa; Theresa is unmarried and lives at home; Joseph, of Springfield, married Etta Baumann, and they have four children—Kate, William, Franklin and Georgie, and one deceased. The family is well known in Springfield and the children are a credit to the sturdy, hard-working, honest father, who did his best, both by precept and example, to bring them up in the way he thought was right.

SCHNEIDER, John (deceased), who was for several years a resident of Springfield, was an enterprising and useful German-American citizen, and became actively interested in the local affairs of the community in which he lived and in the public affairs of his adopted country. He was born in Germany, of German parents, February 26, 1851. His father, Peter Schneider, was a farmer, and both he and his wife, Annie (Rice) Schneider, spent their entire lives in Germany.

John Schneider was educated in the country schools of his native country and lived on the farm with his parents until 1880, when he embarked for America, landing in New York City. Soon afterward he went to the State of Arkansas, where he met and married Miss Annie Mary Corredein, and soon afterward brought his wife to Springfield. He entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company, and worked in their shops until his death. He was very industrious and thrifty, devoted to his family and popular with his friends. He was a devout Catholic and was a member of a church in Springfield. His widow owns the home at 1132 East South Grand Avenue, where she and her husband began housekeeping in 1881, and where she reared her family.

The marriage of Mr. Schneider occurred in Arkansas, June 20, 1881. His wife is a daughter of George and Anna Mary (Vaper) Corredein, both natives of Germany. Four children were born of this union, namely: Anna Mary, unmarried and living at home with her mother; Nicholas, a tinner, unmarried, living in Seattle, Wash.; John, married and living in Jacksonville, Ill.; Charles, the youngest, is attending college in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Schneider was a Democrat in political views. His death occurred in Springfield, November 17, 1894, and his remains were interred in Calvary Cemetery. His memory is tenderly cherished by his family and his loss was mourned by many friends. He passed away in the prime of life, when the future seemed to hold many bright

prospects for him, leaving a growing family and in the midst of a useful, busy life.

SCHNEPP, George, whose faithfulness and devotion to duty make him valuable not only to his employers, but also to his community, is one of the substantial men of Springfield, and a brother of his Honor, Mayor Schnepp. He was born on a farm in Tazewell County, Ill., April 24, 1859, a son of Diebold Schnepp. When George Schnepp was but a lad, the family moved to South Fork Township, Christian County, and there he grew up, attending country school in the winter months and in the summer assisting in farm work. Before leaving the farm, through his earnest and good management, he acquired two farms of rich black soil, one of 200 acres, eight miles southwest of Taylorville, Ill., and one of 160 acres, one and one-half miles southeast of Palmer, Ill. In 1902 Mr. Schnepp moved to Springfield, to become interested in the printing establishment of Schnepp & Lauer Company, incorporated for $21,000. Stockholders were George Schnepp, Wm. H. Schnepp and Albert Lauer, but later George Schnepp, not wanting to be annoyed by business cares, sold his interest to Wm. H. Schnepp and Andrew J. Barnes, now the sole owners of the Schnepp & Barnes Printing Company.

In December, 1887, Mr. Schnepp was married to Miss Edith May Haines, of Christian County, daughter of Fletcher and Lydia Haines. They have two children, Ernest F. and Carroll D. Mr. Schnepp built the pleasant family residence at No. 110 West Cook Street, since coming to the city.

The Lutheran Church holds his membership and he gives it an enthusiastic support. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has contented himself with giving his brother his support, and has not aspired to political honors himself. Public-spirited, loyal to his party, and anxious to see the city advanced in every way, Mr. Schnepp is a good citizen, and an excellent business man, and enjoys the confidence of those with whom he is brought into contact.

SCHNEPP, Mayor John S., representing the moral, intellectual, financial and material interests of the City of Springfield during more than two years last past, has been the subject of much comment and self congratulation on the part of the citizens of the Capital City of Illinois, and it is conceded by every one that the elevation of the morals and the betterment of the financial condition of the City can be laid, in a large degree, to the ability, untiring efforts and conscientious application to official duty of Mayor John S. Schnepp, under whose business administration the best interests of the City have been conserved.

John S. Schnepp was born, on August 26th A. D. 1866, in a log cabin on a farm eight miles west of the City of Springfield, a son of Diebold and Mary A. Schnepp. His father was a native of Alsace-Loraine, which at that time belonged to France, but was subsequently ceded to Germany. His mother was a native of Baden, Germany. They both came to America when quite young and were married at Atlanta, Logan County, Illinois. After a short residence near that city, they came to Sangamon County, purchasing a farm eight miles west of the City of Springfield, on which they resided for several years. Some years before Mr. Schnepp's death the family removed to Christian County, where the father passed away in 1884, at the age of fifty-two years, leaving an estate consisting of 420 acres of fine farm land and considerable personal property. To Diebold and Mary A. Schnepp there were born seven children: Jacob, a shoe dealer of Springfield; George, a retired farmer; Mary C., wife of Leonard Fry, of Springfield; Louisa F., wife of Henry Neu, of Christian County; John S. and William H. of Springfield, and Edward, who died in infancy.

Educated in the district schools and knowing the hardships of farm life at that time, John S. Schnepp came to Springfield at the age of nineteen years and for a year studied German and Latin at Concordia College. He next attended the Central Normal College of Danville, Ind., from which he was graduated with the class of 1887, and then taught school for a year. He next took the law course at the Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill., being graduated in June, 1890, receiving the degree of LL. B. His diploma admitted him to the bar, and he returned to Springfield and opened an office for the practice of his chosen profession, building up one of the most lucrative practices in the city.

In April, 1909, he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of Mayor of the City of Springfield, after one of the most spectacular elections in the history of the city, and during his term of office, he has done more towards regulating the moral, intellectual and financial condition of the city than any other chief executive in the city's history, and through cutting down unnecessary expenses has saved the municipality many thousands of dollars. Although he made no promises prior to his election, he immediately, upon taking office began the working out of the civic reforms that have won for him the respect and esteem of the city's best people. Naturally a man who uses such drastic measures in bringing the law breakers to justice, must make some enemies, but the better element of the citizens are with him to a man, and have applauded his fearlessness in the discharge of his public duties.

When the City Treasury was depleted, on Christmas, 1909, rather than see the city employees and their families forced to forego the pleasures of the holidays, Mayor Schnepp vouched for their salaries, a matter of several thousand dollars, thus proving not only his generosity and kind-heartedness, but also his faith in the future of the city which he governs with so capable a hand. Mayor Schnepp, who is

deservedly known as the best Mayor Springfield ever had, was again prevailed upon to become a candidate for Mayor under the Commission Form of Government, which law was but recently adopted by the city, and he was at the April election, 1911, elected by the largest majority ever accorded any candidate in the history of the city, receiving 6,786 votes, while his opponent received only 3,876 votes. His contribution to this work bearing the title "Municipal History of Springfield," will be found upon another page of this publication, and is decidedly interesting.

On December 31, 1890, Mayor Schnepp was united in marriage with Hattie B. Calloway, daughter of James and Amelia Calloway, of Taylorville, Illinois, and to this union there have been born three sons: Delmar F., H. LaVerne and Chester Clyde, and three daughters Gladys M., Vera I. and Velma O. The Mayor is justly proud of them, and they are now being educated in the ward and high schools of the city.

SCHROLL, Edward A.—The younger farmers of Sangamon County are quick to take advantage of improved methods, and are constantly experimenting with their crops and stock raising. As a result they have raised the value of land in the locality until its possession means wealth. One of these progressive young men is Edward A. Schroll, farming on Section 26, Curran Township, born in Ball Township, October 19, 1886, a son of Henry and Amelia (Garlo) Schroll, natives of Germany. Henry Schroll came to America in 1866. He came direct from New York City to Sangamon County and located in Ball Township, bringing up his family of eight children on the farm he bought there. All the children survive, and they are numbered among the substantial people of the several communities in which they are located. The father eventually bought 100 acres of land in Curran Township, where he still resides. The grandfather Schroll, who died in 1898, was a soldier in the German Army, and was seventy-six years old when he died. His widow resides with her son Henry, being now seventy-two years old.

Edward A. Schroll grew to manhood on his father's farm, attending the country schools and thus securing an excellent training for his life work. In 1908 he bought eighty acres of fine farm land in Curran Township, which he is operating at a good profit. His farm was formerly known as the Workman farm, and is regarded as a valuable piece of property.

The marriage of Mr. Schroll took place in Auburn, Ill., January 20, 1908, to Sophia Ludke, born in Chatham Township, in August, 1887. Her parents, who were Germans came to that township, where they are now engaged in farming. Mrs. Schroll is one in a family of seven children, having two brothers and four sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Schroll have one child, Richard.

The German Lutheran Church holds Mr. Schroll's membership, and he is a liberal supporter of it. In politics he is a Democrat. He is one of the enterprising young men of his township, devoted to his work and anxious to prove the efficiency of some of his methods. That he is succeeding, and that he is destined to become one of the substantial men of the county, are the present indication.

SCHROYER, Moses.—The existence and development of mines in the vicinity of Springfield, has drawn to that city a number of men connected with mining activities. The legal rulings for added precautions to protect the miners, have occasioned the employment of experts to examine into the state of these mines, and upon their reports depend the lives of those working so far below the earth's surface. One of the best-known expert mine examiners of this part of the State is Moses Schroyer, who was born near Harrisburg, Pa., January 10, 1846, a son of Adam and Mary (Bush) Schroyer, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a sawmill operator, who brought his family west in 1861. They settled at Dixon, Ill., where the father lived for about four years, then moved to Tamaroa, Ill., but not being suited with that place, he went to Nebraska to engage in farming, and there died. His wife had passed away in Dixon, in 1863.

The primary education of Moses Schroyer was gained in the schools near Harrisburg, and when he was sixteen years old, he began working in the mines, which line of work he has followed ever since, gradually rising to his present important position. At first, he confined himself to the Pennsylvania mines, but later worked in those at Tamaroa, Ill., finally coming to Springfield, in 1867. In time, his ability and skilled knowledge were so well recognized, that he was made mine manager and mine examiner, and he has assisted in sinking many of the mines near Springfield. There is no man in that locality who is better fitted for his dangerous work than Mr. Schroyer.

Mr. Schroyer was married in Springfield, September 1, 1868, to Julia Smith, born in Carrollton, Ill., October 4, 1846. Her parents had come from New York State to Illinois in 1835, and engaged in farming. For twenty years Mr. Smith was Superintendent of the Poor Farm of Greene County, and after moving to Springfield, became Superintendent of the Poor Farm of Sangamon County, which post he held seven years. His death occurred in January, 1882, but his widow survived him until 1904. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schroyer, two of whom survive: Laurence E., who lives at home, and Grace, wife of Frank Crowley, a machinist, of Springfield. There is one grandchild, Daisy L. Crowley. Mr. Schroyer owns the home he occupies at No. 1010 East Laurel Street, in addition to other realty in Springfield, and is a man of substance. His life has been a hard one and he has devoted himself to his work, taking no time for social diversions, but he has the satisfaction of know-

ing that he has made a success in his chosen calling, while so many who began with him have failed.

SCHUCK, J. H.—A prominent German-American resident of Springfield, whose energy and business ability is a source of pride to the city, is J. H. Schuck. He was born in the city of Heidelberg, Germany, March 1, 1830, being a son of John and Anna Schuck, who lived and died in Heidelberg, where the father was a furniture contractor. Having been educated in Germany and taught the trade of cabinetmaking, J. H. Schuck obtained permission from his father to leave home, and after traveling in Germany, at the age of seventeen years came to America, landing in New York City, where he worked at his trade for a short time, then came west to Chicago, and from there to Springfield, arriving in 1848, after a journey of ten days from Chicago. For a year he found employment in Springfield at cabinetmaking, when there came the news of the discovery of gold in California, and he was one of those who made the long and toilsome trip across country on horseback. Unlike many, he was successful. Coming back, he formed a partnership in Logan County, Ill., with his brother, for only five months. In 1854 he returned to Springfield and worked again at his trade, being foreman of the lumber yard of G. L. Huntington. In 1866, in partnership with Wm. B. Baker, he embarked in a lumber business. This association lasted fourteen years, when he took over Mr. Baker's interest, and although eighty-one years old, is still vigorous and actively engaged in his business. Mr. Schuck started the first building association of Springfield in connection with Charles F. Herrman. This was the first organization of its kind in the State. He was also one of the promoters and founders of the second street railway, and did much to insure its ultimate success. Mr. Schuck is one of the old directors of the First National Bank, of Springfield, and founded the Lumbermen's Association. For many years he has been a member of Springfield Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1853 Mr. Schuck was married, in Springfield, to Mary E. Lightfoot, who died in 1856. The following year he married Kate Bruker, of Springfield. Mr. Schuck has had children as follows: Charles, who is in partnership with his father, married Josie Buscher, and they had a son, Charles W. H., and his son in turn bears the name of Charles, has two children, which are now his fourth generation. Anna, his daughter, who married Kim Haynes, has four children, two of whom are married. Mr. Schuck is one of the sound, conservative men of Springfield who have done so much in building up the city's present prosperity, and in restraining undue extravagance in placing public improvements before the city's finances would warrant the expenditure.

SCHUCHARDT, Frank.—The vocation of fireman is one that calls forth courage and nervous energy, and demands all a man's strength. Frank Schuchardt, a member of Fire Company No. 1, Springfield, was born in Germany, December 1, 1869, a son of Joseph and Katrina (Jurnemann) Schuchardt, the latter of whom died in Germany in 1879. Two years afterwards the father came to New York City, landing February 23, 1881. He came direct to Springfield, where he found employment in a rolling mill, and during that same year was killed in an accident. He had married as his second wife Helen Schomberg, who survived him some years. Of the eight children of Joseph and Katrina Schuchardt, but two survive, Frank and Jacob.

Frank Schuchardt attended the schools of his native country until he was fourteen years of age, when he started to learn the trade of cabinet-maker, working at it for one and one-half years, when he came to America. His first work in this country was on a farm. Later he was employed in a rolling mill in Springfield, and for eight years was connected with the watch factory, after which he entered the saloon and grocery business, at Eleventh and Market Streets, and continued there until joining the Fire Department in 1909. Mr. Schuchardt is a member of SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, and in political views is Independent.

On May 28, 1889, Mr. Schuchardt was united in marriage with Miss Rosa Dresch, daughter of the late John Dresch, and to this union there have been born eight children, namely: Anne, Elizabeth, Frank, Leonard, Joseph, Edward, Katrina and Charles.

SCHUESSLER, Constantine.—Few lines of industrial activity make such substantial returns as does farming. From the soil a man can always get a living, and if he understands his work, knows how to rotate crops and adapt them to the possibilities of the land, he is sure to become well-to-do. Investments in farm lands seldom prove unprofitable, and never worthless. This fact was early recognized by the sturdy Germans who flocked to Sangamon County in the 'fifties and 'sixties, when land was cheap and opportunities plenty. One of the well-known and prosperous retired farmers now living in Springfield, who for years made Sangamon County the scene of their labors, is Constantine Schuessler, of No. 910 West North Grand Avenue. He was born in Baden, Germany, August 15, 1841, a son of Frantz J. and Catherine (Lentz) Schuessler, both natives of Baden. The father was a farmer, who spent his life in Germany, but his widow came to America in 1859.

After a boyhood spent in Germany, where he was educated, Constantine Schuessler came to America in 1859, locating in Menard County, Ill. There he bought a farm of 110 acres, which he still owns, and remained there fifteen years, but

then came to Sangamon County, farming west of Springfield for Frank Reisch, Sr. This place he developed into one of the finest pieces of property in that part of the State. In 1893, feeling that he had rounded out a life of endeavor, Mr. Schuessler retired, moving to Springfield, which has since been his home. He is a member of SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church of Springfield, and in politics is a Democrat.

Mr. Schuessler's first marriage was with Louesa Schneider, daughter of Daniel Schneider, and to them were born these children: Josephine, married Hugh E. Prickett, and they live in Springfield and have two children—Theresa Susannah and Mary Louesa; Frank J., and Mary Louesa, who died at the age of three months. Frank J., now residing in California, served three years as a soldier with the army in the Philippine Islands.

Mr. Schuessler married (second) Josephine Reisch, February 25, 1884, who was born in Springfield, April 4, 1856, daughter of Joseph and Josephine (Buzelmeyer) Reisch, now deceased. The children of the second marriage were: Sister Gertrude, a nun in the Effingham Convent; Helena, and three deceased.

Mr. Schuessler has made a success of his life work, and not only has accumulated considerable property that insures him comfort and happiness in his declining years, but has the satisfaction of knowing he has done his full duty to his community and has reared a nice family of children, who reflect credit on him and their community.

SCHULLER, John N., a successful carpenter and contractor of Springfield, Ill., now practically retired from active life and living in his home at 1920 North Eighth Street, was born in Paris, France, February 2, 1842, received his education in his native city and there learned his trade. He is a son of John and Margaret (Clemons) Schuller, the former born in Luxemburg, Germany, and the latter in France. The father was a carpenter and spent most of his life in Luxemburg. He was born in 1805 and died in 1899. The mother lived out her life in Luxemburg. The maternal grandfather of John N. Schuller served under Napoleon in the Franco-Prussian War.

Mr. Schuller, the subject of this sketch, emigrated to America in 1861, landing in New York City. He proceeded to Chicago, where he spent a few months, then went to Dubuque, Ia., and thence, a few months later, to St. Paul, where he remained a short time and then returned to Dubuque, soon after locating in Springfield, Ill., his place of residence since that time. He has followed his trade very industriously until a few years since, and now spends but little time in actual labor, although he has many interests demanding his attention. He has been rather active in public affairs and served four years as Trustee of the village of Ridgely, of which he was one of the founders. He has contributed largely to the progress and growth of the village and has been active in its interests. He is a Democrat in politics and is a Roman Catholic in religious views, being a member of St. Joseph's Parish. Mr. Schuller is an enthusiastic and useful citizen of his adopted country and shows his patriotism in many ways. He has the respect and esteem of his associates, who have most of them learned to appreciate his good qualities of mind and heart. He owns other city property besides his present home.

Mr. Schuller was married in Springfield, Ill., October 1, 1867, to Margaret Weaver, born in Hanover, Germany, February 10, 1846, daughter of John and Margarette Weaver. Mr. Weaver died in Germany and his widow afterward came to America, passing away at the home of Mrs. Schuller at the age of ninety-six years and twenty-three days. Of the eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Schuller, seven are living, namely: Bertha, wife of Michael Bowen, of Springfield; Josephine, married James Hutton, of Springfield; Pauline, wife of James Woods; Margaret, wife of Nicholas Longen; and John, Joseph and Nicholas, all of Springfield. Mr. Schuller and his wife have seven grandchildren.

SCOTT, Charles, a retired farmer of Springfield, Ill., has recently located in the city and purchased the pleasant home he and his family occupy, at 2054 East Edwards Street. He was born in Miami County, Ohio, May 4, 1832, and is a son of William and Ruth (Mooney) Scott, both natives of Ohio. William Scott was a farmer and moved from Ohio to Jasper County, Ind., and lived a number of years on a farm there, then moved to Clarke County, Iowa, and a short time afterwards returned to Indiana and lived there until his death. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War.

Charles Scott spent his boyhood on his father's farm and was educated in Ohio. He has spent most of his life in farming, but has now retired from active life. He came to Illinois as a young man and settled on a farm in Morgan County, where he remained forty years. He was an enterprising and successful farmer and developed a fine estate, which he sold and bought his present home. He moved to Springfield February 1, 1910, and has since lived retired. Mr. Scott enlisted, in 1862, in Company C, Sixty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Mt. Sterling, Ill., and served seven months, after which he was mustered out and returned home to Morgan County.

Mr. Scott was married, at Franklin, Morgan County, Ill., in November, 1853, to Mrs. Elizabeth (Johnson) Nichols, widow of Wiley Nichols, by whom she had four children, of whom three survive, namely: Alfred, of Des Moines, Iowa; Margaret, wife of Charles B. Howard, and Miss Amelia, of Springfield. There are two grandchildren in the family. By her second marriage Mrs. Scott had no children. She is a great-granddaughter of John Sevier, the first Governor of Tennessee. Her father came from

Kentucky to Morgan County in an early day and settled near Waverly, where he lived on a farm until his death, and her mother was born in Tennessee. Mr. Scott and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Church and are much interested in benevolent and charitable work. He has always been a Republican since the organization of that party and has always taken an active interest in public affairs. He has spent most of his life in hard work and is now enjoying the fruits of his toil in ease and comfort.

SCOTT, John Hamilton (deceased), was in his time recognized as one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Sangamon county. His parents, Timothy and Amanda (Montgomery) Scott, were Kentuckians and farmers. They settled west of Springfield, many years before the Civil War. Mr. Scott labored as a farmer and as a gardener till after the beginning of the war, then enlisted under the Federal flag. After a few months' service he was taken sick and discharged for disability. Later he settled in Logan County, where he farmed as long as he lived and where his good wife also passed away. They had four sons and two daughters. The daughters have died and only two of the sons are living, Richard, one of the latter, being an insurance man in Iowa.

John Hamilton Scott was born April 14, 1845, was educated in public schools in Sangamon County and learned farming as his father's assistant. February 12, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, Fifty-sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and saw service as a soldier until the close of the struggle. After having taken part in numerous engagement, he was honorably discharged at Little Rock, Ark., August 12, 1865. Returning to Springfield, he resumed farming, which he has followed most of the time since. It should be noted, however, that during his residence in Springfield he was employed upon the construction of the State House. He lived there for some years, then resumed farming and died at Buffalo Hart Grove, November 13, 1888. He was a member of the Christian Church; of Buffalo Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Republican party, with which he voted consistently for many years.

Mr. Scott married, at Springfield, Ill., March 29, 1868, Miss Mary L. Williams, born at Chillicothe, Ohio, whose father, a farmer, brought his family to Springfield in 1853. Later the family moved to a farm near the old hemp factory south of Springfield, where they lived many years. Mr. Williams enlisted for soldier's service in our Civil War, but was rejected because of physical disability. He died at the residence of Mrs. Scott, in Buffalo, February 12, 1901, aged eighty-nine years. His wife died in Springfield in 1878. They had fifteen children, ten of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. Four of the sons and two of the daughters are living: Jacob Williams, a carpenter, lives in Springfield; Moses B., also a carpenter, is a citizen of Quincy, Ill.; Charles B., physician and surgeon, practices his profession in Springfield, and James F. is a merchant there; Ann, Mrs. Parr, lives in Menard County, Ill.; Mrs. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott had ten children, six sons and four daughters, all of whom are living: Emma, the eldest, is the wife of Rodney Hutchinson, farmer, of Bald Knob, Sangamon County; Belle married Samuel Rising, a blacksmith; William T. is a Sangamon County farmer; John lives in Buffalo, as does also James E., a farmer; Samuel D. is farming in Sangamon County, as is Matthew; Logan B. is a farmer; Mary C. is the wife of Frank Dill, a farmer near Roby, Ill.; Laura, Mrs. Cantrall, lives in Springfield. Mrs. Scott has twelve interesting grandchildren. She is a woman of ability, who has associated with some of the best people in the Middle West, and one of the most cherished recollections of the days that are gone is that of her personal acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln, "the Great Emancipator."

SEARS, John V. Jr. (deceased).—The late John V. Sears Jr., who passed away at his home in Springfield, Ill., April 8, 1898, was born in the Azores Islands, in June, 1852, and was a son of John V. and Mary Margarette Sears, both natives of the Azores, and who spent their entire lives there. The father was a school teacher and held the position of professor in a large school. The education of John V. Sears, Jr., was received in his native place, a possession of Portugal, and when seventeen years of age he emigrated to America, landing in Boston, where he spent some time. Later he came to Springfield, and had been a resident of that city twenty-four years at the time of his death, fifteen of which he spent as watchmaker in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company. He was a good workman and was much esteemed by his associates. He died at the family home at 1117 North Ninth Street, which his widow still owns, and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Mr. Sears was married, in Springfield, January 11, 1878, to Miss Mary Augusta Fernandes, who was born in Springfield, October 11, 1850, daughter of John A. and Mary A. (Desilva) Fernandes, both natives of Madeira Island, who were early settlers in Springfield. Mr. Sears and his wife became parents of children as follows: John V., born March 4, 1880; Elsie A., May 17, 1882; Ernest V., May 25, 1886; Alfred V., August 5, 1887; Rica A., December 8, 1889; Sana A., January 27, 1891; Hermenia A., August 9, 1893; Francis V., July 20, 1896. Mr. Sears was a member of the Presbyterian Church and in politics was a stanch Republican. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America of Springfield. He had won many friends during his residence in Springfield and was looked upon as an honest, representative citizen. He was industrious and hard-working,

and made the most of his opportunities to better himself.

SEARS, William E.—Springfield has attracted some of the capitalists and wealthy men of the country, who find there the conditions they best like. They have all the advantages of a larger city, without the many annoying drawbacks, and are glad to give their support in bettering existing conditions. One of the best known men of this class, and one who has exerted a vast amount of influence upon the financial life of this part of the State, is William E. Sears. He was born in Daviess County, Ind., July 15, 1881, a son of B. R. and Lucy (Payne) Sears. B. R. Sears is a carpenter and contractor, and he and his wife are among the prominent people of their part of Indiana. Their lives have been spent in Daviess and Lawrence Counties, of that State. William E. Sears is a lineal descendant of Governor George A. Sears, who arrived at Jamestown in 1680. He became one of the extensive planters and prominent men of Virginia, and his descendants are scattered all over the country today.

After receiving an excellent education at Bedford, Ind., where he graduated from the high school, and having attended college in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Sears became a contractor in woodwork, and made a success of his calling. His attention was early attracted towards mining, and after several profitable investments, he now owns 10,000 shares of the famous Cactus gold mines, thirty miles east of Goldfield, Nev. He has great faith in the future of this valuable property which is daily being justified, for the mines are proving a bonanza. His residence is pleasantly located. He is a Republican and a member of the Christian Church. He is unmarried. He is an excellent example of the enterprising young business men of Springfield, who are rapidly forging to the front in every walk of life.

SEELEY, Roy M.—None of the learned professions are as exacting as that of the law, and its followers are ever reaching upward and onward to attain higher honors. The keen, analytical mind required of the lawyer must be trained by years of reading and hard study. The man who hopes to follow in the footsteps of the great legal lights of the day must keep himself thoroughly posted on all jurisprudence and be prepared to handle whatever cases come into his hands. The safety of the nation lies in the hands of the lawyers of the age. They enforce the laws and bring the guilty to punishment, as well as clear the innocent. It used to be thought necessary that a successful man of law must have passed many milestones of life, but this has changed and some of the most brilliant legal exponents are in the very prime of life. One of the distinguished lawyers of Springfield is Roy M. Seeley, born in West Bloomington, Oakland County, Mich., a son of Major H. and Helen (Moore) Seeley. Major Seeley was born at Novi, Oakland County, Mich., May 10, 1843, while his wife was born in West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Mich., September 15, 1842, and died at Springfield, Ill., April 12, 1909. Major Seeley was in early life a farmer, but later was a wool grader and buyer of wool for woolen mills, living in Michigan until 1892. At that time the family moved to Illinois, so that the father could become buyer for the Des Plaines Mills, at Des Plaines, Ill. This latter place remained the family home until 1895, when removal was made to Springfield, and there the father graded wool until the mills closed. Both the Seeleys and Moores were early settlers of Michigan, coming there from New York State.

Roy M. Seeley grew up in Michigan, attending the schools of his locality and later entering the Northern Illinois College of Law, at Dixon, Ill. He earned the money for his law course by working as a clerk and in the woolen mills of Columbiaville, Mich.; South Bend, Ind.; Sheboygan Falls, Wis.; Lacon, Ill.; and Springfield, becoming an expert in the manufacture of woolen cloth. Mr. Seeley was admitted to the Bar October 12, 1900, and has been actively engaged in practice ever since. After graduating from college he entered the law offices of Palmer, Shutt, Hamill & Lester, and clerked for W. E. Shutt, Referee in Bankruptcy for the Southern District of Illinois. This experience has been of inestimable value to him, his associations with these great men of his profession having left their mark on him.

Mr. Seeley is an ardent Republican, and since the time he attained his majority has taken an active part in public affairs. In April, 1905, he was elected on the Republican ticket to fill the office of City Attorney of Springfield, and was reelected to that office in 1907 and again in 1909. He was Secretary of the Sangamon County Bar Association for three years. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks, Knights of Pythias, and Capital City Cycling Club, and has held high offices in both lodges. At present he is Past Chancellor of Percival Lodge No. 262, K. P.

Without doubt the highest type of character is displayed by the judicial mind. He who can carefully weigh evidence, separate the unimportant from the vital, bring to bear upon it the experience gained through the conduct of many similar cases, and present it to the jury according to proper jurisprudence, yet in such a manner as to carry conviction of the truth, is the true lawyer. A review of Mr. Seeley's work in the past clearly demonstrates that he belongs to that class of self-made men who, through their own efforts and perseverance, have reached the topmost rung of usefulness, and have contributed materially to the welfare of the county, State and Nation.

SELBY, Paul. (Vol. I, p. 474.)

SELF, James M., a well-known citizen of Pawnee, Ill., who for the past ten years has identified

himself with the mining interests of his section, was for a long period engaged in agricultural pursuits in Sangamon County. He was born October 3, 1852, in Port Conway, Va., a son of John and Mary (Carver) Self, the former of whom was born in King George County, Va., in 1812 and spent his entire life there, dying in 1863. His wife, who was born in 1824, remained there for several years after his death, but in 1876 came to Sangamon County, where the remainder of her days were spent, her death occurring in 1887 in Cotton Hill Township. Three children were born to this couple: Robert S., born January 1, 1847, married Sarah Smith (first) and (second) Maggie Keisacker, and lives in Pawnee, having one child, John; Cornelia B., born February 11, 1861, married Louis Curry and lives in Cotton Hill Township, having seven children—Annie, Mabel, Walter, Lulu, Ruth, Harry and Louis; and James M., the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Self resided on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age, at which time he went to Washington, D. C., and secured a position as official in an insane asylum. In 1873 he came to Sangamon County, where he started to work on a farm, and continued to be interested in farming until 1900, in which year he engaged in mining, which has been his occupation from that time to the present. He is connected with the Mine Workers Union, and his politics are those of the Democratic party, although he usually gives his vote to the Temperance candidate. He is a devoted member of the Baptist Church, in which he serves as Deacon.

Mr. Self was married (first) in Bear Creek Township, Christian County, Ill., November 20, 1879, to Mariah A. Clark, who was born in Tennessee and died September 29, 1881, in Cotton Hill Township. There was one child, Lillian, born to this union, August 5, 1880, who is now residing in Sangamon County and is unmarried. Mr. Self's second marriage occurred November 26, 1885, when he was united with Rebecca J. Pletz, born October 31, 1848, in Dawson County, Pa., daughter of William E. Pletz, who was born in Pennsylvania May 10, 1807, came to Illinois in 1852 and died in Lincoln, Logan County, at the age of one hundred years, having spent his active life at the carpenter's bench. Her mother was Margaret Myers, also a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Illinois in 1852 and died in Springfield at the age of fifty-two years. There were children as follows in the Pletz family: Savilla E. married Lee Jones, of Springfield, Ill., and has one son, Willie; William, a resident of Taylorville, married Lizzie Blankenship, who is now deceased; Mary A. married Abe Peters, of Brown County, Ill.; Charles now resides in Chicago, Ill.; Barbara E. married Fred Sedoff and now resides in Emden, Ill., and has one child, Clara M.; Emma, married Pete Fogel and now lives in Missouri; Clara, married George Aren and now lives in Chicago; Clara, Matilda married Charles Kent; George W. and Oswald S., both of whom died in infancy; and Rebecca J. Mrs. Self was previously married to William Clark, by whom she had one son, Frank Clark, born in Springfield, Ill., April 18, 1879, married Carrie Beam and has three children: Bessie, Violet and Harry.

While not by any means one of the oldest citizens of Pawnee, Mr. Self has a large acquaintance and a host of friends in the city who admire his sterling qualities of character. He and his wife have a very comfortable home where their friends are welcome, and where they keep two highly treasured articles, a coffee mill and a waffle iron, which have been in constant use in the family for seventy years.

SEMPLE, James A.—The records of Sangamon County show that some of its representative men are engaged in tilling the soil, and to judge from their present condition they have found such work profitable. One of the prosperous farmers of the county is James A. Semple, of Mechanicsburg Township, who is devoting his eighty acres of fine farm land to general farming and stock raising. He was born in Calhoun County, Ill., August 10, 1863, a son of Thomas and Decemia (Harper) Semple, natives of the North of Ireland. In either 1847 or 1848, the parents came to the United States, via the Gulf of Mexico, and up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, where the father did some teaming and worked in a general merchandise store for several years. He then proceeded to Calhoun County, buying land which he developed into a fine farm. This he sold in 1867 to come to Mechanicsburg Township and purchase 170 acres, eighty acres of which was prairie, and the rest timber. He worked on this until his death, in April, 1893. His widow survived him until August 25, 1898. Their children were as follows: Ann, Mrs. Stephen Correll, deceased; Jane, Mrs. Samuel Constant, deceased; Eliza, Mrs. David Correll, a widow, of Buffalo; Clark, of Mechanicsburg Township, and James A., who was the youngest.

Mr. Semple lived with his parents until their deaths, when he married, on December 2, 1893, Hannah Jackson, born in Posey County, Ind., daughter of Joseph Jackson, of that State. Their children were as follows: Arthur, born March 28, 1895; Ruth, born February 9, 1898; and Joseph, born March 8, 1899. Mrs. Semple died at the birth of her youngest child. On December 1, 1901, Mr. Semple was united in marriage with Ida Haight, born at Lawrenceville, Ind., December 22, 1872, daughter of William L. and Margaret (Stanton) Haight, the former born at Cranford, Canada, in 1838, and the latter at Marshville, Wis., in 1848. The spring following his second marriage, Mr. Semple moved to Dawson, where he rented land for a year, at the same time renting the eighty acres of the homestead which was his share of his parents' estate. In 1903, however, he moved back to this farm, which he now oper-

ates, also breeding short horn cattle, hogs and road and draft horses.

While his educational advantages were confined to the common schools, Mr. Semple has made good use of his opportunities and is well informed. In political faith he is a Republican and he has given the people of his district efficient service as School Director for a period of two years. Since young manhood he has been a conscientious member of the Methodist Church, giving it a liberal support in both time and money. He and his wife are very hospitable, making their friends feel welcome whenever they enter the Semple home, and they have friends both in their neighborhood and at Dawson, who appreciate their many excellent traits of character.

The work a farmer accomplishes is not always understood. Each forward movement means an advancement in his calling and the standard of the neighborhood, so that all good citizens of Sangamon County ought to be interested in the progress made by their practical farmers, among whom Mr. Semple occupies a prominent place. Both his parents and those of Mrs. Semple bore their part in the development of the communities in which they lived, and left to their children habits of industry and thrift, as well as spotless names to be handed down to posterity.

SEVIER, John W., for the past seven years retired from active life and residing in his comfortable home at 2012 South Fourteenth Street, Springfield, Ill., is a man of sterling character and good habits, and is well and favorably known in the neighborhood of his home. He was born in New Salem, Pike County, Ill., July 10, 1850, son of Valentine and Martha (Woolams) Sevier, the father born in South Carolina in 1829, and the mother in Illinois, in 1833. The father of Valentine, John Sevier, was born in Scotland and was an early settler in North Carolina, went thence to Tennessee and was the first Governor of that State. He died in Birmingham, Ala. Valentine Sevier went from North Carolina to Tennessee with his father, and later located in Illinois. He learned the trade of wheelwright and after settling in Illinois for several years ran a stage line from Griggsville and Perry to Naples, Ill. He now lives in Champaign, Ill., but his wife died about five years ago.

John W. Sevier passed his childhood on a farm in Brown County, Ill., and upon leaving home became employed as a fireman on the old I. B. & W. Railroad, now a part of the Big Four system. He left Illinois and worked in Colorado, where he found employment on the construction work of the Rio Grande Railroad, which was being completed from Denver to Mexico, and was thus occupied three years; then (in 1873), moved to Louisville, Ky., where for five years, he was engaged in railroad work. In 1878, Mr. Sevier located in Nashville, Tenn., and in 1882, came to Illinois and entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company, worked a short time for them and the Illinois Central Railroad Company, as engineer. About 1883, Mr. Sevier purchased a farm in Tennessee, and carried it on successfully several years, then came back to Illinois and settled in Springfield, where he has since resided, retired from active life. He has occupied his present home, which he owns, for the past seven years. He is well known in railroad circles and has many personal friends. He is an attendant of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternally belongs to the Yeomen of America, being affiliated with the Order of Railway Conductors and the Order of Railway Brakemen. He has always been a strong Republican. Mr. Sevier was connected with the building of many railroads and remembers when the Wabash road hauled cars and switched on wooden rails.

Mr. Sevier was married in Nashville, Tenn., February 22, 1876, to Hannah L. Tate, a native of Tennessee, born in 1852, a daughter of Daniel Tate, a native of Scotland, and his wife, Larinda (Collins) Tate, a native of Tennessee, Mr. Tate was a prominent citizen and had taken several degrees in Masonry. He held slaves in Tennessee, was in prosperous circumstances, and his death occurred in that State. His widow later married Lewis Campbell, an old soldier, who served his country in the Civil War, was wounded at the Battle of Shiloh, and died at Mound City Hospital. Her own death occurred at Thebes, Ill. Mr. Jessie Tate, a brother of Mrs. Sevier, was wounded twice in battles in the Civil War and was a Judge of the Circuit Court, Huntingdon, Tenn., where he lives, being wealthy. Another brother, Leischa, now deceased, was a prominent citizen of Huntingdon, Tenn., where his widow and children now reside. Her two brothers Jasper and John were killed on the battle field during the Civil War. Five children were born to Mr. Sevier and wife, of whom the only survivor is Violet, born in Sangamon County, February 29, 1884, wife of Edward Guiss, of Holland, Ind., and they now reside at Holard, Ind., Mr. Guiss being connected with the railroad. Mrs. Sevier owns eighty acres of valuable land near Forsyth, Taney County, Mo.

SEXAUER, Benjamin Franklin, the enterprising editor of the "Staats Wochenblatt," of Springfield, Ill., is a prominent and well-known citizen and successful in a financial sense. He is a native of Fountain City, Wis., born April 18, 1871, son of George Jacob and Anna Margaret (Hangen) Sexauer, the former born in Baden, Germany, June 10, 1826, and the latter born in Rheinhessen, Germany. George Jacob Sexauer joined the Revolutionists at Baden, in 1848, fought under Hecker, Sigel, Strube, and others, and escaping to Switzerland, came to America in 1852. He settled first at Buffalo, N. Y., where he was married, and in 1857 came to Chicago, going thence to Galena, Ill., and later to Fountain City, Wis., which he has

made his home since 1860. He was a carriage-maker by trade, but has now retired from active life. Mrs. Sexauer died March 15, 1909, at the age of eighty-two years.

The education of Benjamin F. Sexauer was obtained at Fountain City and he attended the high school there. As is customary in German families, his parents encouraged him to begin work young, and he learned the trade of carriage maker, which his father followed, but not being suited with this occupation, learned the trade of printer and in 1896 became part owner of a German publication issued at Fountain City, known as the "Republikaner and Alma Blætter," selling his interest in 1899. He then located in Springfield and May 1, 1900, purchased the paper which he now publishes. He has met with gratifying success in this enterprise and has won many friends in the county. Mr. Sexauer is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Association, and fraternally is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the National Protective Legion. In political views he is a Democrat.

Mr. Sexauer was married, at Fountain City, Wis., April 10, 1900, to Miss Callie Alig, who was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, daughter of Chris and Christina (Fry) Alig. Mr. Alig was born in Switzerland and his wife in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Sexauer have no children.

SEWARD, Charles Henry, (who has Americanized his name from Suhra to Seward) is a native-born citizen of Springfield, where most of his life has been spent. He has established a large and prosperous business in the line of contracting and building, and operates almost exclusively in the capital city of the State. He is prominent in business circles and has won his present success, through his own efforts and ability, having been left fatherless at an early age, and being obliged to help in the support of the rest of the family. Mr. Seward was born September 27, 1864, at the corner of Sixth and Carpenter streets, a son of Charles and Dora (Miller) Suhra, both natives of Germany. The father was born at Altenburg, in 1823, and came to America as a young man, having previously learned the trade of cabinet-making, and served in the German Army. His marriage occurred in New Orleans in 1856, his wife being a native of the same province as he, and born in 1832. They were the parents of eight children, namely: two daughters and a son who died in infancy; William, who died at Alton, Ill., April 2, 1880; Gussie, wife of William Canfield, of Springfield; Charles H.; Dora, wife of Charles Hancock, both deceased, Hancock, dying December 24, 1904, Dora, dying March 23, 1905; and Katie, wife of E. L. Hardin.

Charles Suhra enlisted in August, 1861, as a private in Company A, Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and in November of the following year, was discharged on account of a wound in the knee, which compelled him to enter a hospital at St. Louis, and later one at Cairo, Ill. In 1864, he purchased the property at No. 554 West Canedy Street, which has since been the family home. Here he died April 30, 1872, and his remains were buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was a faithful and devout member of St. John's Lutheran Church, to which his widow also belonged. She died January 4, 1909.

Charles H. Seward received a good common school education in the public schools and a German Lutheran school, and took up special studies in a night school. As a youth he worked at various occupations to help in the support of the family, and in 1880, began learning the trade of a carpenter, spending four years in the shop of William Deffenbaugh, and seven years as foreman of construction, during which time he did some work on the Illinois State House. He took his first contract on his own account in 1891, and on many of the buildings he erected, also acted as architect, looking carefully into all the details incident to the undertakings. Some of his best known work in the city was begun during the last of the year 1903, when he and T. C. Baker, Jr., purchased a block on South Walnut Street, near his home, and there erected seven handsome residences. Among the contracts, he has satisfactorily filled are included those for the erection of homes, business blocks and flats for some of the most prominent people of Springfield, his business of making plans and erecting buildings during the last two years alone aggregating $70,000. He is now engaged in erecting the St. John's German Lutheran Church, corner College and Monroe streets at a cost of $31,000. His business has constantly increased in volume from year to year. His beginning was very small but as his promises were scrupulously kept and the interests of his patrons well cared for, his name came to inspire confidence and he soon won a reputation for reliability and integrity which has been one of his chief business assets. He purchased the family home in 1889, rebuilt it and has since bought the residence adjoining on the corner and the house next to it on the east, and has reason to be proud of the results of his carefully planned and executed efforts along this line.

Mr. Seward was married August 14, 1889, to Miss Carrie Malter, born in Springfield May 28, 1869, a daughter of John Malter who died during the year of her birth. The mother, whose maiden name had been Mary Kern, was married a second time, to Herman F. Bergner and resides in Springfield, near her daughter. John and Mary Malter had children as follows: Kate married Henry Stark, of Joplin, Mo.; Mrs. Seward; and John, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Seward have had ten children: Clara J. Marie, married August 18, 1909, Frank A Larson, a carpenter and contractor who began as an apprentice in 1905, under Mr. Seward, and is now one of the leading young men of Springfield, one son—Wayne Francis; Charles E.;

Robert, John, Pearl, Gertrude, George, Thurman Curtis, Florence Iola, and Samuel LaRue. Robert died in infancy. Mr. Seward is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and fraternally is connected with Central Lodge No. 71, A. F. & A. M.; Camp No. 1534, M. W. A.; Banner Lodge, F. C. L.; Lodge No. 58 Order of Owls; Sangamon Lodge No. 2758, M. B. of A.; Guiding Star Court, No. 271, T. B. H.; Improved Order of Red Men, No. 117; and Capital Life Association, of Springfield. He is a public spirited and enterprising citizen, interested in the improvement and development of his native city and county, and ready to forward the interests of any worthy cause which comes to his attention.

SHAFFER, William H.—There is a tendency to specialize in every direction, for men have realized by long experience that the most money is made in this way. Especially is this true of farming in such regions as Sangamon County, where land values have increased to such an extent that each square inch of ground must be made to produce to its fullest extent. For this reason a number of the most progressive farmers are operating small tracts as fruit and truck farms, with splendid results. One of the representatives of the new order of things, is William H. Shaffer. He was born in Morgan County, Ill., August 10, 1842, a son of Henry and Emeline (Tracy) Shaffer, born in Washington County, Md., the former born March 10, 1798, and the latter June 14, 1794.

Henry Shaffer came to Illinois, locating near Jacksonville in the early 'thirties, where for twenty-four years he operated a farm, but later sold it to come to Sangamon County. Upon arrival there, he located on the old Cross farm, in 1854, but three years later moved to the old Jake Miller farm on Sand Prairie. After four years more he moved to the vicinity of Mount Auburn, buying eighty acres of land. At the expiration of two years, he returned to Sangamon County, where his death occurred, May 10, 1891. His widow survived him until November 18th of the same year.

William H. Shaffer was educated in the primitive log schoolhouse of the period, remaining with his parents until their deaths. At that time, he began farming on the Ed North farm, but after a year there went to the Phil Michler farm. The next year he operated the Kane farm, and continued on it for ten years, when in 1906 he purchased twenty acres in Springfield Township, which has continued to be his home. This is a valuable piece of property, and his home and buildings show what kind of a farmer he is.

On September 24, 1862, Mr. Shaffer was married three miles south of Mechanicsburg, to Martha A. Staglen, born December 14, 1844. Her parents, Simpson and Margaret Staglen, born in Kentucky in 1794 and 1827, came to Sangamon County in the fall of 1860. The following year Mr. Staglen died in February 4th, but his widow survived until August 14, 1878. The former is buried in Morton Cemetery, and the latter in Cooper Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Staglen had seven children, all born in Kentucky, four of whom survive. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer: Henry lives in Springfield; Frank is a farmer of Clear Lake Township; Mary L. married James Colburn, of Christian County, and died in 1899, leaving a daughter, Pearl Colburn, born February 27, 1890. There is also a grandson in the family, Edward Shaffer, born September 6, 1898, who lives with his grandfather.

Mr. Shaffer is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, in whose good work he is much interested. For many years he has given his vote to the candidates of the Democratic party. Earnest, steadfast and hardworking, never shirking a duty, no matter how unpleasant, Mr. Shaffer sets an example to his children and his neighbors, which they would do well to follow. He is a true Christian, striving to model his life according to the teachings of his Master.

SHANKLAND, John H. (deceased).—In the death of John H. Shankland, which occurred June 21, 1909, Sangamon County lost one of its representative citizens, a man who had done much towards building up the town of Dawson, Ill., in more than one sense. He was a veteran of the Civil War, in which he received wounds, scars from which he carried to the time of his death. John H. Shankland was born May 6, 1826, in Montgomery County, Ky., son of Benjamin F. and Margaret Lucinda (Ferguson) Shankland, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Pennsylvania.

The parents of Mr. Shankland, in early married life, moved to Kentucky, where they were engaged in agricultural pursuits, and eventually removed to Warren County, Ind., and followed the same occupation up to the time of their deaths. They had the following children, all of whom are now deceased: John H., Thomas, Jesse, Sarah H., Ellen, Amanda and Mary Ann.

John H. Shankland was educated in Kentucky and during his boyhood days worked for his father on the home farm, but in 1856 came to Illinois and settled in Springfield, where he started to work as a carpenter and builder, a trade he had learned in his native State. In 1861, when the call came for 100-day volunteers. Mr. Shankland was one of the first to offer his services to the Union cause, enlisting in Company I, Seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Babcock and Gen. John C. Cook, and after his time had expired he veteranized in the same company and regiment, enlisting for three years. He was First Sergeant of his company and took part in many battles, among them being Fort Donelson, Belmont, Shiloh and Corinth, at which latter battle he was wounded in the shoulder and jaw, and carried a bullet in his head all the rest of his life. He was taken prisoner by the Confederates May 7, 1864, and served eight months in the prisons

at Andersonville, Cahaba and Florence. After being paroled July 7, 1865, Mr. Shankland was mustered out of the service at Washington, D. C., the 25th of the same month.

After completing his services to his country, Mr. Shankland returned to Sangamon County and located in Dawson, where he followed the trade of carpenter until 1874, then went to Riverton, but two years later went back to Dawson, his home until his death. He also spent a little time engaged in farming. He served as Police Magistrate for sixteen years, was a Notary Public, and was School Director for twelve years consecutively at one time and for sixteen years consecutively at another. He was a popular comrade of Buffalo Post, G. A. R., and at one time was the Commander of his post; had been Grand Master and High Priest of Dawson Lodge No. 556, A. F. & A. M., several times, and was also a member of the Odd Fellows and the Eastern Star. Mrs. Shankland is a member of the Eastern Star and the Woman's Relief Corps. She is a faithful member of the Methodist Church. In politics Mr. Shankland was a Republican.

On December 29, 1877, Mr. Shankland was married in Dawson, Ill., to Mrs. Mary Constant Rinker, who was born September 25, 1839, the daughter of Jacob and Amelia (Crocker) Constant, the former a native of Montgomery County, Ky., and the latter of the State of Georgia. The father removed from Kentucky to Ohio, settling in Clermont County, and in 1826 removed to Sangamon County, where six children were born: Mrs. Shankland, David, James H., Thomas S., Ira and John. Mrs. Shankland also has three half brothers and sisters, the father having been again married after the mother's death in 1847. Mr. Constant continued to farm in Mechanicsburg until his death in 1885.

The first marriage of Mrs. Sharkland occurred to John Rinker, in 1861, he being a native of Pennsylvania and a blacksmith by trade. He enlisted during the Civil War in Company H, Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Col. J. H. Rhodes, and died in Vicksburg from a congestive chill, September 13, 1863, though previously having been wounded at Pittsburg Landing. Mr. and Mrs. Rinker had one child: Antoinette, the widow of William H. Metcalfe, who has one son, Don R. She makes her home with Mrs. Shankland on the Dawson farm.

SHARP, George, a farmer of Riverton, Sangamon County, Ill., is of that excellent German blood which has ever been potent in the upbuilding and strengthening of our American citizenship. He is a son of Henry and Mary (Rubley) Sharp, Germans, and was born near Croton Falls, N. Y., November 20, 1852. It was at Croton Falls that his parents settled on coming to the United States. They soon moved to New Haven, Conn., whence they went eventually to Seymour in the same State, where they lived out their remaining days and passed from earth. All of their three children, two sons and a daughter, are living: George; Eliza, who married Henry M. Manweiler, of Seymour, Conn., and Henry, of the same place.

Mr. Sharp was educated in Seymour and as a boy was from time to time, variously employed there. He left that place March 27, 1870, for Springfield, and soon became a Sangamon County farmer, in which line he has been successful ever since. He now owns a fine farm of thirty acres on the border of Riverton, where he has made his home for the last nineteen years. He is a Republican and a Congregationalist, and Mrs. Sharp is a Methodist. She was Miss Elmira Fox, born at Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County, September 2, 1852, daughter of Aaron and Phoebe (Buck) Fox, farming people. They were natives of New Jersey, who were then living on the old Peter Cartwright farm, having had ten children: Charles W., Millicent, Sommers, Smith, Frank, Coleman and Elmira, living, and Hannah Jane, Emily and Hannah Jane, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were married in Springfield by Rev. Albert Hale, December 9, 1873. They have had a son, Robert F., now a soda manufacturer at Iola, Kan. He served in the Spanish-American War, as a member of Company H, Second Nebraska. Robert Sharp and his wife (whose maiden name was Alice Farley, and who was born in Riverton, Ill.), have had five children: Frieda, Aleta, George and Robert, and Elmira, who is deceased.

SHARTZER, Alfred A. (deceased).—Some of the representative Sangamon County agriculturists have passed from this life to the reward they richly deserved, after a life filled with hard work and many good deeds. One of these most excellent men, who for many years was connected with farming interests in this locality was the late Alfred A. Shartzer, formerly of Illiopolis. He was born in Dauphin County, Pa., February 22, 1841, a son of James Shartzer, also a native of Pennsylvania. James Shartzer was a farmer, who came to Illinois at an early day, settling in Macon County, where he operated a farm until his removal to Illiopolis. After coming there he entered the Baptist ministry, continuing in it until his demise.

Alfred A. Shartzer was educated in Dauphin County and during his boyhood worked for his father on the farm, but came to Illinois a year before the rest of the family, and, after they arrived, resumed his work of assisting his father. This state of things continued until his enlistment in Company I, Forty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years. At the expiration of his term of service, he re-enlisted in Company E, Fifty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. During their first campaign the regiment with which Mr. Schartzer enlisted was nearly decimated and the remainder consolidated with the Fifty-third Regiment. Mr. Shartzer served in many bloody engagements, including the Siege of Vicksburg, and was with Sherman in his famous March to the Sea. At

Fort Donelson, during the earlier part of the war, he was shot in the head, and he saw active service at Shiloh, Chattanooga and in other important battles. When he was mustered out at Chicago he was Sergeant.

Following his discharge Mr. Schartzer went to Sangamon County, where he began farming, thus continuing for several years, then entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad, being section foreman for seventeen years. Retiring on account of poor health, he opened a cigar factory, operating it for some time, finally dying July 10, 1891. For some years he served as a member of the Town Board of Illiopolis. He was a Mason, belonging to Illiopolis Lodge No. 208, and being at its head for some time prior to his death. He also belonged to Morgan Post, G. A. R. The Methodist Church held his membership, and his wife also early connected herself with that denomination.

On May 9, 1863, Mr. Shartzer was married, at Memphis, Tenn., to Mary E. Johnson, born near Little Rock, Bradley County, Arkansas, December 23, 1844, a daughter of Reuben Johnson, born in Alabama, as was her mother. Mr. Johnson was a farmer in Arkansas, living there until his death, but his widow came to Sangamon County, living there until her death. Her remains lie in beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery. She had four sons and two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Shartzer had one child, James Lee, now working at the Sangamon County poor farm. Mrs. Shartzer owns her pleasant home in Illiopolis, and is in receipt of a pension from the Government on account of her husband's services in defense of his country.

Although he never obtruded himself upon public notice, Mr. Shartzer was a man of considerable force of character and possessed a sincere nature, which found expression in his church work. He was a devoted husband and father, a kind neighbor, a loyal citizen, and all his life worked hard to provide for those dependent upon his exertions. His memory is tenderly cherished and he is remembered as one who never shirked a duty or sought to avoid a responsibility.

SHARTZER, Atkinson M., a retired farmer residing at Illiopolis, Ill., and a veteran of the Civil War, is a native of Dauphin County, Pa., born December 13, 1844. He is a son of Rev. James and Elizabeth (Minsker) Shartzer, natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Dauphin County, February 19, 1815, and the latter born in Cumberland County. The father carried on farming in Dauphin County and in 1858 came to Macon County, Ill., where for five years he carried on the same occupation, and in 1863 located in Illiopolis, where for the remainder of his life he served as a minister of the Baptist Church, filling that position until his death, February 17, 1899. Six sons and one daughter were born to him and his wife, of whom the following survive: Atkinson M.; Joseph, a farmer of Greeley County, Neb.; John W., a painter and decorator living at St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Shartzer was educated in the country schools of his native county and worked on a farm in his boyhood. He accompanied his parents to Macon County in 1858 and attended school there for a short time. In 1862 he heard the call of his country and enlisted in Company E, One Hundred Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving to the end of his term and participating in eighteen battles. He was mustered out at Washington and honorably discharged at Camp Butler, near Springfield. He is a member of the G. A. R., being affiliated with Morgan Post, No. 208.

Mr. Shartzer was married at Lake Fork, Ill., February 14, 1867, to Sarah P. Hall, who was born in Toledo, Ohio, April 20, 1850, daughter of William Hall, who carried on farming in Ohio for many years. In 1856 Mr. Hall brought his family to Sangamon County, where he conducted a farm until his death in 1864. His widow survived until 1894. Mr. Shartzer and his wife became parents of eleven children, of whom the following seven survive: James H., an electrician of Georgetown, Ill.; William J., of Illiopolis; Minnie A., married George Davis, an engineer residing in Springfield; John F., a farmer living near Illiopolis; Mary E., wife of William R. Tavner, who conducts a barber shop at Illiopolis; Anna L., wife of George S. Prater, a barber of Illiopolis; Hattie L., wife of Vernon Jackson, an electrician living at Newman, Ill. There are thirteen grandchildren in the family. Mrs. Shartzer died August 16, 1905, at her home in Illiopolis, having been a good wife and mother, and mourned by a large circle of friends. Mr. Shartzer is interested in any public movement he believes is for the betterment of his community and is a member of the Methodist Church. In political views he is a Democrat. The family is one of the older ones of the village, where they have an excellent standing and enjoy the respect of all.

SHEEHAN, Thomas.—Springfield is fortunate in the officers in whose hands are placed the safety and life of its residents. One of the most popular park policemen whose efficiency has been proven during long years of faithful service, is Thomas Sheehan. He was born in Waterford, Ireland, March 2, 1848, a son of James and Ellen (Flynn) Sheehan, both natives of Ireland. The parents, who were farming people, came to the United States in 1849, landing in New Orleans, where they remained a few days, when making their way to Naples, Ill. From there they went to Jacksonville, but after a short time there, once more made a change, this time selecting Springfield as their home, and there they remained until they died, the father passing away March 19, 1872, and the mother October 25, 1909. There were seven sons and three daughters in their family, and Thomas Sheehan was the oldest. Only six of this family now survive.

Thomas Sheehan was educated in Ireland and

the United States, which he reached in 1867, not having made the trip with the rest of the family. He came direct to Springfield and entered the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, working in the freight house. Two years later he was transferred to the roundhouse, and, after four years in all, became fireman. He worked twenty-four years for this company, and one year in the rolling mills, when he entered the Wabash Railroad shops, where he remained a short time, leaving to enter the City Engineer's office. After three years there, he was appointed park policeman, served a year, then returned to the City Engineer's office. However, popular demand made him return to his position as park policeman, and he is now guarding the interests of the people in this capacity.

Mr. Sheehan was married in Springfield, in May, 1872, to Bridget Tobin, born in Troy, N. Y., April 29, 1850. Her parents, coming from Ireland, located in Troy, later coming to Springfield, where they died when their daughter was but five years old. She was brought up by her grandmother. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan: Catherine, wife of Edward Davelin, of the fire department; Ellen, wife of A. R. Connelly, an insurance agent, of Springfield; Mary, in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company; Margaret, living at home, and James, a painter of Springfield. Mr. Sheehan has a pleasant home at No. 121 West Reynolds Street, and is in comfortable circumstances. He is a member of the Court of Honor. A good Catholic, he belongs to St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, of Springfield. In political convictions he is a Democrat, and he lives up to his views. Genial, courteous and with the chivalry of his race, Officer Sheehan has friends all over the city and is one of the most popular men on the force.

SHEEHAN, William Patton, proprietor of the Hotel Wabash, located on the corner of Tenth and Washington Streets, Springfield, Ill., is a well-known and popular citizen and successful in business. He was born in Ashland County, Ohio, December 25, 1853, and through his father is of Irish descent. He is a son of William and Mary (Patton) Sheehan, and grandson of John Sheehan, a farmer of Covington, Ky., who married Mary Putnam. The great-grandfather, John Sheehan, was a Revolutionary soldier.

William Sheehan was a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and became a Captain in the Mexican War. He located at Perrysville, Ashland County, where he died at the age of sixty-four years. His wife, who was a native of Lexington, Ky., died in Perrysville, in 1907, at the age of ninety-two years. She was a daughter of John Patton, who was a native of New England and a soldier in the Revolution, participating in the Battles of Lexington, Concord, Cambridge and others. He was wounded at Lexington by two bullets which penetrated his left shoulder, and he carried them to his grave. John Patton moved from Massachusetts to Ohio, and later went to Kentucky with Daniel Boone, locating in Lexington, where his death occurred.

William Patton Sheehan spent his childhood at Perrysville, Ohio, and when fifteen years old volunteered his services as a soldier in the Civil War, being refused on account of his extreme youth. When sixteen years of age he became a water boy on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad, became a brakeman, later a fireman, and eventually a locomotive engineer. After being hurt in a railroad wreck he became a conductor, in 1881, on the Wabash railroad, and filled this position until the strike of 1894, when he became freight conductor for the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis road, working for this company until 1905, when he accepted a position as passenger conductor on the Gulf Coast road. He was at Brownsville, Tex., at the time of the trouble with the negroes, whom he hauled in and out. After working two and one-half years for this road he resigned his position and returned to Springfield. He was appointed as Inspector for the Board of Health and served in this office until December, 1909, when he resigned and took hold of his present business. He is enterprising and progressive in his methods and has established a good patronage. His parents were members of the Episcopal Church, but he is not connected with any church. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is affiliated with the Order of Railway Conductors of America, and is a charter member of Camp No. 454, Modern Woodmen of America, and Massasoite Tribe of Red Men.

Mr. Sheehan was married (first) in Steubenville, Ohio, in 1870, to Miss Jennie Parr, who died in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1884. He married (second) in Fostoria, to Miss Ada Herald, daughter of William Herald. Her father and brother William were both killed in the Civil War. Mr. Sheehan had one child by his first marriage, Lillian, Mrs. Victor Wise, of Los Angeles, Cal. By his second marriage he had no children. Since his marriage Mr. Sheehan has made his home at different times at Crestline, Ohio; Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Springfield, Ill. He is well known in railway circles and is Secretary of Lincoln Division No. 206, O. R. C.

SHEPARD, James R.—It seems almost impossible to give any account of the life of a veteran of the Civil War that will give him full credit for his bravery and loyalty. It was no easy matter for a man to leave all he held dear and offer himself as a target for the bullets of the enemy, as well as subject himself to all the dangers attendant upon life in camp, yet how many did it, and few, if any, escaped perfectly unharmed. One of the honored veterans of Sangamon County is James R. Shepard, a retired farmer of Illiopolis, who was born May 27, 1839, three miles east of Decatur, Macon County, Ill.

He is a son of Stephen and Mary (Hawks) Shepard, the former born in Westmoreland County, Va., and the latter in Kentucky.

Stephen Shepard was a farmer, who came to Macon County in 1828, taking up eighty acres of the raw land. Afterwards he bought sixty acres one mile west and one north of this city of which he made a fine farm, operating it until his death, in 1858. During the Black Hawk War he defended his home and community by serving as a soldier. He and his wife had thirteen children, but none survive except James R. The Shepard family is of English origin, although the records are not definite enough to permit their insertion here.

James R. Shepard not only attended the district schools of Macon County, but graduated from Brush College, and is a well educated man. He worked on the farm for his father, growing up among healthy country surroundings, and was still engaged in farming when the war cloud burst, and he enlisted on June 27, 1861, at Springfield, in Company A, Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving six months under the command of Colonel (afterwards Brigadier General) Grant. The regiment left Springfield July 3, going to Missouri. Among other battles, Mr. Shepard participated in those of Fredericktown (Mo.), Corinth, Perryville, Knob's Gap, Stone River, Chickamauga, Liberty Gap, Pine Mountain, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin, and Nashville as well as many skirmishes. He was made First Lieutenant, and was mustered out with that rank at San Antonio, Texas, in December, 1865, and discharged at Camp Butler, Springfield.

Returning to Macon County, this brave soldier quietly resumed his farming, thus continuing until 1906, when he located in Illiopolis, although he still owns eighty acres of valuable Macon County farm land, as well as his home in Illiopolis. While residing in Macon County Mr. Shepard served as School Director. He belongs to Morgan Post No. 208, G. A. R., and to Camp 265, Modern Woodmen. For twenty years he has been a consistent member of the Christian Church.

On December 1, 1868, the former brave young lieutenant was married at Decatur, to Maria Anderson, born in Ross County, Ohio, August 27, 1842, a daughter of William Anderson. The latter came to Illinois in 1859, buying a farm in Macon County that was the site of Brush College, and there he lived for many years, but later sold it to return to Ross County, Ohio, where he died. Mrs. Anderson bore the maiden name of Nancy Hall and was a native of Kentucky. Of the nine children she bore her husband, not one survives aside from Mrs. Shepard. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard have had three daughters: Minnie and Edith live at home; Grace married James Dennis and they live on a farm in Piatt County. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis have two children, Robert and Myra, who are the pets of their grandparents and aunties. Miss Minnie and Miss Edith are charming ladies, who assist their mother in making the Shepard home one of the most pleasant in the neighborhood. Mr. Shepard is justly regarded as one of the representative men of Sangamon and Macon Counties, and has many friends in both localities.

SHEPHERD, Louis Pitner.—It is due to the efforts of energetic, progressive and intelligent farmers that agricultural conditions in Sangamon County are now in such a healthy condition. Intelligent cultivation of the soil, recognition of the value of crop rotation, tiling, grading, draining and ditching, and the use of modern machinery, have improved conditions wonderfully, and one of those who have assisted in the advancement of farming in the county is Louis Pitner Shepherd, who is operating a valuable farm in Woodside Township. Mr. Shepherd was born in Sangamon County, July 1, 1884, a son of Charles Miller and Sarah (Ford) Shepherd.

Charles Miller Shepherd came as a boy from Virginia and settled in Sangamon County. He was educated in the common schools and Concordia College at Springfield. He enlisted as a soldier in the Civil War, being a member of the Eleventh Regiment, Missouri Volunteer Infantry. For three years he was in partnership with his father and brothers, and then branched out on his own account, and spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits in Sangamon County, accumulating a large property, becoming a man of affairs in his community and being the owner of the Straw Bridge farm, on which he died. He was the father of three boys, all of whom are now carrying on agricultural operations in Sangamon County.

Louis Pitner Shepherd attended the common schools of his native place and later secured a college education, attending the University of Illinois. He and his brothers, Charles Raymond and Alva Ford, were brought up to lead farming lives. As soon as he left school he at once engaged in agricultural pursuits, and has continued to follow this line to the present time. His politics are those of the Republican party, but he has never desired to hold public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his excellent farm. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church.

Mr. Shepherd was married, November 25, 1908, in Glenarm, Sangamon County, Ill., to Geneva Fountain Lard, a daughter of Jacob F. and Estella (Leach) Lard. He was born in Sangamon County, but she was a native of Pike County. Mr. Lard is a prominent farmer of Ball Township. Mrs. Shepherd was born July 16, 1887, in Sangamon County, where she has spent her entire life. They have no children.

SHEPHERD, Thomas A., a leading farmer and business man of Ball Township, Sangamon County, is one of the largest landowners of the community, and has spent much of his life on the farm he now occupies, where he was born

December 4, 1860, being of Welsh descent. He is a son of Thomas B. and Arminda (Pyle) Shepherd, the former born in Maryland, and died February 2, 1911. Mrs. Shepherd, who was born in St. Clair County, Ill., October 13, 1838, died in Sangamon County, January 30, 1907, and both she and her husband are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield. Thomas B. Shepherd was an early settler in Sangamon County, where he became a prominent and successful farmer. A sketch of his life succeeds the one of his son Thomas A.

The boyhood of Thomas A. Shepherd was spent on his father's farm and he received his education in the country schools of Ball Township, where he applied himself to good advantage. He has always been fond of outdoor life and sports of all kinds, and as soon as he was old enough took up farming on his own account, spending twenty-three years on the farm owned by William Patterson, which he has since purchased. He came to the old home farm to live in 1906 and has since carried on the farm. He owns 580 acres of land in Ball, 160 in Divernon and 200 acres in Pawnee Township. He is progressive in his methods and pays considerable attention to raising stock, having his farm well stocked with cattle.

Mr. Shepherd is an enterprising business man, and September 1, 1909, in company with E. A. Baxter and M. C. White, organized the Pawnee State Bank, of which he is President. The bank is patronized extensively by the farmers of the locality, and has a capital stock of $25,000. Mr. Shepherd is recognized as a man of ability and good judgment, and has won success through his own efforts, making the most of opportunities that have come his way. He is interested in public affairs in the community and supports various measures which he considers will be of benefit to the people in general. In politics he is a Republican and fraternally a member of the Masonic Lodge at Pawnee. The family to which he belongs is well known in Sangamon County, where they are held in high esteem by all.

Mr. Shepherd was married in Ball Township, December 24, 1882, to Miriam M. Weber, the ceremony being performed by Rev. William Poe, of Oak Ridge Methodist Church. Mrs. Shepherd was born in Sangamon County, October 5, 1864, and is a daughter of George P. and Vienna (Meader) Weber, both natives of Sangamon County, the former born in Springfield. Three children have blessed this union: Stella M., born December 25, 1885; George W., August 15, 1890; Thomas C., November 7, 1893.

SHEPHERD, Thomas B. (deceased).—To have lived in one county for three-quarters of a century is to have seen and participated in almost unbelievable changes, to have watched the country grow from a wilderness into a flourishing, abundant farming section, to have seen the little towns develop into large cities and new towns and villages spring up, and to have seen the wilds of nature conquered by the onward, progressive march of man. There are few people in Sangamon County who can look back over seventy-five years spent there, and recall with anecdote and reminiscence the early days of this section, but this was the privilege of the late Thomas B. Shepherd, who during the last years of his life, retired on North Fifth Street, Pawnee, Ill., who came to Sangamon County in the spring of 1836. Mr. Shepherd was born in Washington County, Md., September 28, 1835, a son of Thomas C. and Ellen (Miller) Shepherd.

The progenitor of the family in America was Thomas Shepherd, a native of Wales, who came to Virginia. He settled on the south bank of the Potomac River, near Blue Ridge, and took up several thousand acres of land, and the place was named Shepherdstown, in his honor. He sold lots and acre tracts, and required that an annual quit-rent of five shillings be paid perpetually. The will which granted this land to him is now owned by Thomas B. Shepherd, covers eight pages of foolscap, and is dated August 20, 1776, being of much historic value.

Thomas C. Shepherd, father of Thomas B., was born in Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, W. Va., June 28, 1806, and was married there July 3, 1834, to Ellen Miller, who was born June 24, 1813. They made their home at Blackford's Ferry, Washington County, Md., until 1836, when they, with Grandfather Shepherd, Joseph, Amanda, James and Thomas B. Shepherd, started for Illinois in wagons, and, after a journey of six weeks, reached Sangamon County November 17, 1836, locating on a farm six miles south of Springfield that had been purchased by Mr. Shepherd the spring previous. Five children were born to Thomas C. and Ellen (Miller) Shepherd, namely: Thomas B.; John H., born February 21, 1838, married October 6, 1869, to Ann Pyle, and the one child of this union, Arminda, lives in Pawnee; Mary E., who died in Sangamon County; William B., born June 6, 1840, married October 23, 1867, Elizabeth H. Brown, who was born October 20, 1848, near Wheeling, W. Va., and now lives in Woodside, Ill., and has one child; and Charles M., born November 18, 1841, served three years in Company B, 11th Missouri Volunteers, married November 11, 1867, Sarah E. Ford, and died June 15, 1910, in Pawnee, leaving three children—Charles Raymond, Alva and Louis.

Thomas B. Shepherd is the only survivor of the party that made the wagon trip across the country in 1836. He was educated in the country schools until eighteen years of age and then took a course in the Illinois State University (its buildings now being the property of Concordia College), at Springfield, Ill. He lived at home until his marriage, at the age of twenty-four years, at which time he went to live on a farm in Ball Township. He lived on the same farm for forty-seven years, but after the death of his beloved wife left it and came to Pawnee, where he lived retired until his death. On October 26, 1859, he was married to Arminda Pyle, who died January 30, 1907. Her father, Alfred

Pyle, was an early settler of Sangamon County, and both he and his wife died in Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd there were born three children: Thomas A., the eldest, born December 4, 1860, residing on the old homestead, married Miriam M. Weber, daughter of George P. Weber, and has three children: Stella M., married, June 19, 1911, to Chester Baker, of Pawnee Township; George W. and T. C., all living at home. Ann E., the second child, born December 12, 1862, married George W. Davidson, of Divernon, son of Samuel Davidson, and has three children: Flossie S., Lelia S. and George, Jr., all at home, and Mary E., the youngest child, born October 24, 1864, married Charles W. Anderson, and they lived with Mr. Shepherd in his beautiful Pawnee home, and have two children, Leslie and Nellie.

Mr. Shepherd was a member of the Methodist Church and in political views he was a Republican for many years, but later acted with the Prohibition party. He died February 2, 1911, and both he and his wife are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield.

SHEPHERD, Thomas D., a retired farmer living at 1506 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Ill., and an honored veteran of the Civil War, was born at Lawrenceville, Ill., March 27, 1843, son of Henry Harrison and Adeline (Hackley) Shepherd, both natives of Virginia. The maternal and paternal grandfathers were soldiers in the War of 1812 and the father of Henry H. Shepherd came to Illinois, where he died at the age of one hundred and eight years. Henry H. Shepherd was a merchant all his life and became cashier of a bank in Lawrenceville, the second bank organized in central Illinois. His wife died in 1852.

The education of Thomas D. Shepherd was received in Lawrenceville and Olney, Ill., and his childhood was spent on a farm. He began working in a drug store after leaving school and lived in Lawrenceville until after the war, then moved to Washington, D. C., and until 1870 was engaged in drug business there. In that year he came to Sangamon County, Ill., and later located on a farm in Christian County, where he spent nineteen years in farming, since which he has lived in Springfield. He was an energetic and prosperous farmer and has the respect of all who know him. He has never married, but is of cheerful disposition, friendly manner and social tastes. He is a Methodist in religious belief and has always been an active adherent of the Republican party. He belongs to A. J. Weber Post No. 421, G. A. R.

Mr. Shepherd enlisted, first, in Company K, Seventieth Illinois Infantry, was given rank of Sergeant, served three months, and was mustered out, October 20, 1862, at Alton, Ill. He re-enlisted in Company K, Ninth Indiana Cavalry, at Vincennes, Ind., served three years and was mustered out at Vicksburg, Miss., in 1865, at the close of the war. He then was appointed in the regular army, becoming Second Lieutenant of Company K, Eleventh United States Infantry, served a year and was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, after which he served another year. After the war he was Commander of Libby Prison and was the last officer in charge of Jefferson Davis before he was sent back to Richmond. He received his final discharge at Richmond, Va., having been in the Government service nearly six years. He was wounded in the shoulder at Franklin, Tenn., and was also shot in the head and arm. He was taken prisoner at Sulphur Trestle, Ala., and escaped while crossing Dutch River. He spent some time in the Tennessee mountains with nothing to eat save corn bread. At one time he was hit on his breast with a bullet, but was saved by an album which he was carrying in his pocket, so that although every face was punctured and every picture ruined, it did not penetrate his body. Among the battles in which he participated were Nashville, Franklin, Sulphur Trestle, Spring Hill, and others too numerous to mention. He has every reason to feel great pride in his record as a brave and faithful soldier.

SHERMAN, Lawrence Y., lawyer, former legislator and Lieutenant Governor, and present head of the State Board of Administration, was born in Miami County, Ohio, November 6, 1858; at three years of age came with his parents to Industry, McDonough County, Ill., but when ten years old went to Jasper County, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools of that locality and in the law department of McKendree College, at Lebanon, Ill. Meanwhile he was engaged in teaching for a time in both Jasper and St. Clair Counties and, after graduating at McKendree College in 1881, located in Macomb, McDonough County, where he began the practice of his profession in 1882. Later he served one term as City Attorney of Macomb, and in 1886 was elected County Judge, at the expiration of his term in this office entering into partnership with George D. and Damon G. Tunnicliff, the latter serving for a short term as Justice of the Supreme Court by appointment as successor of Judge Pinkney H. Walker.

In 1894 Mr. Sherman was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Representative in the General Assembly from the McDonough District, but withdrew to prevent a division in party ranks. Two years later (1896) he was nominated for that office and elected, and subsequently reelected for three successive terms, during the last two terms (the Forty-first and Forty-second General Assemblies) serving as Speaker of the House. In 1904 he was nominated and elected Lieutenant Governor on the Republican ticket, serving during Gov. Deneen's first term. At the expiration of his term as Lieutenant Governor in 1909 he was appointed by Gov. Deneen President of the newly created State Board of Administration, a position to which he was re-

appointed in 1911, for a full term of six years. This board has general supervision of all State Charitable Institutions in Illinois (seventeen in number), a position for which Mr. Sherman, by his integrity, benevolent temperament and executive ability, is especially well suited, and his administration has met with marked success.

SHERMAN, Lawrence Y. (Vol. I, p. 608.)

SHIELDS, James. (Vol. I, p. 478.)

SHIPP, Clark Brahm, a prominent attorney of Springfield, who for a number of years has filled the office of Police Magistrate with ability and credit, and to the general satisfaction of the citizens, has won distinction in his chosen profession. He is actively interested in every movement he thinks will be of benefit to the people in general and is identified with the progress and improvement of the city. He has been a member of the Bar but a few years, but has shown promise of a successful career in his chosen field, and is recognized as a rising young lawyer. He was born in Petersburg, Ill., October 29, 1879, son of Columbus and Farinda Jennie (Goff) Shipp. Columbus Shipp was engaged in mercantile business in Petersburg.

After attending the public schools of Petersburg and Knox College, at Galesburg, Ill., Clark B. Shipp began his legal education and was admitted to the Bar. He had for some time been in the employ of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, of Springfield. He was first elected to his present office in 1906 and was re-elected in 1908, both times being a candidate on the Democratic ticket.

From 1896 until 1899 Mr. Shipp served as a member of Company C, Fifth Illinois Infantry. He belongs to St. Paul's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral, and is prominent in fraternal circles, being affiliated with St. Paul's Lodge No. 500, A. F. & A. M., and to Springfield Lodge No. 158, B. P. O. E., being Past Exalted Ruler of the latter order. He is a Democrat in political views and actively interested in public affairs. He has formed many warm personal friends, among whom he is well liked and popular. He is located at 611 South Seventh Street and is unmarried.

SHOCKLEY, Uel Hickman (deceased), was a resident of Springfield, Ill., thirty-one years before his death, and was for some time engaged in business in the city. He was born near Columbus, Ohio, July 10, 1825, son of Archibald and Susan (Hill) Shockley, the former a native of Ohio and a farmer by occupation. They were parents of two sons and three daughters. The boyhood of U. H. Shockley was spent on his father's farm near Columbus, and he received his education in the country schools. After leaving school he remained with his father until his marriage, in 1844, and then carried on farming on his own account several years, but later built up a business as carpenter and contractor, and in this connection erected many houses and other buildings in Sangamon County. He was an energetic and successful business man and took no active part in politics, although he was a Republican after the organization of that party and stanchly supported its principles. He belonged to no secret organizations of any kind, but was zealous in the work of the church and Sunday School with which he was connected, and after coming to Springfield united with the Second Methodist Episcopal Church. For several years before his death he lived retired from active business affairs and made his home with his daughter, Mrs. W. B. Coleman, at 1411 Pasfield Avenue.

June 20, 1844, Mr. Shockley was married to Miss Charity Bowman, who was born at Columbus, Ohio, October 27, 1826, daughter of John and Margaret (Reynolds) Bowman. Children as follows were born of this marriage: John, September 10, 1854; George, November 13, 1847, and Mary E., November 4, 1862, in Litchfield, Ill. Mary E. Shockley was married, December 2, 1891, by Reverend Kulner, of Springfield, to William B. Coleman, who was born in New York city, January 16, 1855, son of Benjamin and Mary Francis (Glennan) Coleman. Mr. Coleman is Check Clerk with the Chicago, Pennsylvania and St. Louis railroad company, and he and his wife own their pleasant home in Springfield. They have three children, as follows: Charles I., born September 17, 1892, with the Court of Honor Insurance Society; Etta Grace, born August 15, 1894, stenographer for Mr. Reinhart, a wholesale fruit broker; and Benjamin H., born September 11, 1896, is attending school.

At the Coleman home, Mr. Shockley passed away, July 3, 1905, and his remains were interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was a man of excellent character and kindly dispositon, and his loss was widely mourned. He was known and missed in many circles and was always active in any movement connected with the good work of the church of which he was a member. His wife is still living and resides with her daughter, at the age of eighty-five years.

SHOUP, Samuel.—Sangamon County will always be a strongly agricultural center, for the fertile lands of this section, under the magnificent climatic conditions, bear so abundantly that there will always be men glad to wrest from the black soil the large returns awaiting their efforts. One of the progressive farmers of this locality is Samuel Shoup, born in Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, March 23, 1864, a son of Henry and Ruth (Knotts) Shoup, the former born in Ohio, and the latter in Illinois. The father came with his parents to Cotton Hill Township, and he and his wife were married in Springfield. Following this he bought land, owning at one time 188 acres in Cotton Hill Township. He was a Democrat and

a consistent member of the Baptist Church. His wife died in 1906, and he in 1904. There were seven children in the family: Elbert, of Springfield; Sarah, wife of James Milliner, a farmer near Glenarm; Jacob, of Michigan; Elijah, a farmer near New City, Ill.; Leander, of Cotton Hill Township; Samuel; and Lilla, wife of Leonard Lawley, a farmer of Cotton Hill Township.

Samuel Shoup attended Crow Mill School in his native township, at the same time working for his father and thus gaining a practical knowledge of farm work. In 1903 he married and went on a farm of his own. The following year he bought his present farm of thirty-nine acres, which he has placed under a fine state of cultivation. He raises stock of all kinds for the market.

On December 2, 1903, Mr. Shoup married Sally McKee, daughter of James McKee, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shoup: James Henry, born April 17, 1906; Ruth Geneva, born April 19, 1909, and an infant, deceased. Mr. Shoup is a Democrat and has served most acceptably as School Director and Road Commissioner. He is liberal in his religious views. His wife belongs to the Methodist Church. An excellent farmer, a good citizen and successful business man, Mr. Shoup is one of the representative men of Sangamon County, which has been his home all his life.

SHROYER, Abel, an enterprising and representative citizen of Capital Township, Sangamon County, conducts a blacksmith shop and owns six acres of land. He was born at Troy, Miami County, Ohio, August 14, 1843, son of John B. and Mary A. (Sullivan) Shroyer, the former born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Maryland. The father was a farmer by occupation and for many years lived in Ohio, but in 1880 came to Illinois. Settling in Girard County, he bought a farm there, and later moved to Macoupin County. He died in 1896 and his widow now lives on the old home place in Macoupin County, with her son, Eber Shroyer, having reached the age of ninety-four years (1910). There were eight children born to John B. Shroyer and his wife, of whom seven now survive.

In the early boyhood Abel Shroyer attended the country schools of his native county, and he was reared to agricultural pursuits. In youth he learned the trade of blacksmith, in Carlisle, Ohio, and afterward worked at this trade in Tippecanoe. Later he worked fifteen years at his trade in Peru, Ind. He came to Sangamon County in 1898 and has since continued to work at his trade near the city, in 1904 purchasing six acres of land where his present business is located, and where he has built up a good trade. He is conscientious and painstaking in the work he turns out and has the confidence of his patrons. He carries on farming to a small extent, and is fairly successful in that line of endeavor as well. He owns a pleasant home and has many friends in the community.

Mr. Shroyer was married, in Girard, Ill., in 1875, to Frances Doty, who was born in Macoupin County. Her parents were from the East and were early settlers of Macoupin County, where both died. Three daughters and one son were born of this union: Theodore, a brakeman on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, lives in Girard, Ill.; Etta, wife of Charles Clark, a contractor living at El Paso, Tex.; Gussie, wife of Samuel Weaver, clerk for Swift & Company, and living in Chicago; Stella, living in Bloomington, Ill. Mr. Shroyer has two grandchildren.

Mr. Shroyer is a member of the Dunkard Church and his wife is a Presbyterian. Both are much interested in church work and every worthy object meets with their ready approval and support. Mr. Shroyer is a Democrat in politics. He is an industrious, hard-working man, fond of home and family, and makes the most of his opportunities for advancement in life. He and his wife have reared a family of children who are a credit to them.

SHUMATE, Hiram H., retired farmer, Riverton, Sangamon County, is one of the few remaining citizens of his part of the State who are distinguished as having personally known Abraham Lincoln during the active years in Illinois of that distinguished, martyred and universally lamented President. Mr. Shumate was born in Andrew County, Mo., April 3, 1849, a son of Hiram and Eliza Jane (Beacham) Shumate, natives of Kentucky. His father, a blacksmith, came quite early to Illinois, locating first in Macoupin County, whence, after some years, the family removed to Missouri, where the elder Mr. Shumate farmed and worked at his trade till 1849, when he set out for California in quest of gold, dying *en route*. His widow survived him until March 10, 1857, when she died in Calhoun County, Ill. Of their five sons four are living: Hiram H. Shumate; Joshua B. Shumate, of Havensville, Kan.; Joseph M. Shumate, of Frankfort, Marshall County, Kan.; and William H. Shumate, of Eskridge, Kan. Joshua B. is a mail carrier; Joseph M. is an insurance agent, and William H. is a minister of the Christian Church.

Mr. Shumate came to Sangamon County, in 1853, when he was about four years old, and his education was secured there. He gave the active years of his life to farming and was so employed until a few years ago, when he moved to Riverton to live in retirement from active life. However, his experience since has demonstrated that idleness is no rest for a man who has long been busy. Tiring of having nothing to do, five years ago he assumed the position and duties of janitor of the public school buildings of the village. He was President of the local Board of Education one term and has been a member of the Board three years.

There is another chapter of Mr. Shumate's life which must not be overlooked. When the Civil War began he went to the front as Captain's boy, with Captain Davis, of Company H, Seventy-third Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was on duty with that organization until after the battle of Stone River. Returning home, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was stationed at Rock Island on guard duty. He was discharged at Springfield, Ill., September 12, 1864. January 3, 1865, he re-enlisted for three years or during the war in Company C, Thirteenth Regiment, United States Infantry, in which regiment he served against Indians of the West, taking part in many exciting engagements and skirmishes, and having many arduous, dangerous and interesting experiences. He was finally mustered out in Dakota, January 2, 1868. His four brothers also did duty as soldiers under the stars and stripes in the War of the States. He is prominent as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, a Red Man, a Methodist and a Republican.

November 19, 1874, Mr. Shumate married, at Curran, Ill., Miss Louisa Drennan, born near Curran, the daughter of a farmer. She lived until July 21, 1908, and bore him children, of whom Herman, now living with his father, is the only survivor. Mr. Shumate owns a fine home and considerable other valuable property at Riverton. He is a man of education, amiability and much force of character, who has made and retains numerous warm personal friends. His life has spanned the modern development of Sangamon County, and he has witnessed many changes all around him and helped to bring about some of the most important ones.

Mr. Shumate has also been Justice of the Peace and Notary Public for twenty-two years. He has heard hundreds of cases during this time and many appeals have been taken from his judgment to the County and Circuit Courts, but he has never had a decision reversed.

SHUMWAY, Hiram P. (Vol. I, p. 480.)

SIDENER, George P., Jr. (deceased).—The men who were able to look ahead and foresee the values which would be attached to farming land in Sangamon County, reaped large harvests, for the property they secured at nominal prices now are held for amounts that in those days would have appeared impossible. However, these values are but the legitimate results of concentrated effort on the part of the farmers to develop and improve not only their farms, but the more congested sections, and now they and theirs are profiting manyfold. One of the most advanced and prosperous farmers of his time was the late George P. Sidener, Jr., who for years operated a farm in the vicinity of Rochester. He was born in Bourbon County, Ky., December 10, 1833, being a son of George P. Sidener, who was also a farmer, and a native of Kentucky, who spent his life in his home state.

George P. Sidener, Jr., grew up in his native city, receiving an excellent education. His inclinations led him to adopt farming, but he felt he could not make the progress he desired in Kentucky, so he moved to Sangamon County, Ill., about half a century ago, locating on a farm near the South Fork, where he rented forty acres of land. Later he purchased a farm near Rochester, Ill., where he passed the remainder of his life. His death occurred on the home farm, December 30, 1900, and his remains rest in the Rochester cemetery.

On February 9, 1858, Mr. Sidener was united in marriage in Rochester, Ill., with Hannah R. Elder, born in Rochester, July 1, 1841, daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Clinkenbierd) Elder, natives of Kentucy and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Sidener became the parents of the following children: Phoebe Ann, born December 29, 1858, deceased; Charles L., born July 24, 1860; Ada Amelia, born January 29, 1862; James G., born May 14, 1864; Flora A., born June 14, 1867; Edward Benjamin, born November 14, 1868; William A., born February 20, 1873, and Fred E., born December 26, 1877.

Mr. Sidener, while not a politician in any sense of the word, took an active interest in local affairs, casting his influence with the Republican party. The Christian Church held his membership, and he was liberal in his contributions to it, attending service in Rochester. After his death his widow, renting the farm, moved to Springfield where she now resides at No. 101 East North Grand avenue. She is a lady well known in the city, and universally respected. Mrs. Sidener owns the home farm near Rochester. Mr. Sidener lived out a quiet, uneventful life, honorably and well. Whatever came to him to do he did honestly, and always tried to give the other man a fair deal. Although a decade has elapsed since his demise, his memory is tenderly cherished, and honored in the county where he spent the greater part of his life.

SIDENER, Richard Allen, a prominent and well-known business man of Springfield, Ill., was born in Garrard County, Ky., August 20, 1849, son of George P. and Anna (Smith) Sidener, both born in Lancaster, Garrard County, where they lived until 1857, then moved to a farm near Breckenridge, Sangamon County, Ill., and three years later purchased a farm near Springfield, where the father died in 1867 and the mother in 1868. The parents of George P. Sidener and those of his wife were all natives of Kentucky. He drove a Government team at Camp Butler during the Civil War.

The education of Richard A. Sidener was acquired in a little log school-house east of the city of Springfield, and he remained on his father's farm until he was fifteen years of age. He then followed agricultural pursuits until he was thirty, then for three years followed the

occupation of contract painting. He subsequently took up the tiling business in Sangamon County and vicinity, and has been very successful. He has built up a good business and is one of the representative business men of Springfield. He is a self-made man in every respect and has made the most of his opportunities for improvement and advancement. He has spent most of his life in Sangamon County, where he has become well known and highly respected.

Mr. Sidener was married, in Taylorville, Ill., to Luella Utterbach, who was born in Clay County, Ill., October 22, 1869, daughter of B. W. and Floretta (Mitchell) Utterbach, both natives of Clay County, where they spent most of their lives. The Utterbach family moved to Springfield about 1880 and are now living there. Mrs. Sidener was one of six children, of whom four survive. Her grandparents were natives of Illinois and Virginia.

Thirteen children were born to Mr. Sidener and his wife, of whom seven survive: William F., born in Taylorville, Ill., August 21, 1887, married Alice Hoepfner, who was born in Springfield, May 17, 1891, and they have one child, Wilma May, born in El Paso, Tex., November 9, 1909, and they now reside in Springfield; Robert Allen, born October 6, 1889, is unmarried and lives at home; Floretta, born December 18, 1892, married Carl Langston, a native of Menard County, and they had one child, Nellie May, deceased, and now live in Springfield; Sylvester, born October 13, 1894, died in 1895; Ora June, born June 4, 1897, died March 21, 1902; Bertha Leona, born in Springfield, May 22, 1900; Nina Luella, born January 18, 1902; Richard Earl, born May 20, 1905; Harvey Ray and Margaret May, twins, born April 13, 1908, are deceased; Elfreda, born August 14, 1910; and two others deceased.

Mr. Sidener had married (first), in Garnett, Anderson County, Kan., in 1872, Sarah Hill, a native of Shelby County, Ill., whose parents were natives of Illinois, where their entire lives were spent. Mrs. Sidener died May 18, 1878, having had two children, Ida Pearl and Nellie May, both born in Sangamon County. Ida Pearl married D. S. Fischer, of Springfield, where they reside, and they had six children: Everts, Charlie, James, Irval, Florence (deceased), and Orval Harold. Nellie May Sidener married Orval Clarry, of Christian County, where they now reside, and they became the parents of two children, Muriel, born in Christian County, and Giula, deceased.

Mr. Sidener has many friends in Sangamon County, where the most of his life has been spent, and he enjoys an excellent reputation in business circles. He is a Methodist in religious belief and in politics is a Republican.

SIEBERT, Gustav A.—A live, energetic young man of Springfield, who has devoted his energies to the building up of large business enterprises for others, is Gustav A. Siebert. This young man, who is so well and favorably known to everyone in the city and the large territory contiguous to it, was born in Altamont, Effingham County, Ill., May 30, 1878, a son of William Siebert.

After a boyhood spent in Altamont, where he attended the parish school of the neighborhood, as well as the public schools, when only thirteen years old, Mr. Siebert commenced working for farmers. He learned many valuable lessons of industry and economy, but was not satisfied with his outlook, and in 1895 came to Springfield to engage with his brother as a clerk. Almost immediately his value was recognized by his employer, who depended upon him more and more during the succeeding years. Perhaps no other man in his position is better qualified to serve the people than he, for he understands every detail of the business and the needs of the customers.

On December 10, 1904, occurred the marriage of Mr. Siebert, in Springfield, when he was united with Sophia Biesenthal, who was born in Sangamon County, a daughter of Frederick and Sophia (Kuhn) Biesenthal, farming people of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Siebert have no children. In religious faith Mr. Siebert is a Lutheran and he is one of the loyal supporters of his church. In politics he is a Republican and his party places implicit trust in him. Honorable, hard-working and conscientious, Mr. Siebert is a young man who deserves the confidence he has always inspired. He owns his pleasant home, located at No. 1125 South Spring Street.

SIMON, Prof. John S., well known in educational circles, has been connected with Concordia College, of Springfield, for the past twenty-three years, and educational work for fifty-one years, and is regarded with reverence and respect by all the pupils who have come under his supervision and instruction, although many of them are now far from the scene of their former studies. Prof. Simon was born at Augsburg, Germany, on March 5, 1832, a son of John S. and Sabine (Kuehlreuter) Simon, both of German birth. The father was a merchant and conducted a store at Augsburg, where both parents died. They had four sons and two daughters and the only one of the family now surviving is the subject of this sketch.

As a boy, John S. Simon attended the public schools of his native place, and afterward entered college there, preparing himself for the profession of teaching, which he has followed all his life since. He began teaching in Germany, and in 1852, was sent by the German Commission to erect a Teacher Seminary in Saginaw, Mich. One year later he was called to Monroe, Mich., where he lived and labored twenty-eight years in a parochial school with great success. In 1881, he was called to Concordia College, where he has taught both English and German and has made a specialty of the subjects of general history, geography, grammar, bible history, pedagogy and literature. He

also lectures in mission work and music. On account of the illness of his wife, Prof. Simon was compelled to resign in 1904, from active teaching, but is still a member of the faculty, and for the past twenty years has had charge of the financial affairs of the institution and synod. He is a member of the German Lutheran Trinity Church, and for the past thirty years has held various church offices. He is also Secretary of the Springfield Hospital.

Prof. Simon was married at Monroe, Mich., in April, 1865, to Catherine Anweiler, a native of Monroe, Mich., born December 1, 1839, of German parents. Her father engaged in farming after coming to America, owning a big farm near Monroe, and both parents died in Michigan. Mrs. Simon died June 26, 1905. Ten children were born to her and her husband, of whom seven now survive: John, a merchant and owner of a farm, of Arcadia, Mich.; William, a druggist of Cairo, Ill.; Henry, proprietor of a hotel at Detroit, Mich.; Edward, M. D., practicing in Cairo; Julia, wife of Fred Yazell of Springfield; Bertha, wife of Anton Piper living with her father, her husband being employed in the Wabash shops; Hedwig, wife of William Vose, her husband being superintendent of a mine. Mr. Simon has a nice home at 1000 South Eleventh street, and has many friends in the city, county and state. He is very proud of his children and twelve grandchildren.

While residing in Monroe, Mich., Mr. Simon was drafted into the army, during the Civil War, but the people of the congregation induced him not to serve, for they felt they needed his services in the schools there, and so he continued teaching in compliance with their wishes. Not only has he given his life to teaching, but he has written a number of books on educational matters, which have proven very valuable to the profession. Among them may be mentioned "Paed. Schulkunde," Lehrplan for academies, Lehrplan for parochial schools, Lehrplan for one class schools, and others. In these books he displays a wonderful acquaintance with his subjects, and is regarded as an authority on pedagogy and kindred matters. For more than half a century was Professor Simon active in educational work, and many of his scholars are now engaged in mission work, not only in different parts of this country, but also in Canada, in South America, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand and other parts of the world.

SIMPSON, James Wickliff, one of the old and honored citizens of Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County, Ill., was for fifty years engaged in the blacksmith business and is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his years of labor. He was born in the shadow of the old Court House, in Springfield, September 8, 1836, a son of Jordan and Clarissa (Sayre) Simpson.

Jordan Simpson was born July 19, 1808, in Fayette County, Ky., and his wife October 31, 1816, in Cape May County, N. J. He came to Sangamon County in 1883, and there met Miss Sayre, their marriage occurring October 27, 1835. He was a wool carder and weaver by trade and after coming to Sangamon County went to work in a little carding mill in Tallula, continuing to work at his trade until within a few years of his death. He and his wife were devout Christian people, being consistent members of the Christian Church and constant attendants of its service. Both were buried near Pleasant Plains. In politics he was a strong Democrat, but would never accept any political office. He passed to his reward December 23, 1872, his wife surviving him until May 17, 1897. To them were born nine children: James W.; one who died in infancy; Isaac N., who enlisted in 1861 in Company G, Tenth Illinois Cavalry, served three years, was honorably discharged, returned home and died February 24, 1866; William J., born April 24, 1841, a well-to-do resident of Chicago, married (first) Alice Buchanan and (second) Victoria Penn; Catherine B., born August 18, 1842, married Benjamin Watts, December 2, 1864, and resides at Springfield; Mary M., born April 6, 1848, married November 20, 1867, Morris Hillyard, and resides near Climax, Greenwood County, Kan.; Jennie J., born October 25, 1850, married in 1869, David Gibson, a resident of Springfield; Julia A., born March 5, 1863, married Wiley Johnson, a resident of St. Joseph, Mo.; and Lucy M., born August 25, 1857, the widow of W. M. Smith, is residing in Chicago.

The boyhood of Mr. Simpson was spent in doing odd jobs, working on a farm, and attending school, and when he was twenty-two years of age he apprenticed himself to J. K. Adams to learn the trade of blacksmith. The work was hard and the hours long, he often starting in at daylight and working so late that he would need candlelight, and his first year's work netted him $60, while for the second year he received $72. In 1861 he hired out as a journeyman with Joel H. Ellis, near Old Berlin, and in 1862 went to work at Petersburg, but during the same year located in Pleasant Plains and there purchased a shop of his own.

On November 6, 1867, he was united in marriage with Julia B. Butler, who was born December 4, 1847, daughter of Stephen H. and Nancy (Coats) Butler, the former born November 12, 1818, in Adair County, Ky., and the latter December 16, 1825, in Warren County, Ky. They were married February 27, 1845, and were parents of twelve children. After his marriage, Mr. Simpson went to housekeeping in Macon County, but eventually returned to Pleasant Plains, purchased land on East Main Street, and in 1874 built a fine home, where he and Mrs. Simpson have resided to the present time. They have had these children: William Edward, born August 16, 1868, conducting a drug store at Gridley, Cal.; Sally E., born April 29, 1870, is the wife of H. H. Hansford; Mary E., born June 10, 1872, is the wife of Robert B. Smith, a farmer of Auburn Township; Bertha Jane, born December 27, 1874, is the wife of L. A. Green, and resides near Porcupine, Mont.; Alice Belle,

born May 13, 1877, is the wife of W. W. Smith, of Auburn, Ill.; and Essie Ruth, born December 10, 1885, is the wife of Dr. M. D. Henderson, of Pleasant Plains.

Early in life Mr. Simpson joined the Christian Church, and has always continued in that faith. He is a stanch adherent of Temperance and has always fought the liquor traffic. Mr. Simpson has served on the village Board of Trustees. His fraternal connection is with the Good Templars.

SIMPSON, William R., one of the best-known farmers of Ball Township, Sangamon County, Ill., where he has spent his entire life, was born on the farm he now occupies, on Section 22, January 22, 1862, and is a son of Robert G. and Martha A. (Stout) Simpson, both natives of Fayette County, Ky. Robert G. Simpson was born May 3, 1826, and has spent all his life in farming, being now the owner of a farm near Glenarm, Ill., where he is living, at the age of eighty-five years. His father, a native of Kentucky, died when Robert was but seven years of age, from cholera. Some years later Robert G. Simpson's mother, Rebecca Randolph Simpson, married William Chambers, of Kentucky. Robert G. Simpson came with them to Sangamon County, Ill., when he was eighteen years of age, the trip being made in wagons. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers lived in Sangamon County a number of years, then removed to Macomb, McDonough County, Ill., where Mr. Chambers died in 1855. Mrs. Chambers died in 1866. Martha A. Stout was brought by her parents to Sangamon County when she was six years old, the family making the trip with a wagon. Her parents were natives of Kentucky and came to Sangamon County in 1835 and her father died in the house where he first settled on coming to Illinois. Mrs. Stout died later at the home of her son, Philemon, near the old homestead. Mrs. Martha Simpson was born April 1, 1829, and died on the farm in Ball Township, January 6, 1908, being buried in Stout Cemetery. Both families were early settlers in Sangamon County and became influential and well known.

As a boy William R. Simpson was very fond of outdoor life and spent many happy hours in hunting. He was early taught to perform his share of the tasks on the farm and was educated in the country schools near his boyhood home. He engaged in farming on his own account when he was old enough, and has been successful in his operations, bringing his land to a high state of cultivation and paying careful attention to all the details of his work. He carries on general farming, carrying on sixty acres belonging to his father and renting considerable land. He is held in high esteem for his many fine qualities of mind and heart, and is always ready to lend his aid to those in sickness or distress. Although not a member of any church, he tries to follow the Golden Rule and believes in practical Christianity. He is a man of good principle, honest and reliable, and in his dealings with his fellow men has always been actuated by justice and fairness. He is a Republican in principle, but in local affairs votes for the man he believes will best carry out the wishes of the people and act for the greatest good of the greatest number. Fraternally Mr. Simpson is a Modern Woodman, being affiliated with Sugar Creek Camp, of Glenarm, Ill. He takes an active interest in the cause of education and progress, and any movement for the uplifting and benefit of his fellows. He is now serving in the offices of School Director and Road Commissioner.

Mr. Simpson was married in Sangamon County, December 24, 1889, by Rev. Wheeler, of Pawnee, to Miss Addie Hall, born at Witt, Montgomery County, Ill., December 16, 1865, daughter of Jim and Sarah (Williams) Hall, both natives of Tennessee, who came to Sangamon County, where the former died, and his widow still resides there. Mr. Hall was a prominent farmer and stock-dealer, and his father, who was a native of Tennessee, died in 1865. The Grandfather Williams was a native of Tennessee, and died in 1889. Two children were born to Mr. Simpson and his wife: Leslie H., born June 11, 1891, and Mata E., born October 22, 1894. Leslie attended the country school and afterwards graduated from the Caldwell High School (where the daughter is now a student), then engaged in teaching in Sangamon County.

SIMS, David Hudson, a substantial farmer and large landowner living at Latham, Logan County, Ill., is a native of the place where he now resides, born July 8, 1838. He is a son of David and Elizabeth (Elston) Sims, who lived on a farm at Latham. The father, who was of Scotch descent, was born in Charlotte County, Va., January 1, 1801, and the mother was born in Henry County, Ky., March 5, 1806. David H. Sims was educated in his native county and was reared to farm work, in which he has since been very successful on his own account. Besides the 400 acres he owns at Latham he also has 160 acres in Kansas, 160 acres in Texas and several hundred acres in old Mexico.

Mr. Sims earned a good record as a soldier, enlisting as private in Company H, Thirteenth Infantry. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant, three months later to rank of First Lieutenant, and in 1865 was again promoted. At the close of the war he resumed his farming operations. He has been successful in his agricultural operations and is recognized as a man of energy and ability.

Mr. Sims was married, at Marshalltown, Iowa, July 4, 1860, to Miss Ann Burkes, who was born June 30, 1845, daughter of James and Marcy Burkes. Three children blessed this union, namely: Mrs. Clara M. White, born December 6, 1866; Myrtle R., Mrs. Huston, born January 21, 1875; David Benjamin, born January 6, 1882. Mr. Sims is a Republican in politics and he is a member of the Christian

Church. He has been a member of the Masonic Order for fifty years, for forty has been a member of the Knights of Pythias, and also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Sims is Vice President of the Springfield & Jacksonville Interurban Railway Company, engaged in constructing an electric line between the two cities.

SIMS, George Washington, a successful truck gardener living at 1261 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, Ill., owns a fine house and two lots there. He is a native of Muskingum County, Ohio, born March 17, 1838, son of James and Lucy Ann (Shackford) Sims, both born in Virginia, the father in 1811 and the mother in 1815. James Sims was a farmer and shingle maker, and he and his wife located six miles west of Springfield in 1865, living there until their deaths. The father died in 1887, and the mother in 1891, and both are buried in the United Brethren Cemetery west of Springfield. James Sims enlisted in 1862, and served in the Union Army. He had two sons who also served in the war and one of them was captured by the enemy and held eight months in Libby Prison, Thirteen children were born to Mr. Sims and his wife seven now living besides G. W.—George John, James, Austin, Angelina, Nancy and Lucy Ann.

George Washington Sims received his education in an old log schoolhouse in his native State where the seats were hand-made slabs. He remained with his father on the farm until he was nineteen years old, then worked a year at the trade of cooper, after which he took up farming as an occupation and also made rails and posts. He was an active and vigorous young man and has cut from the stump and corded up five cords of wood in one day; and remembers cutting one tree on Spring Creek from which he made fourteen cords of wood. He remembers Abraham Lincoln very well, having visited his home a number of times. He has been active in the interests of the Democratic party and in 1894, was elected Road Commissioner, serving three years. He is a member of the Union Baptist Church and is interested in its good work. He is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen and has always given his support to measures which he thought would be of public benefit. He has lived in Sangamon County about fifty-five years and is well known as an upright, honest citizen. He has won success as a farmer through industry and perseverance and has always worked hard.

Mr. Sims was married, in Springfield, January 1, 1870, to Mrs. Rachel (Cowell) Fox, daughter of William and Rachel Cowell of Monroe County, Ill. Mrs. Cowell died in 1848, and Mr. Cowell in 1855. Rachel Cowell married (first), William Fox, by whom she had two sons and one daughter: Sarah, John W. and Charles E., all living in Sangamon County. Mr. Sims and his wife became parents of five children, namely: Austen M., a fruit farmer near Springfield; Maud, wife of Fred Spangler in the employ of A. C. Brown; Franklin, a cement finisher of Springfield; Jessie, wife of Marion Hibbs, a cement worker and finisher of Springfield. Mr. Sims has had fifteen grandchildren of whom eleven survive, and Mrs. Sims has three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Sims is one of a family of fourteen children, and was born July 10, 1848. Both she and her husband are active and enjoy good health and take great pleasure in the society of their descendants.

SIMS, James. (Vol. I, p. 481.)

SIMS, James P., Principal of the Iles School, at Springfield, Ill., has been engaged in educational work ever since he was twenty-two years of age, and has acceptably filled numerous important educational positions. He was born on his father's farm in Gardner Township, four miles west of Springfield, July 7, 1858, and is a son of Thomas A. and Mary E. (Robison) Sims.

Thomas A. Sims was born in Culpeper County, Va., October 3, 1835. In 1856 he came to Illinois, lived in McLean County for one year, and then came to Gardner Township, Sangamon County, where he has followed an agricultural life. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Civil War, entering Company I, One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until 1865, when he was honorably discharged and mustered out. He served with General Grant in the Vicksburg campaign and was made a prisoner during the Red River expedition, and confined in a military fortress at Tyler, Tex., for thirteen months.

James Perry Sims attended the country schools in Gardner Township and the Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind. He was occupied on the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age, then turned his attention to teaching school, and has been identified with educational interests ever since. His beginning was made in Gardner Township near Farmingdale, Ill., and he continued teaching in different sections for thirteen years. In 1894 he came to Springfield as Principal of the Iles School, and has been identified with the same ever since. He is an earnest educator and works tirelessly to realize his ideals in school advancement, while at the same time he is practical in his methods.

Mr. Sims was married near Curran, Ill., September 25, 1888, to Margaret M. Foster, who was born there July 3, 1870, a daughter of Samuel L. and Lydia (Lee) Foster.

Mr. Sims is a member of the Chamber of Commerce at Springfield. He belongs to Tyrian Lodge, No. 333, A. F. & A. M. In politics he is a Republican. With his wife he attends the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Their pleasant home is situated at No. 851 South Lincoln Avenue, Springfield.

SIMS, John O., a retired farmer living in Springfield, where he is well known as a veteran

of the Civil War, and has a host of friends, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, February 27, 1841. He is a son of Reuben J. and Julia A. (Babcock) Sims, who lived eighteen years on a farm in Muskingum County. The father was born in Rappahannock County, Va., and the mother in Muskingum County, Ohio. The father of Reuben J. Sims served in the War of 1812 and lived to the age of ninety years. The great-grandmother of John O. Sims was a Miss Search, and when she was twelve years old she saw General Washington marching to Trenton, N. J. The boyhood of Reuben J. Sims was spent in the Old Dominion, and when he was of age he moved to Ohio, living eighteen years in that State. In 1852 he moved to Sangamon County, Ill., arriving at his destination October 14th. He followed farming in Sangamon County from then until his death.

John O. Sims spent his childhood on a farm and attended school in the little log building of one room which stood near his father's house. The furnishings of this building were very primitive, the seats having been hewed out by hand. Mr. Sims helped his father until he was twenty years old, then began farming on his own account, and a year later enlisted in the Civil War, in Company B, One Hundred Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, under Captain William Prescott, the date of the enlistment being April 15, 1862. He was mustered out at Springfield, June 21, 1865. The first battle in which the regiment participated was Port Gibson, then came Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss., after which they were transferred to the Department of the Gulf, under N. P. Banks. They were out on the gulf in a severe storm, but weathered the gale and landed on the southeastern coast of Texas, where they wintered, and in the Palm Leaf Swamps Mr. Sims shot at the first alligators he had ever seen. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Sabine Cross Roads, by Price, Kirby Smith and Johnson, and with many others of his regiment was held prisoner for a period of thirteen months, at Camp Fort Tyler, Tex., being thus held at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln and the surrender of Lee. Their rebel guards piloted them through until they could start home. Mr. Sims conducted himself creditably throughout his service and gave to his country several of the best years of his life.

At the close of the war Mr. Sims engaged in farming in Sangamon County, and after operating a farm there eighteen years, moved to Denver, Colo., where he spent two years and seven months, lived for a time in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and in 1896 returned to Illinois, purchasing property at 1503 South Walnut Street, Springfield, which has since been his home. He sold his farm before moving west and is now retired from active life. Mr. Sims has been successful in his operations and has well earned the rest he now enjoys. He is justly proud of his family and their public spirit, which he has himself emulated, and is considered a useful, representative citizen. He is affiliated with Post No. 30, G. A. R., of Springfield, and stands well among his comrades.

Mr. Sims married (first), in Springfield, November 28, 1866, Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth McClain, the former a native of Cape May County, N. J. Mr. McClain and his wife came to Illinois in 1851, locating six miles west of Springfield, where they lived to be very old, and where their deaths occurred. Mrs. Sims died February 19, 1891, having borne six daughters and one son. Those of the children now living are: Lura, wife of John Kennedy, a farmer of Christian County, Ill.; Elizabeth, living at home with her father; Clarence E., a printer living in Chicago, was born March 24, 1886. Mr. Sims has grandchildren, as follows: Mary, Agnes, Malachi, Terca, Bertha and Anna, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy. Mr. Sims married (second) October 24, 1894, Annie E. Nalin, who died in 1900. She was a daughter of Josiah Nalin, who came to Christian County, Ill., in 1828, making the journey on horseback. He first built a log house and began developing a farm, and now owns a fine property. Mr. and Mrs. Sims were married at the Nalin School House, three miles south of Pana, Ill.

SIX, H. A.—Realty values in Springfield have risen steadily from the days when the Capital City was but a little hamlet and the imposing State House was only a dream of the future. Now city lots are held for prices that would have made the pioneers marvel, and farm lands adjacent are benefited thereby. Because of this activity the realty business has enlisted the services of some of Sangamon County's representative men, and one who has specialized on it and the handling of horses is H. A. Six, an important factor in the life of Springfield. He was born at Winchester, Scott County, Ill., December 31, 1870, son of John W. and Nancy (Clifton) Six, natives of Scott County and Naples, Ill. The Six family have been residents of Scott County since pioneer days. The parents of H. A. Six lived there until fifteen years since, when they moved to Moultrie County, Ill., which is now their place of residence. They are farming people and own a nice farm.

H. A. Six went to the country schools, and grew up in Scott County. He came to Springfield in 1903, establishing himself in a boot and shoe and gents' furnishing goods business, but in 1907, realizing the better opportunities of his present line of work, he sold out and entered this field. He has been remarkably successful in all his business dealings and owes much of his prosperity to the fact that he always gives the "other man" a square deal and can be implicitly trusted.

On June 19, 1895, Mr. Six was united in marriage, in Macon County, Ill., to Maud Bromley, born near Decatur, Ill., daughter of F. D. Bromley, a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Six are the parents of three children: Roy, fifteen years old; Joe, thirteen years old, and Frank, ten. In politics,

Mr. Six is a Republican. His life has been so filled with business details that he has had no time for fraternal diversions. His business and his home round out his time, but his friends always find him genial and ready to lend a helping hand whenever they are in trouble or affliction visits their homes. Such men as he tend to raise the standards of morality and to develop good government.

SLADE, James P. (Vol. I, p. 482.)

SMELLEY, William F., one of the representative citizens of Sangamon County, who, after many years of active endeavor in various lines of business all over the country, is now living retired in his comfortable home at Breckenridge, is a native of Illinois, having been born at Vandalia, August 6, 1832, the son of John R. and Sarah (Hutchison) Smelley, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee respectively. John R. Smelley, who was a tailor by trade, came to Illinois in 1830, at the time of the "Deep Snow," and settled in Vandalia, where he conducted a tailoring establishment and also operated a hotel for some years. He was a soldier during the Black Hawk War, and participated in the Battle of New Orleans. Two brothers of William F. Smelley were also soldiers, one serving in the Mexican War and the other in the Civil War. John R. Smelley died in 1839, his widow surviving him but two years, and they were parents of six sons and four daughters, of whom there are but two survivors: William F. and a daughter, Mrs. Alice A. Clark, a resident of Olathe, Kans.

William F. Smelley was educated in the subscription schools of Fayette County, and later attended a business college at Indianapolis, Ind., also being a pupil in the school that was held in the old State House at Vandalia. At the age of fourteen years he started to learn the trade of carpenter, which he followed for a long period in Vandalia. About the time of the Civil War he started for Texas with a drove of horses, but sold out before reaching his destination and went to Kentucky, where he was engaged in farming for a short time. He then returned to Indiana, but eventually went to Vandalia and later to Paris, Ill., where he engaged in contracting, erecting many houses. He lived in Paris for some time, and eventually went to Indianapolis, but about the time of the organization of Guthrie, Okla., he traveled overland to that place and opened a restaurant, which he conducted successfully for a period of several years. Later, going to Kansas City, Mo., he engaged in business there for two years, at the end of which time he opened a restaurant business in Springfield, which occupied his attention up to the time of his retirement, and since then he has made his home in Breckenridge. He has been a member since 1853, and has held every office, in Friends Lodge of Odd Fellows. He is a Methodist in religious belief, and adheres to the principles of the Republican party, having always taken an active interest in public matters. Mr. Smelley has been successful in his business ventures, and now, in the evening of his life, can look back over a well-spent career.

On November 25, 1862, Mr. Smelley was married at Vevay, Ind., to Ellen J. Protsman, who was born in southern Indiana, the daughter of farming people of that State. One child, now deceased, was born to this union. Mrs. Smelley died March 4, 1863, and Mr. Smelley was married (second) in June, 1866, in Madison County, Ind., to Mary Brookins, who was born in Indiana in 1838. Her father, who was a native New Yorker and a dairyman farmer, came down the Ohio River to Indiana at an early date. To this union there were born five children, of whom three now survive: John R., a farmer of Cooper Township, Sangamon County; Berlin, who is a resident of Bonneterre, Mo.; and Laura, a schoolteacher at the Sand Hill schoolhouse, who keeps house for her father. There are three grandchildren in the family.

SMITH, Albert.—A number of the farmers of Sangamon County, after spending a number of years in agricultural pursuits, have retired from their farms to take up some other line of work. This is true in the case of Albert Smith, one of the reliable men of Springfield, now engaged in house-moving and teaming. He was born at Burlington, Iowa, August 10, 1848, a son of Evans and Mary M. (Church) Smith, natives of the States of Iowa and Indiana, respectively. The father was a farmer, who early settled near Burlington, where he farmed until his death, and his widow died in Springfield in 1898. There were four children in the family, three daughters and a son, but Albert Smith and his sister, Mrs. Hackett, of Springfield, are the only survivors.

Albert Smith went to school in Iowa and worked on his father's farm. In 1850 he moved to Christian County, Ill., where he worked on various farms, eventually coming to Sangamon County. He farmed until he located in Springfield, where for thirteen years he has conducted a flourishing house-moving and teaming business.

In 1893 Mr. Smith was married in Springfield, to Carrie Young, born in Macon County, Ill., daughter of Frank Young. He was an early settler of Illinois, who engaged in farming in Macon County, continuing there until his death. Mrs. Young is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had a son born to them, Albert, of Chicago. In 1900 she passed away, having been a most sweet and lovely woman, and a true Christian in every way.

Mr. Smith is a Roman Catholic. Politically he is a Democrat, but was a personal admirer of Abraham Lincoln from the time he first saw him and made his acquaintance. Mr. Smith was one of the many who gathered to pay their last respects to Mr. Lincoln at the saddest funeral Illinois ever knew. The pleasant fam-

ily residence at No. 2305 East Kansas Street is owned by Mr. Smith. He has always been devoted to his work and has striven hard to do what he believed to be right, consequently has prospered, for nothing profits more in the end than strict honesty and fair dealing.

SMITH, Andrew V., a retired farmer residing at 2014 East Washington street, Springfield, was born in Knox County, Tenn., April 27, 1839, his parents being natives of Virginia and Tennessee. He is one of six children who were born to William M. and Ann (Greer) Smith, who located in Tennessee after marriage, but later moved to Decatur, Ala., where the father died, being survived by his widow and four children.

Andrew V. Smith, who was the third child, grew to manhood in his native State, receiving a common school education and being reared to farm work, which he followed on his own account in later life. On December 20, 1860, he married Mary E. Hart, daughter of George and Ellen (Akens) Hart, a native of Monroe County, Tenn., born July 23, 1841. After spending about four years in Blount County, Mr. Smith and wife came to Greene County, Ill., in 1864, and five years later, in the fall of 1869, went to Arkansas, coming back to Cooper Township, Sangamon County, in 1874. Here they engaged in farming. Mr. Smith became the owner of 283 acres of good farming land in Cotton Hill Township, and one of the most successful farmers of his part of the county. He erected substantial buildings and worked with untiring energy to improve his land and bring it to a state of high cultivation. He took an active interest in public matters and served as School Director and in other offices, being always ready to advance the interests of the community. He and his wife joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1876, and both were earnest workers in its interest. Mr. Smith is a Republican in political belief. Mrs. Smith died September 1, 1910, at the present home and her remains were interred in Burkhart Cemetery, Sangamon County. While Mr. and Mrs. Smith had no children of their own, they reared the three children of his brother Arthur, who had died and left them. Alice, born October 30, 1870, married Robert Ayers, lives on the Smith farm, seven children,—Goldie, Andrew, Arthur, William R., Elmer, Ray and Velma M.; William, born December 14, 1872, lives in Douglas County, Ill., married Susie McDonald, no issue; Nicholas A., born August 19, 1876, married Bertha Abel, and lives on part of the Smith farm, one child,—Hazel. To Mr. Smith these children are just as his own, and as they have never known another father, they love him as though he were their actual parent.

Probably no family in Sangamon County is more entitled to special mention in a work of this character than that of Andrew V. Smith. Always public-spirited, he has certainly done his duty, and is now enjoying life in a retired way. He is no longer actively engaged in farming, having retired in 1907, but still owns his farm in Cotton Hill Township. He erected a handsome residence at 2014 East Washington street, recently purchased a $6,000 home on Seventh street, and also has other city property. He is well known as an upright and public-spirited citizen, and has many friends in Springfield.

SMITH, Charles Harvey (deceased).—The late Charles Harvey Smith, of Springfield, was born near Jacksonville, Morgan County, Ill., August 9, 1862, son of Grandiston and Melissa (Masters) Smith, natives of Illinois, the former born near Jacksonville. The father was an extensive farmer and stockman, and after being educated in the schools of his native county, Charles H. Smith helped his father on the home farm for many years. In 1895 he moved to Springfield and entered the employ of the Cudahy Packing Company in that city. He subsequently entered the employ of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, in a similar line. He had also worked for a time for the Hammond Packing Company, in Springfield. He was a shrewd and active business man, caring for the interests of his employers as he would his own.

Mr. Smith was married, at Jacksonville, August 25, 1881, to Miss Nannie Sparks, born in Macoupin County, Ill., July 27, 1861, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Harp) Sparks. Thomas Sparks was born in Tennessee and came to Morgan County as a young man, finding but one log house where the city of Jacksonville now stands. His wife was born at Jacksonville. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Edith, unmarried, lives with her mother; George Parnell, married and living in Missouri, has two children—Thelma Florence and Earl Parnell; Catherine Maud, unmarried and living in Springfield; Ethel Fay, unmarried, living at home; and Lorraine, Charles K. and Beatrice M., in school. Mrs. Smith owns the family residence at 1508 East Brown Street, Springfield.

Mr. Smith died at the home now occupied by his widow, July 1, 1904, and his remains were buried at Pisgah, Morgan County, Ill. He was deeply mourned by his family and many friends, and left the reputation of an upright, honorable life. He was a member of the Baptist Church and in political views was a Democrat. He cared little for public life or honors, being absorbed by his business and domestic affairs.

SMITH, DeWitt Wickliffe.—In every community are men who stand out as examples of the highest type of intelligent and public-spirited citizens, who are not only willing to work for the betterment of the community or State, but who also have the ability and requisite ambition to carry their plans into execution. Such a man is Honorable DeWitt Wickliffe Smith, who has spent his life in Sangamon County, Ill., and has for many years been a resident of Springfield. Mr. Smith was born December 13, 1844, on his

father's farm, eleven miles west of Springfield, in what is now Cartwright Township.

His father, Joseph Smith, was born in Loudoun County, Va., October 29, 1792, the son of Temple Smith, born in Virginia, April 4, 1744, and his wife, Lydia (Lane) Smith, born in Virginia in 1751, both of whose ancestors were among the earliest English settlers of Virginia and Maryland. He came with his father's family to Harrison County, Ky., in 1800. On April 9, 1822, Joseph Smith and Sally Taylor were married near Frankfort, Ky. Sally Taylor was born in Gallatin County, Ky., November 22, 1807, the daughter of Rev. John Taylor, born in Fauquier County, Virginia, October 27, 1752, and his wife, Elizabeth Kavanaugh, born in Virginia, June 18, 1761, John Taylor being of Scotch and Elizabeth Kavanaugh of Irish descent. The Rev. John Taylor was a preacher of the gospel in Virginia and Kentucky for more than sixty years. In 1823, was published his "History of Ten Churches," being the annals of ten Baptist Churches which had been under his ministry, which is one of the most notable and interesting histories of church extension during the pioneer days of Kentucky.

To Joseph Smith and his wife were born in and near Frankfort: Temple, born January 18, 1823, drowned January 2, 1833; John Taylor, born March 6, 1825, married in Springfield, Ill., March 27, 1850, to Sophia Ridgely, died January 25, 1892 (see his name and family group in this work); Joseph Sidney, born July 21, 1827, served as a soldier in the Civil War (1861-65), with the rank of Major, in the Tenth Illinois Cavalry, was a prominent and useful citizen of Sangamon County, and died unmarried, in San Antonio, Tex., April 9, 1902; Elizabeth Jane, born January 21, 1830, died October 1, 1901, married, December 8, 1852, David Allen Brown. After the family moved to Illinois in the year 1834 there were born: Bradford Temple, born January 8, 1840, died in infancy; DeWitt Wickliffe, born December 13, 1844.

Joseph Smith entered the mercantile business as a clerk, at the age of fifteen years, in Paris, Ky., and at the age of twenty-one established himself as a merchant in Frankfort, Ky., the capital of the State. He remained in business seventeen years, but during most of the time resided on his farm, "Llangollan," near Frankfort. Wishing to remove his children from what he believed to be the evil influences of slavery, he came to Illinois to view the country in 1834, and purchased a considerable tract of land in the western part of Sangamon County. Returning to Frankfort, he sold out his mercantile business and his farm home, but with characteristic business prudence, retained his lands in Harrison and Daviess Counties until the day of his death. Central Illinois was in 1834, a somewhat uncertain proposition, and there was a current proverb of that time to this effect: "It is good riding at two anchors, men have told, for if the one fail, the other may hold." After settling his family in Sangamon County, Mr. Smith engaged again in the mercantile business in Springfield with his relative, Col. James M. Bradford, as a partner, but until the close of his life in 1853, he spent the greater part of his time in improving and developing his lands, and in frequent business trips to Kentucky.

While on one of these trips, in the year 1844, he was nominated and elected, by the Whigs of the Sangamon District, to the Illinois Legislature, being then, for the first and only time in his life, a candidate for office. He was, however, an active and ardent Whig in politics, and was a personal friend of Henry Clay, with whom he enjoyed a close intimacy for many years.

Mr. Smith was a man of good education and fine mental endowments, much given to habits of study and thought, and of unusual business sagacity. When he departed this life he left his family not only well provided for in worldly goods, but with a far richer heritage in the memory and precepts of a father who had done good and not evil all the days of his life, and whose children could, with just and commendable pride, rise up and call him blessed. Mrs. Sally Smith survived her husband nearly forty-two years, going to her final reward in April, 1895, in the eighty-eighth year of her age, and until a few hours before her death, in the possession of all her physical and mental powers. It was said of her, and of the wonders that had come to pass during her lifetime: "She was a wife and a mother when the first railroad passenger train made its initial run, and was twenty-four when the first Lucifer match was manufactured. Five years later, in 1833, she might have been a passenger on the first steamship that ever sped from America to Europe. She was thirty-five when the electric wire flashed the first message from Washington to Baltimore. Since then have come in bewildering rapidity the more modern inventions, such as the telephone, the electric light, the phonograph, and a host of other appliances of science which are considered necessary to our busy life. Through all these marvelous years she passed sweetly, serenely and graciously, a blessing to all who were so fortunate as to come within the charmed circle of her inspiring influence."

DeWitt Wickliffe, the sixth and last child of his parents, was born on his father's farm, eleven miles west of Springfield, in what is now the eastern part of Cartwright Township. After the death of his father in 1853, he came with his mother to Springfield, where he attended the private schools of Rev. Francis Springer and the Rev. John F. Brooks; he afterwards attended the old Illinois State University (now Concordia College), and for two years the Springfield High School. In 1863-64 he took a business college course and training in Chicago and in St. Louis.

On September 1, 1864, he was married to Miss Adelia McConnell, who was born near Springfield, February 22, 1845, daughter of Andrew

B. McConnell and his wife, Augusta Saulsbury McConnell. Mr. McConnell and his wife were both born in the State of New York. Mr. McConnell was one of the charter members of the Illinois State Board of Agriculture, was for many years its Vice President and its President; was Sheriff of Sangamon County for four years, and held other positions of honor and trust. After his marriage, Mr. Smith settled on his farm in what is now New Berlin Township, and there were born to him and his wife the following children: Sidney, born February 17, 1866, married October 8, 1894, to Gertrude Lapsley, of Kansas City, Mo., is now living near Bayliss, Ill., and has no children; Eliza Adelia, born December 8, 1867, married October 29, 1890, Henry M. Pindell, of Peoria, Ill., where they now reside, and their children are—Frances Adelia and Elizabeth Augusta; Temple DeWitt, born January 2, 1870, died unmarried March 19, 1893; Augusta, born September 18, 1875, married January, 1899, to Charles V. B. Carroll, of Springfield, Ill., where they now reside, and have one child, Edith.

Mr. Smith lived on his farm, "Boskymead," for twenty-six years, during which time he was somewhat extensively engaged in farming, in breeding pedigreed livestock, and in cattle ranching in Wyoming and Montana. He was connected with various agricultural and livestock associations, and by reason of these connections and a membership for several terms of the Illinois Legislature, was instrumental in securing the enactment of various State and National laws (of several of which he was the author) designed to promote and protect the great farming and livestock industries of the country, industries upon which, more than all others, the welfare of the people is dependent. While having other business interests, he has been at all times proud to stand up and be counted as a Sangamon County farmer. He was for nine years President of the Illinois National Bank, and for twelve years Vice President of the Ridgely National Bank, of Springfield, and has held various other positions of responsibility and trust. In 1890, he moved back to Springfield where he has since resided, at 625 South Second Street.

On February 19, 1895, Mr. Smith married (second) Gertrude Moore, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 23, 1873, the daughter of William Eaton Moore and his wife, Mary Bishop Moore, both of whom were born in Cincinnati. Mr. Moore, while he lived in Cincinnati, was engaged with his father, William H. Moore, in the book publishing business. He afterwards had various business interests here and on the Pacific Coast. In July, 1907, he became seriously ill in San Francisco, Cal., and with his physician started on the overland journey, hoping to reach his home and family, but he died within sight of his home, but before reaching it. His widow, with her daughters, Willa and Mrs. (Jeanette) Russell Yates, reside at the family homestead in the southwest suburbs of Springfield. To DeWitt Wickliffe Smith and his wife, Gertrude Moore, have been born: Mary Temple, born November 12, 1898; William Lane, February 22, 1900; Elizabeth Wilde, March 12, 1902, all of who are now attending school in Springfield.

SMITH, Edward William, formerly employed many years in the rolling mills of Springfield, has lived retired for several years. In his younger days he provided for old age by industry and thrift, and now has a comfortable home at 1307 Monument Ave., Springfield. He was born in County Cavan, Ireland, May 14, 1847, a son of Arthur and Mary (Leonard) Smith, natives of Ireland. The mother died in Ireland and the father afterwards moved to England, where he lived several years with his son Edward, and also lived for a time in Scotland. He was a farmer by occupation.

As a boy Edward W. Smith attended the public schools of his native county, and after his father moved to England the son worked on the farm. The young man afterward worked in the iron works at Northumberland and afterward became employed by the Armstrong Gun factory, the largest plant of the kind in the world, where he spent three years. He also spent a few years working in English mines and lived for a time in London. In 1881 he sailed from Liverpool for America, landing in Quebec and proceeding from there to Toronto, where he worked nine months on a farm. He then went to Hamilton, Canada, and after spending a year there emigrated to the United States. He worked three years in the rolling mills of Wyandotte, Mich., then for a few years worked in steel mills south of St. Louis, whence he moved to Edwardsville, Ill., and worked two years in the mines, went from there to Carlinville, and shortly afterwards to Springfield, which has since been his home. He worked several years in Springfield rolling mills, also worked in the city water works, but some years since retired. He has resided in the same house more than twenty years.

Mr. Smith was married, December 15, 1874, in Northumberland County, England, to Elizabeth Cornell, who was born in Durham County. Her father started for Australia, but the vessel on which he embarked was lost and no one on board was again heard from. His widow moved to America and lived for same time in Wyandotte with her daughter, and also came with Mr. Smith and his wife to Springfield, where she died in 1893. Six children were born to Mr. Smith and his wife, namely: Mary, wife of Noah Roll, of Springfield, where he holds the office of Constable; Catherine, wife of William Smith, an employe of the Illinois Watch Company; Margaret, wife of Charles Smith, a carpenter by trade; Arthur, of Springfield; and John, living at home. Mr. Smith also has four grandchildren. Mrs. Smith died March 17, 1898, having been a dutiful wife and mother, and was sincerely

mourned, not only by her family, but by a large circle of friends.

Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics and fraternally is a member of the United Americans. He is much respected as a man of stability and uprightness of character, and a useful citizen of his adopted country.

SMITH, Elbert S.—Memories of the two greatest lawyers Illinois ever knew—Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas—cluster around the city where they once made their homes. While Springfield would, as a matter of course, have become prominent as the seat of the State Government, the fact that these two mighty men lived there and practiced their profession in the shadow of the State House, centered attention upon this city, brought men to it, and assisted very materially in its development. It is also true that the profession followed by these two men is one that has attracted many young men who have been desirous of following in their footsteps. Elbert S. Smith, former State's Attorney, and a resident of Springfield since 1881, was born in Summit County, Ohio, March 8, 1847, a son of Richard T. and Louisa (Herrick) Smith. The ancestors of Mr. Smith located in Connecticut, and one of them came to New England in the historic Mayflower. His grandparents moved from Connecticut to Ohio in a very early day, settling in the wilds of the Western Reserve, and there his father was reared, amid pioneer conditions and privations. A brother of the grandfather hauled the first printing press from Pittsburg to Cleveland, being a man of resourcefulness and ability.

Like many of his predecessors, Elbert S. Smith taught school while studying law and graduated from Willoughby (Ohio) College, following which he went to Champaign County, Ill., and in 1874 engaged in the practice of his profession. He came to Springfield in 1881, to accept a position in the Attorney General's office, under James McCartney, and also held a similar position under Attorney Generals George Hunt and H. J. Hamlin. Being one of the most active exponents of the Republican party in his part of the State, Mr. Smith became its candidate for State's Attorney, and was elected in 1896, being the first Republican elected to that office in Sangamon County. During his incumbency Mr. Smith ever endeavored to meet every requirement of his position. Never did he show favor to either side, and he was fearless in his prosecutions, bringing to justice those who were guilty, regardless of what their rank or how influential they might be. On the other hand, he never permitted his natural sympathy to weigh with him, but was guided entirely by his realization of the duties of his office. In safe-guarding the people, he displayed his ability as a lawyer and his conscientiousness as a man. Few public officials of any locality have had as spotless a record as Mr. Smith, and it is difficult to imagine any improvement in the management of the affairs of his office, as he conducted them.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is also a member of the Odd Fellows and the Woodmen. A Protestant in religion, he attends the Methodist Church, in company with his wife. His marriage occurred at Geneva, Ohio, when he was united with Jennie E. Kinsley, daughter of Rev. Hiram Kinsley, a Methodist minister and a member of the Erie and Ohio Conferences. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had three children: Sidney B., a farmer of Sangamon County; and Elda and Elberta, both at home.

SMITH, George (deceased), who spent his entire active life in mining operations, was for some years before his death a mine manager in Sangamon County, Ill. He was a useful, public-spirited citizen, performing well his duties in public and private life, and enjoyed the goodwill and esteem of all who came into contact with him. Mr. Smith left a widow and several children to mourn his loss, and his memory is tenderly cherished by all the members of his family. He was born in England, October 3, 1837, son of John and Mary (Homsbey) Smith, both natives of England, where the father worked in the mines. The parents were both reared in England, where both died, the father about 1900 and the mother about 1897. They were parents of seven sons and two daughters, the only survivor being a daughter living in Australia, who is the wife of Adam Gray, a stockholder in gold mines there.

George Smith was educated in the public schools of England and lived with his parents until his marriage. He took up mining as an occupation early in life, and became fully informed in the various methods and processes of carrying on the work, finally becoming a mine manager. He came to America about 1874, and for four years was engaged in mining at Riverton, Ill. He spent eight years in similar occupation at Dawson, and then spent thirteen years in Springfield, taking up mining stock there and in Clear Lake Township. He came to the place now occupied by his widow in 1897, and lived there until the time of his death.

Mr. Smith was married, in Durham County, England, in July, 1863, to Anna Todd, born January 23, 1838, daughter of John and Anna Todd, who spent their entire lives in England and died many years ago. Mrs. Smith has one brother who lives in Henry County, Ill., and is engaged in farming. Four sons and one daughter were born to Mr. Smith and his wife, namely: Ralph, at home; James, living in the country; Oliver; George, living in Bissell, and Lizzie, at home. Mr. Smith died March 12, 1910, and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church, and in politics was a Republican. Fraternally he was a member of the Order of Foresters and the Loyal Americans. His widow

now owns the comfortable home where they resided for many years, and owns forty acres of fine farming land.

SMITH, George H.—A large number of the soldiers of the Civil War, upon returning home, directed their energies towards farming, continuing thus through succeeding years, until ultimate success permitted them to retire. Some of them were never without a painful reminder of the days when they were the nation's only hope, but this did not deter them from bearing their part in life, and too much honor cannot be accorded them. One of the representative veterans of Sangamon County is George H. Smith, now living retired at Dawson, near which is located his fine farm. He was born in Springfield, July 15, 1841, being a son of John L. and Rebecca (Cummings) Smith, both born in Kentucky.

The parents came to Illinois at an early day, first locating east of Springfield, where the father entered some land from the Government and conducted it for several years. Later he moved to Logan County, Ill., buying a half section near Elkhart, and farming this until his death, which occurred in January, 1890, his widow surviving until 1895. There were six sons and seven daughters in the family, of whom six children now survive: Robert L., of Lake Fork, Ill.; William A., of Des Moines; Sarah married John Myers, of Mt. Pulaski; Mary married John Coyle, of Missouri; Clara married Charles Davis, of Canada; and George H. The family has always been patriotic, the grandfather having been a soldier in the Revolution, while the father served during the Black Hawk War, and young George H. Smith grew up prepared to defend his flag whenever there was need of him.

The education of Mr. Smith was received in Logan County, and until the outbreak of the war he remained with his father on the family farm. Eager to prove his loyalty, Mr. Smith enlisted in the fall of 1862, in Company I, One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Elkhart, under the command of Captain John Shockey, serving all through the remaining years of the great struggle, and participating in many engagements. He was mustered out at Little Rock, Ark., and honorably discharged at Springfield. Returning home after a short stay in Sangamon County, he resumed his farming, continuing thus for twenty years, when removal was made to the vicinity of Dawson. Still later he retired to Dawson, where he owns a comfortable residence, and can take an interest in his farm, which is still in his possession.

The marriage of Mr. Smith occurred in Logan County, June 14, 1882, to Sarah M. Glose, born near Sandusky, Ohio, July 22, 1861, daughter of Martin Glose. Mr. Glose was born in Germany, but his wife, who was Nancy Fall, was a native of Pennsylvania, her father having come to America at an early day, eventually settling in Ohio, where he was engaged in farming until his demise. Mr. Glose moved to Indiana and then to Sangamon County, where he was a farmer until he died, in February, 1907. His wife preceded him, dying in October, 1893. There were seven sons and four daughters in their family, all of whom survive except the eldest, they being: Mary married Joseph Martin, who died, and she resides in Springfield; Daniel, of Springfield; Henry, living in the vicinity of Mt. Pulaski on a farm; Chauncy, of Decatur; David, living on a farm near Topeka, Kan.; Grant, of Mt. Pulaski; James, of Springfield; Amy married Albert Sievers, of Kankakee; and Mrs. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Leslie, of Clinton, Ill., who married Gertrude Milan, born in Illinois. They have three children: Vernon, Kenneth and Elouisa.

Mr. Smith has long been a member of the Methodist Church and is earnest in his devotion to its good work. He is a man who has always done what he believed to be his duty, no matter what the cost, and his reward has been not only a material one, but also the approval of his conscience.

SMITH, George W. (Vol. I, p. 485.)

SMITH, Gustavus Adolphus. (Vol. I, p. 486.)

SMITH, J. Emil.—Among the newspaper men of Springfield may be numbered J. Emil Smith. He is one of the live, energetic young men of the day, and his ability to judge quickly and correctly with regard to news items makes him a valuable acquisition to any paper. He was born in Springfield September 1, 1880, a son of John S. and Charlotte A. (Johnson) Smith. His father was a native of Sweden and came to Illinois in 1859.

J. Emil Smith secured an education in the Springfield schools, and upon leaving them entered at once upon his journalistic career. Having always been a Republican, he took an active part in party affairs and was the logical candidate for City Clerk in 1907, being elected by a large majority. So efficient did he prove that he was reelected on the same ticket in 1909.

On July 9, 1900, occurred the marriage of Mr. Smith to Lydia P. Mackber, born in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had two children: Mayme Jeanette, born July 28, 1901, and Griffith, now deceased, born March 21, 1908. Mr. Smith is a member of the Elks and he and his family are Presbyterians.

SMITH, John.—Sangamon County farmers are not only noted for their skill in agricultural work, but for their abounding hospitality. They welcome their guests with a cordiality that savors of the Southern States before the war. One of the older farmers, who have passed through many phases of life there, is John Smith, of Section 12, Williams Township. He was born in Sangamon County, March 14, 1837, a son of Philip Smith and his excellent wife, Rebecca (Hendricks) Smith, the former

born May 13, 1813, in Montgomery County, N. C., and the latter in Kentucky.

Philip Smith was a farmer and came to Illinois with his father, who bore the same name, in 1822. They located in what is now Cooper Township, Sangamon County, but later settled in Williams Township. In the latter home the younger Philip Smith spent the remainder of his life and there his ten children were born. Four of them still survive: John; Henry, of Kansas; Laura, wife of George Ash, of Williams Township, and Mrs. Mary Dolan, of Williamsville. Philip Smith, Jr., was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, and was ever ready to prove his devotion to his country and has family. Both he and his wife died at an advanced age.

John Smith grew up in Williams Township, learning to farm and studying in the little log school-house of his neighborhood. While he was assisting his father, the war broke out. While he felt he was needed at home, at last he could not longer resist the call of his country, enlisting in Company C, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as did a brother, William, and a brother-in-law, Mr. Tuttle. The latter lost his life at the Siege of Vicksburg, in which Mr. Smith also participated, but with less fatal results. Mr. Smith was also in a number of other engagements, including that at Jackson, Miss. At the close of the war, he returned to Sangamon County and resumed his farming, which he has since continued. He now resides on the old farm place of seventy-nine acres, which he owns.

In 1864 Mr. Smith was married to Martha Williams, born in Indiana, October 3, 1841, and a son and daughter were born to them: Ida Belle, who later died, and Ulysses F., who is a resident of Springfield. Mrs. Smith died at Quincy, Ill. On October 8, 1874, Mr. Smith married Amanda Yocom, born near Williamsville, in Sangamon County, October 18, 1842. She is a daughter of George Yocom, born in Kentucky, who at an early day came to Sangamon County, and there continued to farm up to his death. She was one of nine children, four sons and five daughters, of whom three sons and two daughters survive. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Alice, wife of Taylor Mathias, of Dawson; Maggie, wife of Frank Brest, a farmer, of Buffalo Hart; LeRoy, at home, and Lorin, a farmer of Illiopolis. There are eighteen grandchildren in the family. In addition to his homestead of seventy-nine acres, Mr. Smith owns forty acres of land in Logan County.

Having served his country so bravely in its time of need, Mr. Smith is now enjoying pleasant associations as a member of the G. A. R. He and his wife are charming, pleasant people, who have friends all over the county. They have reared a family of whom any parents might well be proud, and enjoy their society and that of the grandchildren who are growing up to carry on the name. Both in war and in peace Mr. Smith has proven himself a loyal, brave citizen, and one who never shrunk from the duty that lay before him.

SMITH, John Corson. (Vol. I, pp. 486-487.)

SMITH, John Taylor (deceased).—The services rendered to any community by safe, sound, conservative bankers cannot be overestimated. They establish and maintain the financial standing of the city and its business men, and heavy responsibilities rest upon their shoulders. The late John Taylor Smith, who at the time of his death was Vice-President of the Ridgely National Bank, of Springfield, was one of the best examples of this class of men the city ever knew, having been well fitted by natural ability and business experience for the position of trust which he so well filled. Mr. Smith was born in Frankfort, Ky., March 6, 1825, a son of Joseph and Sallie (Taylor) Smith. Joseph Smith was a merchant in Frankfort, and later became one of the early settlers of Sangamon County, Ill., where he bought and developed a large amount of land and carried on a mercantile business in Springfield. He was a successful business man, and was prominently identified with the progress and improvement of the community. He spent the closing years of his life on his farm, where he passed away, January 26, 1854, and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was well known and highly esteemed, being a representative of the enterprising pioneers who have done so much for the State of Illinois.

When his parents located in Illinois John Taylor Smith was a boy nine years old. He received his education in the schools of that day. His early youth was spent on his father's farm and, upon attaining his majority, he came to Springfield, where he engaged in partnership with Ninian Edwards. He continued in business until the year 1874, when, having attained a comfortable fortune, he retired and became Vice-President of the Ridgely National Bank. The men at the head of this financial concern managed its affairs with such wisdom and judgment that it became one of the best known institutions in that part of the State of Illinois. Mr. Smith was connected with the bank many years and continued with it until his death, January 26, 1892.

Mr. Smith was in politics a Democrat and his services in behalf of his party received recognition in his appointment to the office of Postmaster of Springfield, but aside from this he never held public office. Though not as a rule interested in fraternal affairs, he enjoyed his connection with the Sangamo Club, of Springfield, of which he was one of the organizers, and of the Iroquois Club of Chicago. Mr. Smith was liberal in religious views and his family were Episcopalians.

On March 27, 1850, Mr. Smith was married in Springfield, to Sophia Niles Ridgely, who was born in Baltimore, Md., October 29, 1829, a daughter of Nicholas Henry and Jane (Vincent) Ridgley. Five children were born of this union,

namely: Julia Vincent, died August 6, 1871; Frederick, died January 26, 1904; a son and daughter who died in childhood; Jessie Taylor, widow of John Howe Brown. Frederick Smith, a young man of whom his parents and the entire community were proud, entered West Point Military Academy and in 1876 graduated from that institution, afterward serving at various military posts. On account of failing health he was forced to resign from the service. He studied law at Columbia University, from which he was graduated in 1881, and practiced his profession several years in his native city, but his health again failing he went to Canon City, Colo., where his death occurred. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mabel (Oldams) Smith, and one son, Vincent. The four deceased children are buried with their father in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Mrs. John Howe Brown was married January 8, 1891. She is the comfort and companion of her mother's declining years and delights to minister to her every need with a loving daughter's care. She and her mother have a delightful home at No. 611 South Fourth Street. Mrs. Smith has always been a most devoted wife and mother, and has the esteem and affection of a host of warm personal friends. She is a woman of great intelligence and refinement and has been the central figure of the home life of the family since her marriage. It is a real pleasure to meet such a type of the true woman, and be favored with her views upon any topic.

Mr. Smith was a useful and representative citizen of his community, never sparing himself or stopping to think of the energy and hard work he expended. In business upright, honorable and farseeing, his good judgment was valuable to all with whom he associated. He advocated many movements which then appeared to be in advance of the times, but which later have been successfully carried out. In charitable work, he was most helpful, giving away much money of which no one knew except himself and those benefitted. His home life was especially happy and his loss was keenly felt. Although many years have elapsed since he was called from his busy life, he is still remembered and his memory cherished by those who knew and loved him. He was the central figure in many circles and his loss was felt in many gatherings.

SMITH, Richard B., retired, living in his comfortable home at 1221 North Eighteenth Street, Springfield, Ill., was born at Bedford, L. I., February 3, 1837, son of William and Margaret A. (Rhodes) Smith, both also natives of Bedford. The father worked for a transfer company and both he and the mother died on Long Island. They were parents of three daughters and only one son, and all are deceased except the latter. The grandfather of Richard B. Smith was a soldier in the Revolution.

Mr. Smith received his education in a country school at Bedford, six miles from Brooklyn, and after leaving school worked for a time in a store in Brooklyn. He also became employed on a boat on the Hudson River, and later on one running from New York to Baltimore. In 1861 he moved to St. Louis, Mo., and a year later took a position with the Government as driver of a supply wagon, and held this position six months, then drove a wagon through Alabama and Tennessee about a year, after which he returned to New York and worked another year on a Hudson River boat. He again went to St. Louis and entered the employ of the Government, and after the assassination of President Lincoln again returned to New York. After spending a short time in New York he came West again and located at Athens, Menard County, Ill., and was engaged in farming there for thirty years. He was a successful farmer and in 1906 was able to retire from active life, at which time he came to Springfield. He owns his home in Springfield. He is much respected and has made many friends. He is actively interested in public affairs and is a stanch Democrat. He has seen much of his native country and is a well-read, intelligent man, ready to do his duty as a citizen and promote the welfare of his community.

Mr. Smith was married, in 1874, four miles from Springfield, Ill., to Miss Caroline Weese, who was born in Tennessee and died in 1898. Her parents were early settlers of Sangamon County, where they secured a farm and lived on it until their deaths. One child was born to Mr. Smith and his wife, Ruth, wife of John C. Roth, of Springfield, who has three children, two sons and one daughter.

SMITH, Richard C.—Prosperity has attended the efforts of many of the farmers of Illinois, rendering them independent and affording them leisure during their latter years. A well-to-do retired farmer of Springfield is Richard C. Smith, residing at No. 616 South English Avenue. He was born February 12, 1833, on the old Smith farm, situated on Lick Creek, in Curran Township. He is a son of John and Jane (Drennan) Smith, the latter being a daughter of Joseph Drennan, an old pioneer of Sangamon County, who came from Kentucky. She died when Richard C. was an infant, having borne her husband the following children: William C., deceased; Thomas died on his farm; Rebecca, the first wife of William Barbre, is deceased; Elizabeth Caroline, Mrs. William Poor, deceased; Lucy, the second wife of William Barbre; and Richard C. The second wife of John Smith was Rebecca Enochs, daughter of William Enochs, who came to this county from Tennessee. They had two children: Mahala J., Mrs. David Miller, of Curran Township, and Martha H., Mrs. A. J. Drennan, of Curran Township.

Richard C. Smith attended a subscription school held in a log house, his first teacher being Luther Talbot, and later ones being: Mr. Pearson, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. S. B.

Smith. During this time he attended only during the winter, and when he was nineteen his educational advantages ceased. When only nine years old he began plowing, and continued to work for his father until he attained his majority. After his marriage, he began farming on a portion of the homestead, thus continuing in Curran Township until 1874, when he moved to a farm in Champaign County, returning to the old homestead in 1881. The latter continued to be his home until 1899, when he retired to Springfield, and has made this city his home ever since.

On April 7, 1853, Mr. Smith was married in Curran Township, by the Rev. Arthur Bradshaw, to Amarine Shelton, born in the township, September 2, 1835. She is a daughter of William and Prudence (Neal) Shelton, and granddaughter of Stephen Shelton, who was born in 1777, and came to Sangamon County May 26, 1826, from Virginia. Stephen Shelton's first wife was Lydia Heath, of Virginia, whom he married in North Carolina, then moved to Ohio, where two children were born. They moved to Cabell County, W. Va., where seven children were born, and two were born in Sangamon County. His second wife was Judith Neal, and by this union there were six children. During the War of 1812, he served as a brave soldier. His father, Robert Shelton, was an Englishman by birth, who settled in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had the following children: William Thomas, living in Springfield; John R., deceased; Maria Elizabeth, Mrs. Joseph F. Smith of Auburn; James A., of Tolono, Ill.; Richard E., of Springfield; Charles E. at home; Flora, Mrs. Everett Baugh of Springfield; and Frederick H., on a farm in Sangamon County. One died in infancy, Prudence Jane.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were members of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Curran Township, in which Mr. Smith was Trustee and Steward, as well as class leader and Sunday school Superintendent, but when they came to Springfield they transferred their membership to Douglas Avenue Methodist Church, of which he has been Steward. He is a life long Republican, and had been Justice of the Peace and Road Commissioner of Curran Township. Fraternally he is a Mason. He is one of the sound men of the community, who deserved the success which attended his painstaking efforts. Mrs. Smith was a splendid seamstress and tailor and for many years made all her boys' and girls' clothing and wove her own carpets.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Old Settlers Association and were the oldest married couple in attendance at the meeting in 1910, and it was said they were the best preserved physically. Both are as jolly and pleasant as young folks half their age.

SMITH, Samuel A. (deceased).—Some of the bravest of the soldiers who fought for the preservation of their country and the spotless honor of their flag, have answered to the last roll call, and all that is left for their grateful fellow countrymen to do in their honor is to pay tribute to their memories on Decoration Day. A veteran of Logan County, who is no longer in our midst, is the late Samuel A. Smith, whose widow now lives at Williamsville, Sangamon County. Mr. Smith rightfully belongs to Sangamon County, for he was born there, June 19, 1835, a son of Roland and Elizabeth (Goldsmith) Smith, natives of North Carolina and Indiana, who were farming people. The parents came to Sangamon County at an early day, going thence to Logan County, where they spent the remainder of their useful lives.

The education of Samuel A. Smith was secured in the Sangamon County schools, as well as those of Logan County, and even in boyhood he evinced a taste for work, spending his leisure moments in the saw-mill of his locality. When he commenced to earn his own living he farmed in the summer and worked in the sawmill in the winter. Just prior to the war he went to Logan County, but his loyal spirit could not rest content with giving the cause he loved so dearly his moral support, so he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Shockey, participating in the battle of Little Rock, as well as several skirmishes. He was taken sick at Little Rock, came home and died in three days.

Mr. Smith was married in Logan County, Ill., September 9, 1858, to Sarah A. Miller, born in Indiana, April 27, 1836, daughter of John J. and Martha J. (Jenkins) Miller, the former born in Pennsylvania, May 5, 1813, and the latter born in Kentucky, September 10, 1817. The family came to Indiana, thence to Sangamon County, in 1850, and eventually to Logan County. By trade the father was a cooper. His wife passed away in 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Smith became the parents of two children, both deceased. Grace E., born July 10, 1859, married W. P. Sparrow, eight children, all deceased, and Zeno E., born March 16, 1862, died in infancy.

When the Republican party was formed Mr. Smith espoused its principles, and had he lived would have been one of its heartiest supporters, The Methodist Church held his membership, and he died firm in its faith. He was a man of great strength, both of body and character, and was in the very prime of life when taken from his loved ones. He was well thought of in his community, having already accomplished much through his industrious and thrifty habits. In 1863, Mrs. Smith moved to Williamsville, where she bought a pleasant home on Pine Street, and there she now resides, devoted to the memory of her gallant soldier husband who died so many years ago, just when life held so much for him, but whose patriotic spirit could not rest in peace when his country had need of his services. Mrs. Smith has been left a beautiful heritage that cheers her lonely years, and that is the realization that in everything her husband

proved himself a true man, a real Christian and one of whom she can ever be proud.

SMITH, Sherman T., was born in Champaign, Ill., September 12, 1874, a son of Levi and Emeline (Patterson) Smith, and grandson of John Smith. The latter was a tanner, born in Pennsylvania, who moved to Ohio in an early day, making the trip overland in an old prairie schooner drawn by an ox team. Following this he went for a short time to Iowa, then moved back to Ohio, dying at Attica, that State. His wife was Barbara Jackson, who was born in Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Polly (Tracy) Jackson, farming people of prominence. Jacob Jackson served in the War of 1812. John Smith and Polly Jackson were married in Ohio. There were children as follows in the family of John Smith: Levi; John, married, and had five children—Arol, George, Harry, Cora and Monte, all living; Fred, married and had six children—Maud, Lettie, James, Bernie, and two who died in infancy; Hattie, married, and had one child, Edward; Francis was never heard from after he enlisted in the Civil War; Marissa, and two who died in infancy.

Burnham Patterson, the maternal grandfather of Sherman T. Smith, was born in New York State, October 3, 1805, and married Mariah Purdy, born September 21, 1807. She was reared by her grandparents, remaining with them until her marriage. Her great grandfather died on the ocean and was buried at sea. Both her parents died when she was a child and but little is known of them. By this marriage there were children as follows, all born in Attica, Ohio: Mary, born April 12, 1830, married Dr. T. W. Davis, now deceased, and lives at Wapella, Ill., issue—Hypocrates, Arzilla, Burzy, deceased, and Bose, living at Wapella, Ill., where he is practicing medicine; Levi, born June 2, 1832, died at Cleveland, O., married Rebecca Shade, issue—Jennie, Nellie, Roscoe and Frank; S. A. died in infancy, December 10, 1835; William H., born March 2, 1836, was killed by falling down an elevator shaft in a Chicago building about 1889; Newell, born October 7, 1838, a druggist of Mansfield, Ill., married Lida Igum, issue—Edith and William, the latter being a druggist also; Emeline, mother of Mr. Smith, and Emily, twins, born June 1, 1845, the latter marrying Joseph Scott, deceased, issue—Rose, Gussie, Carry, Fred and Cora; Alfaretta Belle, born April 7, 1857, married Rufus Razy, a farmer of DeWitt County, Ill., deceased, issue—Nate, she now living in Oklahoma; Arthur, and two who died in infancy. Henry and Newell Patterson were in the Civil War. Burnham Patterson was a cooper by trade. He died in Ohio in 1858, and his wife in Wapella, Ill., about 1882. Both families were prominent in eastern States, and some of the best citizens today are descendants of the Patterson and Purdy families.

Levi Smith was born in Ashland, Ohio, December 24, 1840, while his wife was born in Attica, Ohio, June 1, 1843. Mr. Smith came from Ohio to Illinois in 1854, locating at Geneseo, where he spent six years. At the expiration of that period he returned to Ohio, whence he went to Dixon, Ill. From there he went to Cincinnati, and there enlisted in the navy, in June, 1863, serving under Admiral Porter. He was mustered out in 1865, at Cairo, Ill. He then went to Mansfield, Ohio, and thence to Attica, where he married. In 1866 the young couple moved to Galion, Ohio, and thence to Mansfield, where they remained until 1869, when they went to Wapella, Ill. In 1873 they went to Champaign, and thence to Fulton, where they lived until 1882, when removal was made to Springfield, which has since been their home. The various changes were made necessary by the father's employment, he being connected with several railroads. The parents had nine children, six now living in Springfield: Laura Bell, born February 4, 1866, married Ben Berriman, now deceased; Arol, born September 14, 1869, married Blanch Foster, issue—Lulu, married Sidney Eckhart of Peoria, Ill., where they now live; Jennie, Arthur, Roy, Violet, Clara, Blanch, Rolla and Benjamin, living, and Otis and Edith, who died in infancy; Elmer, born January 27, 1872, married Lucy Le Grand, issue—Irene, deceased, and Ernest and Lester at home; Sherman T., born September 12, 1874; Effie May, born February 16, 1878, married Bernhardt Theilken, issue—Ella and Leonora, deceased, and Gradle and Emma at home; Raymond, born November 16, 1880, married Anna Keys, issue—four children who died in infancy; and Inez, Dorence and Fred, who died young.

Sherman T. Smith was educated in the Springfield schools, and like any healthy, well reared boy, was fond of outdoor sports and enjoyed his excellent home. After leaving school he engaged in various lines of business, meeting with more than a fair measure of success. He is now in a real estate business and feels satisfied with its results. He is an expert on city and farm realty and his services are often demanded. Whenever occasion has arisen Mr. Smith has been found ready to contribute more than his share towards securing public improvements and the betterment of the community in general, and is one of the reliable, first-class men of his locality. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen and Eagles. In religious faith he is a Methodist and lives out the faith he professes. His political sentiments make him a Republican, but he has never aspired towards public advancement.

On September 3, 1903, Mr. Smith was married at Louisville, Ky., to Maud May Smith, born at Decatur, Ill., June 22, 1882. Her father, Fred Smith, was one of Decatur's best known citizens who was a painter and decorator by trade. The mother of Mrs. Smith bore the maiden name of Millie Painter. She and Mr. Smith were married in Decatur, where she died, but he passed away in Memphis, Tenn. Their children were: Maud May and Lettie, surviving, and James, Bennie and Lloyd O., deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman T. Smith have had four children: Leota May, born January 17, 1904; Sherman T., born March 6, 1906, both at Springfield; Girard Stowe, born June 12, 1908, at Girard, Ill.; and Dorothy Bell, born November 2, 1910, at Springfield, Ill. Mr. Smith may well be said to be an excellent example of what a man should be. Sociable and genial, he makes and retains many friends, but, above all, lets nothing interfere with his love of his family, and their gatherings are delightful events, whether they take place in the family home or at the several residences of the younger generation. Such a family, bound together as closely as it is, is a powerful influence for good in any community, and Springfield is all the better for the residence in it of such men as Sherman T. Smith, his father and his brothers.

SMITH, Sylvester B.—Sangamon County is proud of the fact that many of its residents have settled there, after years spent in other localities, satisfied that within its confines are to be found more advantages than elsewhere. Such citizens are well worth having and become important factors in any community which they may select as a permanent home. A representative of this class is Sylvester B. Smith, a farmer residing at Illiopolis. He was born in Danville, Ky., May 1, 1849, being a son of Larkin H. and Mary A. (Van Arsdall) Smith, both natives of Kentucky, where he was a farmer, and his remains were interred on the place where he was born. He had the misfortune to lose his wife when Sylvester B. was eight years old, she having borne him five children, three of whom survive. The grandfather on the paternal side of the house was a soldier in the Mexican War.

The education of Sylvester B. Smith was secured in Kentucky, and like most country boys, he helped his father on the farm. Living as he did in the south, his sympathies were with the Confederate cause, and he entered the service, acting as teamster for a short time, until taken prisoner at Bowling Green, and sent to Louisville, Ky. There he went into the Federal service in which he spent about two years. He made a trip from Camp Nelson to Atlanta, Ga., with a team and three trips to Nashville, Tenn., with 1,000 head of cattle each—one trip under Captain Yuke, one under White and one under Thurman. Returning home, he farmed with his father until 1869, when he moved to Scotland County, Mo., remaining there for three years, during which time he was engaged in farming. Following this he spent one year in Marion County, coming to Illinois in 1872. For four years he worked on a farm in Morgan County, returning to Missouri to marry, after which he came back to Illinois and settled in Cass County. For two years he farmed there, going thence to Texas, where he spent three years, still farming. Not satisfied with conditions in Texas, he returned to Cass County, and farmed there for three years; then farmed in Mason County and spent two years in Virginia, Ill. The following three years were spent by him in Springfield and for two years he was a gardener in Louisville. Having tried many places, he finally located in Illiopolis, where he has lived for the past seventeen years.

Mr. Smith was married (first) in Fairmont, Mo., in 1874, to Frances Duell, born in Scotland County, that State. Her father was a Captain in the Confederate army. In 1890, Mr. Smith was married for the second time, his bride being Fronia Lybarger, born in Effingham County, Ill. Her father, an old settler of that county, moved to Sangamon County in 1889, where his death occurred. Mrs. Smith passed away January 21, 1907, having been the mother of four children, two of whom survive: Everett E. and Howard R., both at home. Mrs. Smith was a lovely lady, of devout Christian character, and her loss is deeply felt by her family.

Mr. Smith is a Democrat and has been active in the work of his party, being elected on its ticket as Tax Collector of Illiopolis Township, and serving one term. He is a member of the Christian Church and is one of the substantial, reliable men of the congregation. His neighbors have always found him a man of honor, upright in his dealings, and ready to respond to a call upon his sympathy, and he numbers friends wherever he has lived. Those who know him best appreciate his many excellent qualities, and are proud to be counted among those whom he honors with his esteem and confidence.

SNIVELY, Ethan A.—In these days when any item relating to Illinois' greatest man is seized upon so eagerly, it is very interesting to note that there is a resident of Springfield whose first work in a printing office was helping to get out an extra announcing the first nomination of Abraham Lincoln. Ethan A. Snively is this man and his name is associated with various journalistic efforts in this part of the State. He was born in Cuba, Fulton County, Ill., February 17, 1845, a son of Henry and Sarah (Stevenson) Snively. The father was a merchant at Cuba, where the son Ethan attended school until he was fifteen years of age. He learned the printer's trade, and in January, 1866, issued his first copy of the "Times," at Rushville, Ill. In 1868 he sold this and established another paper at Galesburg, Ill., under same name, the "Times." In May, 1869, he sold this and in October, 1871, became the publisher of the "Macoupin Inquirer" at Carlinville. In 1883 he sold this and retired from journalism.

Mr. Snively has always been a prominent Democrat and his services were recognized by his election in 1878 to the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court for thirty-five counties comprising the Central Grand Division, he being re-elected in 1884 and again in 1890. He was appointed minority member of the Board of Pardons in 1897 by Gov. Tanner, and returned by Govs. Yates and Deneen, his suitability for that office being recognized by the several chief executives of the State.

On February 23, 1876, Mr. Snively was mar-

ried at Carlinville, Ill., to Catherine McKim DuBois, no issue. Mr. Snively belongs to the Episcopal Church of Springfield, and has always been one of its firm and generous supporters. In his official life he has shown himself to be a man of unswerving integrity of purpose, who steadily adheres to what he believes is right, and the work he has accomplished cannot be easily overestimated. He has long been one of the men of whom Springfield is justly proud, realizing that he is representative of its best and highest interests. Mr. Snively is the author of the article in this work entitled "State Properties."

SNODGRASS, Nelson (deceased).—In the death of the late Nelson Snodgrass, Clear Lake Township, Sangamon County, lost a prominent and well-known citizen, who had spent most of his life there. He was born near Vincennes, Ind., in 1834, and was a son of William Snodgrass, also a native of Indiana and a farmer. The parents were early settlers of Sangamon County, having previously lived for a time in Logan County, Ill., and lived many years on a farm in Clear Lake Township, where both died.

In his boyhood Nelson Snodgrass helped his father develop and cultivate the farm, and received his education in the country schools of Clear Lake Township. When he was old enough to choose his occupation in life he chose farming, and began working for himself in Clear Lake Township, moving to the farm now occupied by his widow April 18, 1868. He was an ambitious and energetic farmer and reaped excellent results from his work. He was prominent in the councils of the Republican party, casting his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He served several years as Road Commissioner in Clear Lake Township.

October 4, 1855, Mr. Snodgrass was married in Mechanicsburg, to Parthenia Viar, who was born in Clear Lake Township, September 23, 1838, daughter of Richard Viar, born May 9, 1806, in Kentucky, and his wife, Julia A. (Henry) Viar. Mr. Viar came to Sangamon County at an early day and settled on a farm near Rochester, carrying on farming there until his death, March 11, 1855. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass: Samuel H., born December 22, 1856, died July 30, 1894; Delcena Bell, born November 23, 1858, married Ed Baker, and they live on a farm in Clear Lake Township; Rachel Ann, born April 22, 1861, died February 20, 1865; John W., born August 4, 1864, lives in Springfield; Laura C., born October 6, 1869, died April 3, 1870, and Julia E., wife of Samuel Waddells, a farmer of Clear Lake Township. There are three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren in the family. Mrs. Snodgrass owns the farm of ten acres in Clear Lake Township, where she has lived over forty years. She was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, attended his funeral, and has a clear memory of many incidents connected with his life in Springfield. Her father furnished many ties for the construction of the Wabash railroad.

Mr. Snodgrass was an active and devout member of the Christian Church, to which his widow also belongs. He won many friends by his high character and sterling worth, and his loss was deeply felt, not only by his immediate family, but by many others as well. He continued actively engaged in farming until his death, which occurred on his farm February 7, 1900.

SNODGRASS, William Henry Harrison (deceased), who was for many years prominently identified with the agricultural and official life of Sangamon County, and whose widow now resides on the original 160-acre tract in Cotton Hill Township, entered by Mr. Snodgrass's father, in pioneer days, was born November 27, 1842, in Sangamon County. He was a son of James and Nancy (Moon) Snodgrass, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Kentucky. The parents came to Illinois and settled in Sangamon County at an early date, long prior to the "Deep Snow," the father entering 160 acres of land from the Government, and later purchasing more property, continuing to farm on this land until his death. There were two sons and five daughters in the family, all of whom are now deceased.

William H. H. Snodgrass was educated in a log schoolhouse in Cotton Hill Township, and during his boyhood days assisted his father in the work of the farm. He spent his entire life on this property, and at the time of his death, which occurred July 15, 1907, was the owner of the original 160-acre tract. Mr. Snodgrass was for eight years Deputy Sheriff of Sangamon County, was for ten years a Justice of the Peace and also served for several terms as Assessor and Collector of his township. His father had been for some years Constable of the township in which he lived. He was a Trustee in the Methodist Church, which his widow and family have always attended. Both Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass were personal friends of Abraham Lincoln.

On January 2, 1862, Mr. Snodgrass was married in Cotton Hill Township, to Miss Sarah Hall, who was born in Franklin County, Ohio, February 19, 1844, the daughter of Lemuel and Hannah Hall, the former a native of Delaware and the latter of Maryland. Mr. Hall, who followed the occupation of farming, went to Franklin County, Ohio, at an early date, but several years later moved to Sangaman County, and in 1854 located in Cotton Hill Township, where he engaged in farming and continued at that occupation until his death, which occurred in 1886, his wife having died in 1854 in Ohio. Mr. Hall was a soldier during the Black Hawk War and was well known and highly respected in his day. Of his family of three sons and five daughters all are deceased with the exception of Mrs. Snodgrass. To Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass there were born nine daughters and three sons, and of these five are now living, namely: Dora, the wife of Charles Dewese, living on a

farm in Sangamon County; Mary, the wife of Albert R. Carey, also in Sangamon County; Eva, living at home; Hester, the wife of M. J. Sanders, living near Pawnee, Sangamon County; and William B., who lives with his mother on the farm on Section 10, Cotton Hill Township. There have been eight grandchildren in the family, all of whom are living.

SONGER, Mrs. Lydia M., widow of the late Thomas J. Songer, has lived for the past twenty-three years in the home she owns at 1730 East Kansas Street, Springfield, Ill. She was born in Callaway County, Mo., January 28, 1852, daughter of William and Eliza J. (Freeman) Walls, both natives of Callaway County. The parents lived on a farm in Missouri and afterward moved to Illinois, where they took up their permanent residence. The father died when she was about twenty years of age. The ancestors were early settlers of Missouri.

Mrs. Songer spent her childhood on a farm and was educated in her native State. She came to Illinois with her parents and was there married to Thomas Jefferson Songer, who was born in Marion County, Ill. Mr. Songer enlisted about 1862, in Company G, Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving to the end of the war. He took part in many battles in the southern campaigns but was never wounded nor taken prisoner. He was a farmer by occupation and a progressive, public-spirited citizen. He was a devout Methodist and in politics was a Republican. He died at his home in Springfield, May 18, 1904, and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Seven children were born to Mr. Songer and his wife, namely: Eugene E., born April 4, 1872, living in Jersey County, Ill.; Arthur L., born February 7, 1876, died August 18, 1910; Stella, born February 7, 1878, wife of John Randeth, living in Peoria, Ill.; Fayette M., born April 4, 1882, living with mother in Springfield; Myrtle L., born December 6, 1886, widow of Henry Slim, residing near Springfield; John F., born April 27, 1892, lives in Springfield, is with the Springfield Gas Company; Willie F., born March 2, 1889, lives in Ohio. Arthur L. Songer enlisted at Springfield, April 27, 1898, in Troop D, First Illinois Cavalry, was mustered out and re-enlisted as Sergeant, at Indianapolis, September 17, 1899, in Company C, Forty-first United States Volunteer Infantry, and went to the Philippines, where he served in Northern Luzon, and then returned to Angel Island, Cal., where he re-enlisted in Company D, Twenty-first United States Volunteer Infantry, served eighteen months in the Philippines and returned to the United States, and to Springfield, where he died.

Mrs. Songer is beloved by her family and many friends and is a woman of strong character and kindly disposition. She is a devoted mother and has given her children all the advantages within her power.

SOUTHER, Mrs. Nannie (Latham).—There are few men who have attained prominence in life who do not attribute much of their success to the influence and fostering care of their mothers. One of Springfield's representative men, Latham T. Souther, is frank in confessing the part his honored mother, Mrs. Nannie (Latham) Souther, has borne in his life. Mr. Souther's able article on banking and other financial institutions, of Springfield, has awakened considerable interest in this History of Sangamon County.

Mrs. Souther was born in Elkhart, Ill., a daughter of Richard and Margaret (Stevenson) Latham, farming people, who were associated with agricultural interests at Elkhart and in the vicinity of Springfield. Mrs. Souther came to Springfield at an early age, and there was educated. She remained at home until she was married, in Springfield, in September, 1873, to George H. Souther, a native of Massachusetts, born in 1840. Mr. Souther was a soldier in the Civil War and a good and brave man. Later in life, with the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic, he joined that order, and continued with it until his death in 1905. After the war he was appointed Pension Agent, being regarded the best man for that position, and discharged its duties faithfully and conscientiously. Mr. Souther was one of the early bankers here, being for many years at the head of the Sangamon Loan and Trust Company. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Souther: Latham; Lucy Abbott (now Mrs. W. J. Galbraith), of Tucson, Arizona; and Elizabeth. Mrs. Souther is a consistent member of the Christian Church. She is a true type of the tender, gentle, Christian woman, who makes the ideal wife and mother. Her family revere and love her, and her neighbors appreciate her many virtues.

SPARKS, Elijah.—Land in Sangamon County is so valuable that many of the farmers are devoting it to specialties, realizing that this method of farming produces a larger income than those which involve the handling of larger acreage. One of the progressive farmers of this class is Elijah Sparks, of Section 32, Williams Township. He was born in Tennessee in 1822, a son of Truelove and Polly (Anderson) Sparks, natives of North Carolina and Tennessee. Truelove Sparks went from North Carolina to Kentucky with his father at a very early date, settling on a forty-acre farm, which they operated for several years, but not being suited, they moved on to Sangamon County, locating on a farm west of Springfield. Truelove Sparks there entered 320 acres from the Government, located near Williamsville, and held possession of it for ten years, then sold it, moving to Missouri, where he bought a small farm. As this was during the disturbed period of the Civil War, he returned to Sangamon County, resuming farming in the vicinity of Sherman. Still

later he went to Nebraska, where he farmed for several years. Once more he came to Illinois and for five years farmed there, then returned to Missouri, where he bought eighty acres of land. This he operated to the time of his death, which took place when he was ninety-six years old. His second wife also died on this farm, his first wife having died when Elijah was a small child. There were eight children, four sons and four daughters, in the family of Truelove Sparks, and three of the sons served during the Civil War, two being wounded in the siege of Vicksburg and dying from the effects of their wounds. Of this large family Elijah Sparks is the only survivor.

The education of Mr. Sparks was received in Sangamon County, and he worked on the several farms owned by his father, finally adopting agriculture as his calling. For the past few years he has resided on his present property, but in early manhood worked for a short time at blacksmithing. Although now in his eighty-ninth year, he is hale and hearty, carrying his age lightly.

The marriage of Mr. Sparks occurred in Williams Township, October 23, 1862, to Mary Ann Garner, born in Indiana, January 11, 1843, daughter of Andrew Garner, of Tennessee. The family moved to Indiana, where Mr. Garner engaged in farming until his death. There were five sons and three daughters in his family. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and the family has been prominent in the history of the several communities in which its representatives are to be found. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks became parents of the following children: Polly, wife of Thomas Renfro, residing on a farm near Sherman: Laura A., wife of Gilbert Moore, also on a farm near Sherman; Matthew, on a farm north of Sherman; Lydia, wife of John Mills, residing in Williams Township; Flora, widow of James E. Mills, lives with her sister, Mrs. John Mills; Noah, at home; Oliver C., on a farm in Williams Township; Jane, at home. There are thirty-one grandchildren in the family and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Sparks is a fine specimen of the farmer of early days. Although he has worked hard all his life, and has been subjected to many of the hardships incident to pioneer days, he has enjoyed excellent health and has accomplished much of which he may well be proud. He has lived to see his children grow up about him, developing into useful men and women, and is very proud of them and his many grandchildren. The old home is becoming too small to hold all the connections when there is a gathering, as there often is, but the warm, cordial welcome which each member receives from the grand old man and his wife compensates for a little crowding.

SPEED, Joshua Fry. (Vol. I, p. 495.)

SPIES, Gustavus.—The Germans are great homemakers and rejoice in being able upon special occasions to gather about them the different generations of their families. A venerable married couple of Springfield who have already celebrated their golden wedding, and can look back upon long, useful and prosperous lives, and who are now crowned with the satisfaction of seeing their children succeed, are Mr. and Mrs. Gustavus Spies. Gustavus Spies was born on the Rhine, in Germany, September 6, 1828, being a son of Philip and Catherine (Steffis) Spies, both natives of Germany. Philip Spies served in the seven years' war with Napoleon, and five years under the old King William. By occupation he was a carpenter and found ready employment in his native land, but after the death of his wife, decided to emigrate, coming to America in 1856. He came on to Springfield, which remained his home, and he resided with his son Gustavus until his demise.

After a boyhood spent in Germany, where he was educated, and having worked in the ship yards of his native place, Gustavus Spies came to America in 1852, remaining in New York eighteen months after landing. At the expiration of that period he came on to Springfield, where he soon identified himself with many of the city's business interests. For seven years he was connected with the city police department, and gave an efficient service. He has always been a Democrat and belongs to SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Mr. Spies was married in Springfield, September 17, 1856, to Katie Bauman, born in Baden, Germany, January 3, 1831. Her mother died in Germany, following which the father came to the United States, locating in Springfield, which continued his home until he, too, passed away. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Spies: Mary, wife of W. R. Grubb, of Chicago; Katie, wife of Frank Neff, of Springfield; Leona, at home, and six who are deceased. There are four grandchildren and one great-grandchild in the family. On September 17, 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Spies celebrated their golden wedding, and the occasion was celebrated by a reunion of the family. The lives of these two most excellent people are filled with pleasant memories of the past and they can recall many events of the times when Lincoln and Douglas were every-day figures in the life of the city. They remember the stirring events of the Civil War and the no less important ones of later days, and in recalling them live over again their youth and middle age, and carry the listener with them. They reside at their home, 231 West Edwards Street. Mr. Spies also owns a residence on the opposite side of the street and one on West Washington street, besides city lots and other real setate.

SPIKRE, Noah W. (deceased), who carried on farming all his active life, lived retired in Springfield, Ill., a few years before his death. Mr. Spikre was born near Terre Haute, Ind., September 18, 1858, and after receiving his education in the country schools near his home,

engaged in farming with his father. He was a son of Samuel and Eliza (Lister) Spikre, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. Samuel Spikre spent most of his life on a farm near Terre Haute. He served two years in the Civil War, was wounded and brought back home, where he recovered.

As a young man Noah W. Spikre removed from his native State to Greene County, Ill., where he engaged in farming and continued until his retirement from active life. He was an enterprising and ambitious farmer and became fairly successful in his operations. He located in Springfield, but on account of failing health moved to the country, where he died, May 9, 1891, on a farm near Roodhouse, Ill. His remains were interred at Richwoods Cemetery. He was a devout member of the Christian Church and was affiliated with the church in Springfield located at Fifth and Jackson Streets. In politics he was a Republican, though he never took a very active part in public affairs. At the time of his death he had hardly reached the prime of life, and left a widow with a family of small children to care for and rear. Mr. Spikre had won many friends and his loss was keenly felt by all who knew him. He was a man of strict integrity and reliability, actuated by high principles in his dealings with his fellow men.

The marriage of Mr. Spikre occurred February 21, 1881, in Richwoods, Ill., when he was united with Miss Alice Hopper, a native of Pike County, Ill., born February 20, 1865, daughter of John and Mary (Lingo) Hopper, the former born in Greene County and the latter in Tennessee. John Hopper's father, Joshua Hopper, was one of the first settlers of Greene County, coming there from Kentucky with an ox team, in 1830, and at the time of his death owned 1,400 acres of land in Greene County. He became a prominent citizen in the community and the family was highly respected. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Spikre: Roy Lee, unmarried and living in Wyoming; William F. is married, lives at 118 East Mason Street, Springfield, and has one son—Lloyd; Jesse C., a tailor, living at Litchfield, Ill., is married and has one daughter, Bettie L.; Noah F., unmarried and living with his mother, who owns the home at 705 East Cook Street.

SPINDEL, Eugene F., an enterprising farmer of Rochester Township, Sangamon County, is a native of Illinois and has spent a large part of his life in Sangamon County. He was born in Christian County, November 21, 1865, son of James W. and Mary E. (Tucker) Spindel, the father born in Loudoun County, Va., October 14, 1827, and the mother born in Ball Township, Sangamon County, June 1, 1849. James W. Spindel was a farmer by occupation and came to Peoria County, Ill., at the age of seventeen years, two years later made a visit to his old home, then came to Sangamon County and located on the Vandevere farm near Edinburg, soon afterward. He purchased land and became actively engaged in farming in Christian County and in 1871 moved to Missouri, where he remained six years. There are eight children in the family, those besides Eugene F. being: John William; Aquilla H., a farmer of Cooper Township; Mary E., wife of M. D. Langley, of Taylorville, Ill.; Joseph E., of Sangamon County; Minnie, wife of O. C. Campbell, of Sangamon County; Charles D., a farmer of Taylorville; James V., a farmer of Charleston, Ill. The father of these children had five sisters and three brothers and has a sister now living in Oklahoma.

Eugene F. Spindel worked on farms by the day and month until he reached his majority, receiving his education in the public schools of Sangamon County, Ill., and Greene County, Mo. In 1893 he went to Churdan, Iowa, spent about seven years there, and returned to Illinois in 1900. He has been a farmer all his active life and about ten years ago began farming for himself, making a specialty of raising corn and wheat. He has had much experience and carries on his work with an energy and care that insures his success. He is recognized as a man of excellent business judgment and a substantial citizen. His mother was a member of the Christian Church and his father was a Methodist. Mr. Spindel is a Democrat in political views. He is unmarried, as is his brother, J. W., and the two rent land from George E. Ross and operate it in partnership.

SPRINGER, (Rev.) Francis. (Vol. I, pp. 495-496.)

SPRINGER, Frank S., the enterprising Secretary of the American Berkshire Association, is connected with various other stock and breeders' organizations, and has contributed not a little to their progress and success. Mr. Springer was born at Fort Smith, Ark., October 29, 1870, and came to Springfield with his parents in 1880. He is a son of John G. and Frances Amanda (Stratton) Springer, he a native of Sangamon County, Illinois, she of Sebastian County, Arkansas. John G. Springer served as Quartermaster of the Tenth Illinois Cavalry, from 1861-65, and his father, Francis Springer, served as Chaplain in the same regiment.

The education of Frank S. Springer was received in the public schools of Springfield and he graduated from high school in the Class of 1890. He worked for a time in 1889 as clerk in the employ of the Springfield Coal Association, and after leaving school worked for a year in a clerical position with the Damson Brick & Tile Company. From 1892-95 he worked for the American Berkshire Association, in 1896 for the American Southdown Breeders' Association, from 1897-1900 for the American Short-Horn Breeders' Association; May 10, 1900, was elected Secretary of the American Southdown Breeders' Association, and January 28, 1903, was elected Secretary of the American Berkshire Association, while still holding the office of Secretary for the American Southdown Breeders' Association. He is an enthusiastic and energetic

business man and active in the work of the interests he so well represents. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of Springfield; of John A. McClernand Camp No. 4, Division of Illinois Sons of Veterans; is Secretary of the Illinois Swine Breeders' Association, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Live Stock Breeders' Association. He has an office for the transaction of his business at 510½ East Monroe Street, and his residence is located at 701 South Walnut Street. He is well known in business and social circles and takes an active interest in public affairs. In political views he is a Republican. He is an active member of Grace Lutheran Church, of Springfield.

Mr. Springer was married in Springfield, July 10, 1904, to Miss Charlotte Bruce, who was born in Montgomery County, Ill., April 27, 1874, daughter of James and Sarah (Davis) Bruce, the mother a native of Sangamon County, Ill., and the father of New York city. One child has blessed this union, Katherine Frances, born May 10, 1909.

SPRINGER, William M. (Vol. I, p. 496.)

STANTON, Samuel M., a carriage and wagon maker, carpenter and general builder, who established himself at Loami, Ill., in the fall of 1908 is an experienced and skillful man in his line of work and enjoys a liberal amount of patronage, for which he gives very satisfatory returns. Mr. Stanton was born amid quiet, country surroundings but a naturally adventurous and inquiring spirit led to his early changing his environment, and before he had reached manhood he had visited different sections of his native land and also had gained considerable experience as to the practical side of life. He was born on a farm near the village of Loami, April 29, 1879, a son of Benjamin and Susan (Cook) Stanton.

Benjamin Stanton, the father, was born at Chattanooga, Tenn., March 4, 1838, and on January 11 1864, was married in Sangamon County, Ill. to Susan Cook who was born at Hillham, Tenn., August 6, 1842. A colony made up of the Cook, Bilyeu and Lyons families, all settled in the same section of Sangamon County at the same time, although the Cooks subsequently returned to Tennessee. Mrs. Stanton has reached her sixty-seventh year and resides on the old homestead in Loami Township, where she is still the center of the domestic circle, occupying the place that none but a good mother can fill. Of the twelve children born to Benjamin and Susan Stanton, four died in infancy. The brief record of those who reached maturity is as follows: Sarah is the wife of Edward Hayes and they reside at Loami; Jesse is a railroad man and also lives at Loami; James is a section foreman on the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis Railroad, and lives at Loami, Ill.; Mary is the wife of Henry Armstrong and they live at Loami; Joseph is a farmer in Sangamon County; Edward resides on the old home place and married Linnie McMann; Lydia, who is now deceased, was the wife of W. D. Hayes, a resident of Loami, and she is survived by three children—Myrtle, Verna and Everett; Samuel M. is further mentioned. On both sides of the family Mr. Stanton can trace an honorable ancestry. His great-grandmother came from Scotland. His paternal grandparents were Jesse L. and Annie (Bilyeu) Stanton, the former of whom was born at Sparta, Tenn., October 8, 1804, and survived until October 8, 1886. He was reared in times and among surroundings that gave him a strong physique, as well as a taste for military life, and in 1824, when troops were required by the United States Government to place certain Indian tribes on reservations, he was a soldier in Florida, and later, when a man of fifty years, was ready to shoulder his musket and fight for a cause he believed at that time to be right. In 1861 he became a private in a regiment of cavalry commanded by Col. Sidney Stanton, under Gen. Bragg, C. S. A., and participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Murfreesboro and Franklin, and at the latter place was one of the first to go over the breastworks under the command of his brave relative, Col. Stanton, who fell in this charge. Mr. Stanton was honorably discharged in August, 1863. The fortunes of war left his old southern home in ruins, and with a number of his kindred he then turned his eyes to the North and finally invested in land in Loami Township, with his son Benjamin, settling on the same September 27, 1867. The remainder of his life was one of comparative comfort and both he and wife survived until they were about seventy-one years of age. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was always a Democrat in political views. He had two sons and two daughters: Benjamin, James, Mary and Lydia, James, who resides at Loami, being the only one now living.

Benjamin Stanton grew up in his native place, and when Civil War was precipitated followed his father's example. In 1861, he enlisted for service in support of the Confederate cause. He first entered Capt. Bilberry's company, under Col. Sidney Stanton, but was later transferred to Gen. Morgan's command and participated in the battles in which his honored father also fought. In 1863 he accompanied the party heretofore mentioned and settled in Loami Township, Sangamon County, Ill., where he passed forty-four peaceful years, his death occurring on January 26, 1908. As noted above, his widow still survives. Her parents were Sanford and Laura (Rooks) Cook, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. They had five children, namely: Samuel, who died in the Confederate Army; and Sarah, Margaret, Susan and Lutina.

Samuel M. Stanton attended the common schools and helped in a boyish way with the farm duties until he was fifteen years of age, at which time he decided that he would like to see something of the world beyond the environment of the farm. He did not stop to gain his father's permission, but very shortly afterward was

glad to have his hearty welcome when the wanderer had realized that home was the best place after all. During the next two years Mr. Stanton faithfully performed all the duties falling to his share in conducting the farm. About 1897 he and one of his friends concluded to join the U. S. army, and went to St. Louis, Mo., for that purpose, but the former was not accepted on account of his age and then bought a ticket for Russellville, Ky., intending to try his fortune in that State. Want of space prevents an extended telling of the interesting story of how he placed confidence in a stranger and in that way lost his ticket and found himself alone in St. Louis, with a capital of thirty cents in his pocket and of his subsequent makeshifts until he once more reached home. For three and one-half months he was ill with a fever and after he recovered again went south. A natural mechanic, he soon gained a first-rate knowledge of the carpenter's trade and had no trouble in securing work. In Tennessee he built houses and barns, and acquired land, still owning a farm of sixty acres situated in Overton County. On September 1, 1908, Mr. Stanton returned to Sangamon County and bought a building in Loami, which he fitted up as a carriage, wagon building, and repair shop, and is doing a fine business. Being well acquainted with his own and contingent trades, he is able to contract, build and paint any kind of vehicle, or repair the same. He has developed into one of the practical and successful business men of the place.

On October 18, 1899, Mr. Stanton was married (first) to Miss Ora Judson, a native of Illinois, who died August 15, 1903. She was a consistent Christian and had been a church member from the age of twelve years. Their one child died in infancy. He was married (second) in April, 1904, to Miss Grace Wright, of Waverly, Ill., and they had two children, Frances E., born in 1905, and Elizabeth, born in 1907. His third marriage took place March 1, 1908, to Miss Dovie Buck, a native of Hillham, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He votes with the Prohibiton party. He belongs to the fraternal order of Maccabees, and Mutual Protective League.

STARK, Hardin B. (deceased), was a farmer of enterprise and success and a citizen of more than average influence. He was born in Kentucky, April 29, 1829, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Stark, natives of the Blue Grass State and farmers. Of three sons and two daughters only the subject of this notice survives. He was educated in Kentucky and during his boyhood days worked on his father's farm. On coming to Illinois he settled in the southern part of the state, where he farmed for a time. Later he was employed on a steamboat plying between Golconda and New Orleans. Soon after the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted, in Alexander County, Ill., in Company G, Sixth Illinois Cavalry, with which he served in the rank of Sergeant. After having participated in many engagements, great and small, he was mustered out at Camp Butler, near Springfield. Settling at Mechanicsburg, he farmed there until his death, which occurred January 30, 1869, and is resting in the Mechanicsburg cemetery. In his political affiliations he was an ardent Republican. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was identified with the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Stark married, in Saline County, Ill., June, 1852, Miss Frankie Reynolds. She was born in Tennessee, September 5, 1833, a daughter of David Reynolds, a farmer in that county, where he and his wife died. The mother also was a native of Tennessee. She bore her husband ten children and of these only Mrs. Stark, one son and another daughter are living. The son, Isaac Reynolds, lives on a farm in Lanesville Township, and one daughter, Mrs. Lucy Moore, lives in Springfield. Mrs. Stark, now seventy-eight years old, owns a fine home and other property at Mechanicsburg. To her late husband she bore eight children, seven of whom survive. Fannie, the eldest, is the wife of Albert Hutchinson, of Rochester, Ill., and they have four children. Belle is Mrs. John Herman; Bertha is the wife of Charles Bullard of Springfield. Earl was the next born. James, of St. Louis, Mo., married Miss Emma Behymer, of Mechanicsburg, and they have children named—Charles, Alta, Frank and Bertha. Nora, Mrs. Shultz, lives in Mechanicsburg. Sarah married Allen Webber, of Fayetteville, Ark., and they have five children: Cora, the eldest, is Mrs. James Maybury; Frederick was the next born, and after him Margaret; Georgia is the wife of Lonk Cowen; Grace is the youngest. Mrs. Stark's daughter Mary is dead. Her son Thomas, of Muskogee, Okla., married Miss Alice Mench, of Poplar Bluff, Mo. Hardin Stark, of Miles, Texas, has a son named Thomas. Minnie, the wife of William Hale, of Spaulding, Ill., has eight children. Pearl married Charles Duffy, of Bradford, Ill. Frederick married Miss Laura Isley, of Spaulding, Ill., and they have children named: James, Maude, Bessie, Catherine and Grace. The children of Nora, wife of Alfred Shultz, engineer of a coal mine at Mechanicsburg are named: Ralph, Thomas, Benjamin, Ellis, Francis, Lafayette, Alice, Louis, Geraldine and Donald. Loved by children and grandchildren, respected by all who know her, Mrs. Stark is passing her declining years in peace and plenty and looking forward with a Christian's confidence to a happy reunion with the husband of her youth, in a bright land where there is no parting.

STARKWEATHER, Daniel H.—Prominent among the agriculturists of Sangamon County, may be mentioned Daniel H. Starkweather of Section 22, Township 13, Range 5, Divernon Township, who although he has passed his sev-

enty-second year is still carrying on active operations. Mr. Starkweather was born in Morgan County, Ill., November 13, 1838, the son of Asa Starkweather. Asa Starkweather was born January 9, 1807, in Vermont, and came to Illinois by wagon in 1834, entering land in Morgan County. In 1839 he moved to Jersey County, where he carried on farming until his death, September 23, 1845. Just before coming to Illinois, he married Louisa Harvey, who was born in Vermont August 7, 1812, and died December 12, 1856.

Daniel H. Starkweather was educated in the schools of Jersey County, attending subscription school the first year and when he was seventeen years of age, he started farming with his sisters and brother. In 1864, he went to Greene County, where he remained for two years, and on March 8, 1866, located on the farm on which he now resides, and where he has continued to carry on operations to the present time. He now has a property comprising 160 acres of excellent farming land, valued at $200 per acre, on which the most extensive improvements have been made. The buildings are in the best condition, the land is properly fenced and graded, and Mr. Starkweather operates his land in a scientific manner, paying attention to crop rotation and using modern methods throughout. Mr. Starkweather is a Republican in politics and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, but since voting for President McKinley he has favored the Prohibitionists, being a stanch member of the Temperance party. For many years he was a Justice of the Peace in his township, as well as a member of the school board from 1873 to 1895, and for some time clerk of that body. He also served as Road Commissioner and in lesser offices. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist Church, and he has always been active in church and charitable circles.

Mr. Starkweather's first marriage occurred in Jersey County, Ill., August 21, 1862, when he was united with Lucinda S. Kirkpatrick, who was born in New Jersey and died April 3, 1865, in Greene County, Ill., having been the mother of two children: Amanda, who died in Greene County, December 22, 1864; and Emily W., born in Jersey County, May 28, 1863, was married July 10, 1893, to P. S. Hulett, of Montgomery County, Ill., by whom she had six children,—Helen, Elon C., Park S., James E., Dow D. and Don H., the latter two twins. Mr. Starkweather was married (second) in Jerseyville, Ill., February 25, 1866, to Sarah A. Utt, who was born in Greene County, Ill., December 9, 1841. Her father, Adam Utt, was an early settler in Greene County, coming thence from Pennsylvania, her grandparents having come to the latter State from Germany. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Amelia Baxter, was born in Kentucky in 1814, and came with her brothers to Greene County, Ill., by horseback during the early days. She was married to Adam Utt, January 14, 1841, by Moses Lemen, the pioneer Baptist preacher. Mrs. Starkweather's grandparents on the maternal side were of Irish descent and came to Kentucky in the early days, both dying in that State. There were six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Starkweather: Walter, born February 28, 1867, died November 12, 1868; Charles, born November 24, 1871, died December 3d of that year: Harry, born February 18, 1873, died February 24, 1873; Asa E., born March 9, 1869, residing on the old homestead, married Pauline S. Rechards, March 16, 1893, and they have four children,—Lela C., Sarah B., Inez M. and Harvey C.; James A., born December 30, 1876, was married June 30, 1903, to Juliette Hoyt, of Chicago, and is now principal of schools at Kalamazoo, Mich., having graduated in 1901 from Shurtleff College; and Bessie, born December 5, 1880, married W. B. Dyson, of Sangamon County, has two children, Geraldine and Roscoe S., and lives near the home farm.

STARNE, Alexander. (Vol. I, p. 503.)

STEIN, Adam, a retired citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 22, 1829, son of Adam and Katrina (Schuettler) Stein. The father was a cabinet-maker and died at the age of fifty-two years. Adam Stein, Jr., was one of eight children and the second son of his parents, and had a brother, Frank Stein, who enlisted in 1861 in a New York regiment and was killed in the Battle of Yorktown, Va., in 1863. Adam Stein went to school until he was fourteen years of age and then worked on his father's homestead until he emigrated to the United States, in 1851. He made the voyage on the sailing vessel "Northumberland," which took forty-five days to cross. He landed in New York with but about ten dollars in his possession, and soon went to work for a show-case manufacturer, receiving his board and clothes and twenty-five cents every Sunday for spending money. At the end of six months he went to the Isthmus of Panama and began working on a railroad, but at the end of another six months returned to New York on account of fever, and spent some time in a hospital.

In 1855 Mr. Stein enlisted for five years in the Regular United States Army, and was stationed at Fort Lynch, Fort Clark and Fort Davis, Tex. He was discharged at Camp Hudson, Tex., and returned to New York. He was married, in October, 1860, to Miss Susan Rittman, and they removed to Springfield, Ill., where he found employment, first sawing wood and afterwards in various capacities, being employed eighteen years as janitor of the Edwards School. He has been hard-working and industrious, a type of the best kind of citizen, ready to take an interest in public enterprises and do his share toward promoting them. He is a devout member of the SS. Peter and Paul German Catholic Church and active in church work. Mrs. Stein died May 1, 1907, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery. She was a de-

voted wife and mother and bore her husband children as follows: Norman A., born in 1861, a merchant of Springfield, married Mary Midden, and they have three children—Rose, Wilhelmina and Marie; Annie, born in Springfield, April 3, 1866, married Frank Harbauer, who died in 1901, leaving her with three children—Susie, Alma and Frankie. Mr. Stein is a stanch Democrat and has adhered to the principles of his party since becoming a citizen of the United States. He resides at 842 South Second Street.

STEPHENS, Henry C., now living retired in the comfortable home at 1153 North Fourth Street, Springfield, Ill., was for many years identified with mining enterprises in that city and vicinity. He was born in Jacksonville, Ill., October 25, 1856, son of William J. and Margaret (Dodd) Stephens, the former a native of the West Indies and the latter of Kentucky. The father went as a boy from the West Indies to England, where he received his education, and came to America as a young man. He spent a short time in Chicago, then came to what is now Virginia, Ill., and taught in the community. He platted and named the town of Virginia, and in this enterprise was assisted by Dr. Hall, a wealthy land owner of Cass County. Later Mr. Stephens moved to Jacksonville, Ill., and for many years taught school in that city. His specialty was the teaching of grammar, and he also taught writing, being considered one of the most learned scholars of the State of Illinois in the line of rhetoric, composition and similar subjects. Among his pupils after he located in Springfield were the sister and brother of Governor Yates, whom he instructed in grammar and writing by private lessons. He was appointed by the elder Governor Yates to a position in the Adjutant General's office, and during his residence in Springfield was often employed by public speakers to correct their addresses. In later life he returned to Jacksonville and engaged in farming, and also taught school at a town called Little York. He was employed for a time in the office of the County Clerk in Jacksonville, Ill., and finally moved to Virden, Macoupin County, Ill., where his death occurred. He and his wife had nine children, six daughters and three sons, and seven of these children are now living. The father reached the age of ninety-two years.

Henry C. Stephens was educated in Jacksonville, Ill., and after leaving school worked on a farm and afterward engaged in teaming. He located in Springfield about 1888 and worked as "company man" for various coal mine operators. He spent most of his active life in work in the mines, and he and his brother, William, did the excavating for the reservoir at Springfield, which is located in the northern part of the city. He has witnessed many changes in the city and vicinity and has done his share to promote its welfare and growth. He was recognized as a man of ability in his line of work and had the full confidence of all who had business dealings with him. In politics he is a Republican and he is a member of the United Brethren Church. He served three years as a member of the Illinois National Guard.

Mr. Stephens was married, May 25, 1881, at Springfield, Ill., in the house where the family now lives, to Miss Hanna Solomon, who was born in St. Louis, Mo., daughter of Thomas and Catherine M. (Jones) Solomon. Her father is a native of England and her mother of Wales, and both now reside with Mr. and Mrs. Stephens. He was a farmer for many years, but the last few years has been engaged in mining. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, of whom five survive, namely: Elsie, wife of Charles Simms, of Springfield, in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company; Kittie and Etta, in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company; Edgar, a conductor in the employ of the Consolidated Street Railway Company; Orville, living at home. There is one grandchild in the family. Mr. Stephens has been fairly successful in his business enterprises.

STEPHENSON, (Dr.) Benjamin Franklin. (Vol. I, p. 507.)

STEWART, Captain Theodore A., is a well-to-do farmer of Sangamon County and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Champaign County, Ohio, in 1844, and is a son of Lewis M. and Hannah (Harbor) Stewart, who were farmers. About 1849 the parents moved to Indiana and there spent the remainder of their lives. Captain Stewart received his early education in the public schools of Indiana, and after his service in the war attended the university at Ann Arbor, Mich., where he studied law. He was admitted to the Bar and began the practice of his profession in 1876, but on account of poor health was unable to stand the confinement of work in his office and for a time taught school in Sangamon County. He then engaged in farming and secured possession of 260 acres in Sections 28, 29, 32 and 13, and 320 acres in Section 34, all in Town 14 North, Range 4 West, part of which extends into Christian County, though the most of it is in Sangamon County. He has been very successful in his agricultural operations and is an enterprising, progressive citizen.

In 1861 Captain Stewart enlisted in the Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, at Fort Wayne, and served four years and six months. He participated in the Battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, in the Atlanta Campaign, then went back to Franklin, and was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., receiving his final discharge at Indianapolis, Ind. He proved himself a good soldier and has always been the friend of any enterprise which he thought would be of public benefit.

Captain Stewart was married, in Sangamon County, December 24, 1874, to Miss Maria Colean, daughter of Joseph H. and Maria Colean, who came to Sangamon County from Jersey

County, Ill., in 1855. The father died in October, 1888, and both parents are buried near Pawnee. Five children were born to Captain Stewart and his wife, namely: Alma, born November 22, 1875; Amy, November 14, 1877; Albert T., February 26, 1880; Frank A., August 25, 1882; Joseph L., July 24, 1889. Captain Stewart is a Democrat in politics and fraternally is a member of Pawnee Lodge No. 675, A. F. & A. M.

STICKEL, Alexander Wesley (deceased).—"He never allowed his anger to master him; his life was not show—very unpretentious—and we who knew him best feel our lives are the better for having known him." The foregoing simple tribute paid to his memory by a friend who had known him throughout life, while not set in glowing terms or smooth-flowing phrases, is as great a eulogy as any man could hope for. Alexander Wesley Stickel, who is well remembered by business men and agriculturists of Sangamon County, always impressed men in just that way—that they were better for having come into contact with him. A self-made man, who had gained an education only through the strictest economy and hardest labors, while assisting his father on the home farm, when his brothers had gone to the war, he could sympathize with those who were not so fortunate as he, and this, with his other sterling, lovable characteristics, made him one of the most esteemed and respected men of his day and locality. Alexander Wesley Stickel was born near Decatur, Macon County, Ill., February 9, 1849, and died in Springfield, March 23, 1908.

Joseph Stickel, the father of Alexander W., was born in York County, Pa., August 26, 1814, and later moved to Macon County, Ill., in 1857 purchasing a farm near Hillsboro, on which he carried on operations until the time of his death, in 1892. Joseph Stickel married Kathryn Wilson, who was born in Tennessee, August 21, 1816, and to them were born a family of children, of whom Alexander Wesley was the youngest of several boys. The youth was but twelve years of age when the outbreak of the Civil War occurred, and after trying to enlist and being refused, he followed his brothers (who had been more successful) as far as he might and then trudged bravely back to the farm, determined to fight it out there. Between times when it was necessary for him to help his father in the duties of the farm, he managed to acquire a good education in the public schools and Hillsboro Academy, in which latter institution he had received a scholarship, and later attended Asbury University (now known as DePauw), at Greencastle, Ind. After leaving the latter institution he returned to the home farm, where he remained until his marriage, after which he moved to the O'Neal farm and gave his entire attention to the cultivation of the soil for about ten years longer, when he removed to Auburn, owning an interest in a coal mine at that place for five years. In 1887 he located in Springfield, and after traveling for a Minnesota flour firm for several years, engaged in the grain and hay business. His death was caused by an attack of pneumonia, after only one week's illness.

After his marriage and subsequent settlement on the O'Neal farm in Ball Township, Mr. Stickel became a leader in township politics, and was elected to several responsible offices on the Republican ticket, his popularity being shown by the fact that the township had always been a Democratic stronghold up to that time. When quite young he became affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, was an official member at McMurray Chapel, where he remained from 1872 to 1877, at Auburn from 1881 until 1886 and holding the office of Member of the Official Board of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Springfield, at the time of his death, having been a member of this congregation for twenty years.

Mr. Stickel was married on the O'Neal farm in Sangamon County, December 24, 1872, to Ella O'Neal, born on this farm, which is situated twelve miles south of Springfield. Her father, Samuel O'Neal, was an early settler of Sangamon County, entering some of the land on which he settled, which is now the property of Mrs. Stickel. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, being in Captain Iles' company. To Mr. and Mrs. Stickel were born four children, of whom the son, the youngest child, died in infancy; Lilian died September 4, 1887; Florence, living with her mother at No. 1211 South Sixth Street, Springfield; and Bertha, who married E. B. Lyons, connected with the State Insurance Department.

STICKLEY, Henry H.—To the younger generation whose day has come since the comforts brought by easy communication have been available, it is a marvel that so much glory, wealth and comfort have been wrested from the soil within the lifetime of men who stand among us today—that men now living fought the wild beasts of the wilderness and saw the smiling farms of a later day change into cities, where the roar of traffic and the heavy tramp of iron wheels have so lately drowned the voices of primeval nature. Every year the white-haired band that led the van of civilization grows smaller, yet there are many years to come before the last of those who heard the first scream of the brazen-voiced locomotive which brought final prosperity, will be silenced in the sleep that comes to all. Henry H. Stickley, who belongs to a pioneer family of Sangamon County, has grown up with the locality. He was born in Springfield, July 14, 1845, a son of Jacob and Minerva (Hand) Stickley, natives of Ohio and Kentucky. The father was a carriage painter, who came to Springfield at an early date. Later he returned to Ohio, where he died, but the mother returned to Springfield and there passed away. The two families were important in Kentucky and Ohio.

Henry H. Stickley was educated in Spring-

field and later worked on a farm, finally engaging in agricultural operations for himself. He has spent all his life in Sangamon County, with the exception of three years spent in Christian County. During the Civil War he proved his worth by enlisting in Company H, Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, on August 23, 1861, remaining with his regiment until August 3, 1865. He was in many important engagements, including the campaign with Gen. Sherman. On March 5, 1862, he had the misfortune to be captured, and was confined in the infamous Libby Prison for three months. He is a very enthusiastic member of Stephenson Post, G. A. R. While always voting the Republican ticket, he has not otherwise taken an active part in public events, although he can be counted upon to support any measure he believes will help his home city.

On July 5, 1867, Mr. Stickley was married at Springfield to Sidney A. Bellgard, who died leaving four children: John A., born in 1868; Henry H., born in 1870; Sidney Ann, born in 1872, and Mary M., born in 1874. Some years after Mrs. Stickley's death, he was married July 3, 1888, to Rosa L. Doherty, by whom he had one child. Mr. Stickley is a Baptist, and is stanch in support of his church. As a citizen and as a soldier, Mr. Stickley has done his full duty, and he enjoys unbounded respect, both socially and in his church.

STIEREN, William.—To those of foreign birth seeking better opportunities to earn a living and secure land of their own, America has always offered advantages that are hard to resist. For many years Germany has sent some of her best citizens, who have adopted this country as their own, and realized many of their dearest hopes and given to their communities much that is good and true. A prosperous and progressive farmer of Sangamon County, who has brought his sixteen-acre truck farm to a high state of cultivation, is William Stieren, of Spaulding, Clear Lake Township. He was born in Germany March 1, 1845, being a son of John and Lena (Schmidt) Stieren, also born in Germany. The parents did not share the enthusiasm of their son with relation to the United States, living and dying in their native land. All of their eleven children are now dead, with the exception of William.

Receiving a thorough German training and education, Mr. Stieren grew to manhood on his father's farm, but having resolved to broaden his scope, came to America in 1883, sailing from Hamburg and landing in New York City, whence he came direct to Springfield, arriving there on December 29th. After a short stay in the city he moved to Riverton, where he spent eight years, then began mining, thus continuing until he located at Spaulding in 1898. His truck farm is one of the most highly developed in the township, and from it Mr. Stieren gains a good income. He purchased it in 1896, and his house, which is a comfortable one, has been largely rebuilt. During his residence in Germany Mr. Stieren served his term in the German Army, participating in the Franco-Prussian War.

On April 20, 1872, Mr. Stieren was married in Germany to Catherine Holtzer, born in Germany. Like the elder Mr. and Mrs. Stieren, Mr. and Mrs. Holtzer never came to America, dying in Germany. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stieren, five sons and five daughters, six of whom survive: Lena, wife of Otto Ketzenberger, a gardener, lives east of Springfield; Sophia, wife of Michael Raylotts, lives in Springfield, as do William and Charles; Louis lives at home, as does Mary, wife of Harry Pittman, a civil engineer. There are seventeen grandchildren in the family. In religious faith Mr. Stieren is a Roman Catholic, belonging to St. James parish, of Riverton. He is a Democrat but has never sought office. Conservative and thrifty, Mr. Stieren has carefully saved his earnings, invested them wisely, and is proud of what he has accomplished since arriving in this country. Honorable in all his transactions with his fellow men, he has firmly established himself in the confidence of his community and is regarded as representative of the best interests of his township.

STILLMAN, Stephen. (Vol. I, p. 508.)

STOCKDALE, Wallace Tappen (deceased), was for many years a leading business man in Springfield, Ill., where most of his life was spent. He was born at Wapakoneta, Auglaize County, Ohio, January 3, 1843, son of Joseph and Melissa (Elliott) Stockdale. The father was born in Yorkshire, England, and the mother in Piqua, Ohio, November 5, 1818. Joseph Stockdale came to Ohio before his marriage, which occurred in 1840, and moved to Springfield, Ill., in 1845, when his son Wallace was about three years of age. He was a dealer in fine stock, especially horses, and a successful business man. He formerly owned a farm that extended from what is now Allen Street to Washington Park and other farm land and city realty. He and his wife spent the remainder of their lives in Springfield. They were parents of four children, who were educated in the public schools of Springfield. William Stockdale served four years in the Illinois Light Artillery during the Civil War and died as a result of exposure in the army, on his return to Springfield.

Wallace T. Stockdale was one of three boys who graduated with the second class from the Springfield High School. He also graduated from Bryant & Stratton's Business College in St. Louis, and was a graduate of Wesleyan College at Bloomington, Ill. He had a natural taste for books and learning, and as a young man taught school several years in Sangamon County, earning the money with which he pursued his later studies. He received his legal education in the office and under the assistance of Gen. John A. McClernand, a prominent man of Springfield, and was admitted to the Bar in that city

in 1868. He was well educated along many lines, became an expert accountant, and was well fitted to pursue his chosen work.

Mr. Stockdale was married at Springfield, May 19, 1869, to Miss Etta T. Wood, who was born in Belleville, N. Y., December 28, 1846. She is a daughter of Alva and Tryphena C. Wood, the former born in Jefferson County, N. Y., November 1, 1810, and the latter born in New Hampshire, January 5, 1810. She was one of fourteen children and the youngest daughter. Mrs. Stockdale taught school twenty-five years in Springfield schools. Children as follows were born to Mr. Stockdale and his wife: Alice M., a teacher in the Edwards School in Springfield; Thomas W., machinery superintendent in the employ of the Tiger Gold-mining Company, at Harrington, Ariz.; Mabel, a stenographer, lives at home with her mother. Wallace T. Stockdale died at his home, 101 East Allen Street, Springfield, October 27, 1907, and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was an earnest member of the First Methodist Church, of Springfield, and interested in many benevolent and charitable movements. He was a strong Democrat all his life and was active and prominent in party affairs. Mr. Stockdale was an example of the higher type of American citizen, interested in the welfare of the community and ready to forward any beneficial public movement. Mrs. Stockdale owns the family home and other property located in the same block. She was formerly a member of the Woman's Club, is an officer in the Missionary Society and member of the Illini Historical Club, as are both her daughters.

STOGDELL, George W.—In naming the representative citizens of any community, we invariably find that among the most prominent are men who started in life with little or no advantages, either of an educational or financial nature, and worked their way to the top through their own industry and perseverance. One of the successful agriculturists of Sangamon County, who are self-made men, is George W. Stogdell, a farmer of Section No. 5, Range 3, Cooper Township. He was born February 6, 1847, near Georgetown, Scott County, Ky., a son of Simeon and Margaret (Moses) Stogdell.

Simeon Stogdell was born in Virginia, April 3, 1794, and his wife in Kentucky in 1816, and they came to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1860, On October 11th of that year they located at Berry, but after one year there, spent a year on the North farm, and a year at a place one mile east of that property. In 1863 the family removed to the William Coe farm, and in 1864 located on the present site of George W. Stogdell's farm where they bought one acre of land. The father died February 4, 1861, his widow surviving until August 14, 1877. Of their seven children four are now living: Benjamin F., residing in Christian County; Martha, residing in Clear Lake Township; Sarah, who makes her home in Kansas; and George W.

George W. Stogdell's education consisted of seventy-five days spent in school when he had reached the age of twenty-seven years, as he was too busy with the work of the farm as a lad to get any chance for schooling, and whatever knowledge he has gained since that time he has picked up by observation and reading. As a youth he worked by the month during the summer and did odd jobs in the winter. In 1869 he began farming and has continued this occupation ever since. To the little one-acre property as a nucleus he has added from time to time and has managed to accumulate a fine property of 123 acres, located on Section 5, where he follows farming and stockraising. Mr. Stogdell is a Democrat in politics, and in 1910 was elected to the office of School Director, having served in that capacity for six years previous to that time. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as a Trustee, and helped to build the present church in Cooper Township.

On September 9, 1877, Mr. Stogdell was married in Dawson, Ill., to Eliza A. Clark, who was born January 3, 1856, daughter of Smith and Katherine Clark, the former born in 1822 in Kentucky, and the latter in 1825 in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Clark died in Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1859, and the father left Indiana and came to Illinois on the day of President Lincoln's assassination. Mr. Clark died March 24, 1902, at Exeter, Mo. To him and his wife there were born six children, of whom three survive, namely: Mrs. Stogdell; Philip E. Clark, who lives in Georgetown, Vermilion County, Ill., and one other.

Of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Stogdell there are now five living: Susan Ann, the wife of James Outerback, a farmer; Mary K., wife of Frank Toft, a farmer of Sangamon County; George C., living at home; John, who lives near Dawson, where he is farming; and James B., who lives at home. There are four grandchildren, namely: Blanch, Ruth, Neal and Dale Outerback.

STONE, Daniel. (Vol. I, p. 509.)

STONE, George L., is an honored veteran of the Civil War and a highly esteemed citizen of Springfield, Ill., where he lives retired from active life. He has spent most of his life in farming and was fairly successful in this occupation. Mr. Stone was born in Greene County, Ill., February 15, 1841, son of Daniel D. and Jane (Scroggins) Stone, both natives of Kentucky, the former born July 12, 1814, and the latter in 1822. The father was a farmer in Greene County and the family moved to Texas in 1845, not long before the Mexican War, remained there two years, and then returned to Greene County. In 1850 Daniel D. Stone went to San Francisco, Cal., and remained two and one-half years. He made a trip to Sangamon County in 1860 to attend the Lincoln-Douglas

debate, remaining a few days in Springfield before returning home. He and his wife both died in Greene County, he in 1868 and she June 5, 1854.

The education of George L. Stone was acquired in the old subscription schools of Greene County, Ill., where he occupied a slab seat, and after leaving school he worked for his father on the farm until he reached his majority. He enlisted, February 25, 1862, in Company E, Sixty-first Illinois Infantry, under Colonel Fry, and served three years. Their first hard fighting was at the Battle of Shiloh, and they went from there to Vicksburg, where they participated in the long siege. They spent nine months near Jackson, Tenn., guarding a bridge over the Hatchie River, then went to Helena and to Little Rock, Ark., Mr. Stone being flag bearer in the last-named battle. He was wounded at the Battle of Shiloh and sent to the new House of Refuge Hospital at St. Louis, where he spent four months, then rejoined his regiment at Jackson, Tenn. He was captured at Murfreesboro, December 16, 1864, taken to Andersonville Prison, and held there until April 17, 1865. He weighed one hundred seventy pounds at the time of his incarceration and but ninety-eight pounds when he was released, in a very weak condition. He served as Corporal two years. He was discharged with an enviable record and had discharged every duty entrusted to him. He is a member of Post No. 516, G. A. R., at Girard, Ill.

Mr. Stone was married, in Jersey County, Ill., October 13, 1860, to Sarah A. Williams, who was born August 28, 1845, and died June 8, 1896. She was a daughter of Solomon and Eunice Williams, who came to Illinois from New York in 1852, locating in Jersey County. The father died there in 1899. Five children were born to Mr. Stone and his wife, namely: Harvey, born February 28, 1869, lives in Girard; Eunice T., born August 2, 1871, married John M. Lynard, a carpenter and contractor of Springfield; Daniel L., born May 23, 1878, a painter and paperhanger of Springfield; and Claud died at the age of two years and nine months. Mr. Stone has fourteen grandchildren, all living in Illinois. He owns a lot in Girard, Ill., which contains 62 front feet and is 160 feet deep. He now lives with his daughter, Mrs. Lynard, at 1802 South Second Street. Mr. and Mrs. Lynard have four children: Goldie, Paul, Claud and Lucille. Mr. Stone is a stanch Republican and actively interested in public affairs. He served eight years as School Director while living in Greene County. He is a member of the Methodist Church. He is much interested in the history of his State and country and feels reasonable pride in the service he rendered in defense of the union. He is a public-spirited and useful citizen, and highly respected by his acquaintances. He has in his possession an almanac, published in Hagerstown, Md., in 1823, which he prizes very highly.

STOUT, Joab P.—Pioneers of Sangamon County have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the sagacity which prompted the selection of that locality as a place in which to found new homes. Climatic conditions and other natural advantages and the cheapness of land combined to offer tempting prospects to the hardy farmers who sought a place in which to rear their growing families. They did not stop to worry about the lack of schools and churches, for they knew they could easily provide them, and they did, first erecting rude log shacks, which served as school houses during the week and as gathering places for religious bodies of all creeds on Sunday. In time these were improved, together with other things, and today Sangamon County has some of the finest church edifices and best schools in the State, outside of Chicago. The sons of the pioneers, growing up to hard work, developed fine characters and resourceful habits, and today are numbered among the wealthiest men there. One of them who belongs to a distinctively pioneer family is Joab P. Stout, a large landowner of Section 10, Ball Township. Mr. Stout was born in the house he now occupies, April 3, 1860, being a son of Philemon and Louisa P. (Brasfield) Stout, the former born in Fayette County, Ky., April 19, 1822, and the latter in Madison County, Ky., August 9, 1825. The parents married in Menard County, Ill., the ceremony being performed by the Rev. William Crow, a Baptist clergyman. The Stout family came to Sangamon County in a wagon, arriving October 5, 1836, and the grandfather bought land comprising property still owned by the family. Philemon Stout never left this homestead, dying on it October 1, 1910, and his remains being interred in the family cemetery. The paternal grandfather was a native of New Jersey, who moved first to Kentucky and later to Sangamon County, where he secured land for ten dollars per acre and died upon it, in 1846. The Grandfather Brasfield went from Virginia to Kentucky, and thence to Menard County, Ill., in 1834, dying, however, on the Stout farm in 1864.

Joab P. Stout attended the Union district school in Ball Township, later spending ten months at the university at Lincoln, Ill. His life has been spent on his present farm and he now owns 670 acres in Sangamon County. He has always been fond of outdoor sports and enjoys his farming because he knows how to do it profitably and thoroughly.

The marriage of Mr. Stout took place in Coles County, Ill., September 15, 1886, to Ida Frank Sawin, born in Coles County, August 14, 1863, daughter of John Gilbert and Lovisa (Jones) Sawin, the former born in Edinburg, Ind., March 1, 1838, and the latter in Coles County, Ill., May 26, 1846. Both survive, residing at Mattoon, Ill., where Mr. Sawin is a dealer in grain. The paternal grandfather was a native of New York, who died in Coles County, as did the maternal grandfather, who was a native of Kentucky.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stout are as follows: John P., born December 21, 1887; Frank L., February 3, 1890; Edith L., March 9, 1892, and George D., July 30, 1899. While Mr. Stout is a Democrat he prefers to cast his vote for the man he believes best fitted for the office, irrespective of party lines. Although not a member of any religious organizations, he generously supports the Baptist Church, to which his family belongs. Mr. Stout has always taken a foremost place in any movement calculated to be beneficial to his community, and is counted among its progressive men. He has been successful in his life work, and at the same time has kept the friendship of those whom he has attached to him.

STOUT, Philemon (deceased).—In the annals of Sangamon County no name occurs more frequently than that of Stout, for not only was the family bearing that name one of the first to be founded here, but its representatives have always been men of high character, active in the promulgation of educational, material and spiritual matters, and there are many of them still left here, while numerous others have gone out into other parts of the country to aid in developing and advancing civilization. The history of the Stout family is very interesting and has been compiled and issued in pamphlet form. It was founded in what is now Middletown, Monmouth County, N. J., in 1848, by Richard Stout, a son of John Stout, both of whom were born in Nottinghamshire, England. Richard Stout married, after his arrival in the Colonies, a young widow whose maiden name had been Penelope Van Princes. Her husband had been killed by the Indians, and she suffered mutilation from their hands, but fortunately recovered, and made her second husband a good and faithful wife. They had seven sons and three daughters, and through the seventh son, David, are descended the Sangamon County Stouts.

David Stout, born in 1706, married Elizabeth Larrison, and they had four sons and five daughters. One of these was Benjamin, who married first a Mrs. Ketcham, and later Mary Higgins, and his second son Jedediah is the fourth in the line of the Sangamon County Stouts.

Jedediah Stout had a son Philemon, born in New Jersey, May 18, 1785. When a lad, the family move to Fayette County, Ky., and on February 8, 1810, he married in Woodford County, Ky., Penelope Anderson. In 1836, animated by the spirit which seems to have inspired members of the Stout family to constantly move further westward, removal was made to Sangamon County, Ill. In this year, therefore, the family was founded here, settlement being made in Ball Township on 350 acres of land. Later this passed into possession of Philemon Stout, Jr., son of the elder Philemon Stout, and is now owned by Joab P. Stout. Philemon Stout, Sr., died in Sangamon County, on his new farm, January 31, 1846, but his widow survived him until November 23, 1860, when she too passed away.

Philemon Stout, Jr., was born in Scott County, Ky., near Georgetown, April 19, 1822, and was only fifteen years old when the family located in Ball Township, this county. He had attended school in his native county, but after coming to Illinois was only given four weeks schooling, as the demands of the pioneer farm taxed his energy. After his father's death, much of the responsibility of the farm work fell upon his shoulders, and eventually he became owner of the homestead, adding to his holdings until at one time he had over 2,000 acres. The present beautiful farm residence was erected by him, and he made many improvements, believing in enriching his land and using the latest improvements.

In 1848, Mr. Stout was married in Ball Township, to Melissa Shoup, born in Piqua, Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Downing) Shoup. Mr. Shoup came from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and thence, in 1832, to Sangamon County, where he died in 1848, his wife surviving him. The children of this marriage were Samuel J., Sarah P. and George W. who died in early childhood, and John P. who died when ten years old. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Stout married, near Athens, Menard County, in 1856, Louisa Brasfield, born in Madison County, Ky., daughter of James E. Brasfield. Mr. and Mrs. Stout had the following children: James, deceased; Joab P., whose biography occurs elsewhere in this work; Melissa M., wife of William T. Lewis.

Mr. Stout was a Democrat, and served as School Director, Highway Commissioner, Supervisor and Justice of the Peace for many years, giving an honorable, conscientious attention to the duties of the several offices. In the Baptist Church he was not only a consistent member, but an earnest worker and Deacon. His death occurred October 1, 1910, and his remains were interred in the little family cemetery on the Stout home farm, where the dust of others of the same name await the resurrection call. No man stood higher in the estimation of the people of Sangamon County than this kindly, genial gentleman who never forgot the Christianity he professed, but took his religion into his every day life, and gave to every one the treatment he asked in return. Charitable, he never openly spoke of his benefactions, preferring to keep them to himself, and he not only aided many materially, but gave sage, moral advice that steadied many and set wandering feet in the right path. Mr. Stout has passed from this mortal life, but the influence of his upright, moral life remains, and his children delight in recalling his good deeds, and profiting by his example.

STOUT, Samuel J.—The Stout family is one of the oldest in Sangamon County, and its representatives have borne an important part in the

remarkable development of this part of the State. One of them who has attained to a well-deserved prosperity through excellently-directed efforts along agricultural lines, is Samuel J. Stout, of Sections 24 and 25, Ball Township. He was born in this township, August 22, 1849, being a son of Philemon and Melissa (Shoup) Stout, the former born in Kentucky, April 19, 1822, and the latter in Madison County, Ky. They were married in Sangamon County, Ill. The paternal grandfather moved from New Jersey to Kentucky, and thence to Sangamon County, farming for many years, dying at the home of his son in 1846. The maternal grandfather moved from Pennsylvania to Sangamon County, dying on the farm now owned by Joab P. Stout, in 1864.

Philemon Stout, whose biography occurs elsewhere in this work, came with his father to Sangamon County, the trip being made in a covered wagon, in 1836, settling on the farm now owned by Joab P. Stout, there passing away October 1, 1910. His remains were interred according to his request, on the farm that had been in the family for so many years, beside the graves of other members of the family. This farm now so valuable, was purchased for ten dollars per acre.

Samuel J. Stout attended the district school in Ball Township, later going to a school in Mason County, and the University at Lincoln, but after finishing his education, he settled down to farming, having always been fond of stock. Since then he has devoted his life to farming and stock raising, now owning 2,000 acres of rich farm land.

Mr. Stout was first married in Sangamon County, June 31, 1870, to Emma Brasfield, born in Menard County, Ill., and died December 19, 1875, being buried in the family cemetery. Her father, John Brasfield, was a native of Kentucky who died in Menard County, where her mother, Sarah (Culver) Brasfield, also died, she too having been a native of Kentucky. The three children of this marriage are all deceased, two dying in infancy, and Edna May, born May 24, 1871, dying March 8, 1874. On August 31, 1881, Mr. Stout was married in Sangamon County, to Emma A. Davidson, born in the county, March 25, 1858, and died September 13, 1891, also being buried in the Stout cemetery. She was a daughter of Samuel Davidson, born in Tennessee, October 19, 1821, brought to Sangamon County in 1827, and is now living on a farm in Divernon Township. He married Amanda Nuckolls, born in Sangamon County, who survives, being now seventy-nine years old, while he is ten years older. Four children were born to Mr. Stout by this marriage: Nellie V., born June 12, 1882, married November 18, 1907, Robert J. Folonie, a lawyer of Chicago; Samuel P., born June 9, 1884, married August 31, 1910, to Blossom Stanley, and lives in Sangamon County; Emma Melissa, born September 1, 1887, and Ray Davidson, born March 9, 1891, at home. Mr. Stout was married for the third time, March 8, 1895, to Miriam M. Davidson, born in Sangamon County, October 4, 1868, a sister of his second wife. One of the two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stout died in infancy, the other being James Howard, born June 3, 1901, a very promising little fellow, bright in his studies, and the pride of his father's heart.

Mr. Stout has always been prominent in the ranks of the Democratic party, and has served as School Director as well as Supervisor for two years from Ball Township. He belongs to the Blue Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Chatham; the Royal Arch, R. A. M. of Auburn, and Elwood's Commandery of Springfield, K. T. While not a member of any religious denomination, his family are members of the First Methodist Church to which he contributes liberally. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Stout has found time to act as Director of the Farmers National Bank of Springfield for the past quarter of a century, and has been its Vice-president for ten years. He owns one of the most beautiful homes in Springfield, in addition to his magnificent farm of 2,000 acres of the best land in the county. Not only has he achieved a remarkable success in his business operations, but he is so genial and pleasant in manner that he makes friends wherever he goes, and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

STOUT, Samuel Philemon.—Some of the most enterprising of Sangamon County's young farmers have been free to experiment as to the best methods of farming because of the liberality of their parents, who have given them property with which to begin their life battle. Because of this the agricultural interests of the county have prospered, many following along the lines laid down by those who were progressive enough to seek better ways to perform old tasks. One of these thoroughly scientific and up-to-date farmers is Samuel Philemon Stout, of Section 26, Woodside Township, who belongs to the old-established Stout family, prominent there since 1836. Mr. Stout was born in Ball Township, June 9, 1885, a son of Samuel J. and Emma A. (Davidson) Stout, the former born in Ball Township, August 22, 1849, and the latter, also a native of Sangamon County, was born March 25, 1852. She died September 13, 1891, but the father survives and is one of the richest men in the county. The grandfather, Philemon Stout, was born in Kentucky, April 19, 1822, but came to Sangamon County in 1836 with his father, and died there October 1, 1910. The maternal grandfather was born in Kentucky, October 19, 1821, came to Sangamon County at a very early date, and is now residing in Divernon Township with his wife, he being eighty-nine and she seventy-nine years of age.

Samuel Philemon Stout was educated in the schools at Pleasant Plains, Ball Township, Sangamon County, and in the University of Illinois, spending two years in the latter institution. Returning home he began farming and has con-

tinued in that line ever since. His fine 160-acre farm was a gift from his father, but since he received it he has improved it very materially until it is now one of the best properties in the county.

Mr. Stout is fond of traveling, having made two extended trips to western States, and while on the last, was married, at Helena, Mont., August 31, 1910, to Blossom Stanley, a beautiful girl, highly accomplished and well educated. She was born at Wichita, Kan., June 10, 1887, a daughter of Edward B. Stanley, who was born at Alton, Ill., January 18, 1861, and was in the office of the Secretary of State under Gov. Altgeld, but later went prospecting in Alaska, later to Oklahoma, and died at Guthrie, February 17, 1904, where he was buried. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Phylis Dohrer, was born at Morris, Ill., May 22, 1863, and survives her husband, living in Springfield. The paternal grandfather, Jesse Stanley, was born in Kentucky in 1825, and died in Guthrie, Okla., June 25, 1899. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Stout, Joseph Dohrer, was born in Bavaria, Germany, February 22, 1834, but moved to Missouri at an early day, dying at St. Joseph, September 20, 1908.

Mr. Stout, like his father, is a strong Democrat, and has been called upon to fill the office of Tax Collector of Ball Township, being elected in 1909. His college fraternity is the Phi Kappa Psi, and he is a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 500, of Springfield. He is a member of the first Methodist Church, of Springfield, while his wife is a member of the First Baptist Church, of that city. While too young to have had any military experience, Mr. Stout took a two-year course in military training at the university, and if his country had need of his services, he would without doubt be one of the first to raise a company. Happy in his home life, successful in his business, owning one of the best farms in the township, Mr. Stout has a bright future before him, and as he stands so high in the estimation of his fellow citizens, he will doubtless be sent to represent them in some of the high offices within their gift. If such a demand for his services should ever arise, it is to be hoped he will respond to the call, for the country has need of such men as he, resourceful, honorable, possessed of a sense of the true value of things, and connected with men of high integrity, who will make good laws and see that they are enforced.

STREET, Joseph M. (Vol. I, p. 511.)

STRICKLETT, John G., M. D. (deceased).—Those who had the good fortune to be ministered to by the old time physician contend that the present schools are not producing the kind of doctors who graced the profession years ago. These physicians had no well-equipped hospitals in which to gain a costly experience, but were forced into general practice, where the lives of their patients hung upon their own individual efforts. They had no runabout or automobile to take them from one patient to another, nor did they sit back in richly appointed offices and conduct an office practice only. The physicians of an older day rode on horseback or drove behind a plodding mare, to patients miles apart, in all kinds of weather, never thinking of their own comfort, but anxious to reach the suffering ones. They brought countless children into the world, guiltless of the many modern appliances, and kept the sick and aged alive without calling upon experts and specialists to aid them. This class of physician is passing, but here and there one is still found. One of those most honored for his past work and genial affability, was the late venerable Dr. John G. Stricklett, who during his last days lived in well-earned retirement at No. 1023 North Ninth Street, Springfield. He was born in Lewis County, Ky., January 16, 1823, a son of Jacob and Frances (Griffith) Stricklett, natives of Kentucky. The father, who was a farmer, died in Kentucky, but in 1852 the widowed mother came to Illinois with her family of five children, settling on a farm in Clark County. The sons, four in number, grew up hardy and strong, and three of them helped her conduct her farm. There the mother passed her declining years. The Stricklett family had been founded in Kentucky by the grandfather, Jacob Stricklett, a native of Pennsylvania, a soldier in the Revolution, and a personal friend of George Washington. The Great-grandfather Stricklett was born in Holland, while the Grandfather Griffith was a native of Sweden.

Dr. Stricklett attended the country schools of Lewis County and worked on a farm during his boyhood. Later he learned the shoemaker's trade, but worked at it only a short time, when he began studying medicine under Dr. Thomas O'Marshon. He later attended medical college in Cincinnati, Ohio, taking the eclectic course and receiving his diploma from this college. He then went to Clark County, Ill., and practiced there for several years, then moved to Linn County, Iowa, locating near Cedar Rapids. Soon thereafter, however, the war broke out and he enlisted in Company G, Fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving until he was mustered out November 16, 1863, at Jackson, Tenn. Returning to Iowa, he practiced at Palo that State, for fifteen years, during which time he held the position of Town Clerk, being elected on the Republican ticket. His next change was made when he moved to Oakford, Ill., but after three years there, he moved to Clark County, Ill., where he continued in practice until 1903. In that year he came to Springfield, which was his home up to his death, May 8, 1910. He was a Mason and a consistent member of the Christian Church.

Dr. Stricklett was married in Burlington, Iowa, to Virginia David, on November 27, 1862. She was born in Burlington, in 1840, and her parents were natives of Kentucky, who moved to Iowa at an early date. They made Burling-

ton their home until death claimed them. Dr. and Mrs. Stricklett became the parents of five sons and one daughter: Sherman, Harry A. and Roy, of Springfield; and Minnie, wife of Samuel Watkins, of Petersburg, Ill. Dr. Stricklett owned his home. He was one of the most charming of gentlemen, with the native courtesy of Kentucky, and had a host of warm, personal friends wherever he had resided.

STRODE, John A., for many years a farmer in Fancy Creek Township, Sangamon County, and now living retired from active life in the city of Springfield, is honored as a veteran of the Civil War and respected as a public-spirited and useful citizen. He was born January 4, 1834, in Sangamon County, a son of John and Mary (Stringfield) Strode, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Kentucky. The father moved to Kentucky as a young man, lived there several years, and became one of the earliest settlers of Sangamon County, coming there in 1818 and settling near the Sangamon River, which he crossed, and there entered 200 acres of land from the Government. He spent the remainder of his life on this farm, passing away in 1866, and his wife in 1881. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was with Gen. Jackson at the last battle, at New Orleans, after which he returned to Kentucky and spent a few years there. He and his wife had six daughters and five sons and the only one now surviving is John A. One son, James, served in the One Hundred Fifteenth Illinois Volunteers and was killed at Chickamauga.

Mr. Strode was educated in the country schools of his native county, which were held in log buildings, with rude furniture, meanwhile working on his father's farm until the death of the latter. He then engaged in farming in Fancy Creek Township for himself, buying some land and continued to operate it until moving to the city, in January, 1898. In 1862, he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred Fifteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Moore, in the Methodist Preacher Brigade, and served until 1864, being discharged at Nashville. He participated in many important battles, and spent four months in the hospital at Nashville. He won the respect of his fellows and performed every duty faithfully and well. He is now a member of Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., of Springfield. Mr. Strode was a personal acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln and entertains the kindest memories of that great man.

Mr. Strode was married at Bloomington, Ill., February 20, 1856, to Miss Letitia Gilmore, a native of Ohio, born September 19, 1836, daughter of John Gilmore. Her father was born in Scotland and her mother near Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Gilmore came to America as a young man, spent several years in Pennsylvania, and later moved to Ohio. Both he and his wife died when Mrs. Strode was a small child. He was a contractor for the construction of canals, mills and turnpikes, and the family came to Vermilion County, Ill., when their daughter was very young and there the father built a mill on Vermilion River. The mother died there and the father took his family to Lexington, McLean County, where his death occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Strode had five children, of whom but two survive: Alice, wife of Jesse Mitts, a farmer of Fancy Creek Township, and Minnie, wife of Edward Gentry, of Mason City, Iowa. Victoria, wife of A. Birdsell, died leaving no children. There are fourteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren in the family. Mrs. Strode's parents had two sons and three daughters and she is the only survivor of the family. Mr. Strode is a member of the Methodist Church and his wife of the United Brethren. They own a nice home at 1118 East Reservoir Street and also retain a farm in Fancy Creek Township, which they formerly occupied, and which is now managed by his son-in-law.

STUART, John Todd. (Vol. I, p. 511.)

SUTTILL, John, a successful farmer and stock-raiser living at 2220 East Laurel Street, Springfield, Ill., was born in Burrill, Yorkshire, England, April 22, 1854, and is a son of Francis and Margaret (Millen) Suttill, both natives of Yorkshire, the former born in 1823 and the latter in 1834. The parents lived and died on their farm in England, the father August 28, 1901, and the mother in November, 1890. They were parents of eight children, of whom seven survive. One son, James, lives at Camden, N. J. Francis Suttill was a son of a stone-mason, who worked in the Dells of Yorkshire, and was a minister in the Wesley Methodist Church. One brother of Francis, Matthew Suttill, is a coachman, and lives at Washington, D. C.

The education of John Suttill was acquired in his native place, where he attended the public school. As a boy he worked on a farm one year for $25 per year and his salary was increased gradually until at the age of seventeen years he earned $135 per year, and he later began working for the Stockton & Darlington Railroad Company. He afterward learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked until he set sail for America, July 26, 1881, being twelve days on the water. He landed in Philadelphia, where he remained several months, working for the Reading Railroad, in the department where coal cars were manufactured. He left there March 3, 1882, and on March 6th reached the Wabash Depot in Springfield, Ill. After leaving the train he was walking up Jefferson Street and accidentally stepped off the walk, sinking in mud up to his knees.

Mr. Suttill's first position was with the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company, with whom he remained one year in the capacity of bridge carpenter. He then worked eighteen years as carpenter for the Wabash Road. He has traveled thousands of miles in connection with his work and has never met with an accident or been in a wreck. One reason of his safety and

success is that he has never during his life tasted intoxicating liquors. He stands well in the estimation of his employers and fellow-workmen and is worthy the utmost confidence. For several years Mr. Suttill lived with an uncle, John Millen, in the village of East Springfield. John Millen died two years since and his wife six years ago.

Mr. Suttill was married, in Springfield, August 27, 1901, to Miss Pearl Haycroft, who was born in Kentucky, February 10, 1886, a daughter of John M. and Jenny (Norton) Haycroft, natives of Grayson County, Kentucky. Her parents came to Illinois about 1891, locating first at Tice, and later at Cantrall, finally at Springfield, and Mrs. Haycroft now resides on Fifth Street. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Suttill: Francis, March 22, 1902; Celia, January 15, 1904; Margaret, February 6, 1906, and Pearl, November 22, 1909. Mr. Suttill is known as an upright and reliable man, a public-spirited citizen, and loyal to his friends and principles. He has a pleasant home and is very fond of his family. He is held in high respect and esteem by his fellows and served one term as Treasurer of the village of East Springfield. He is a member of Central Lodge No. 71, A. F. & A. M., of Springfield, and for the past twenty years has belonged to the Salvation Army. He owns eleven and one-half acres of land in the city and has forty acres in his present place. He is industrious and prosperous and has won success through his own efforts. He is now engaged extensively in the hog business with Col. James W. Jefferson. They have erected some of the most extensive buildings for the purpose in the county, and are buying and shipping all the time.

SUTTON, Francis M.—Cultivating the rich Sangamon County soil has proven a profitable occupation for those men who have known how to do it correctly and to market their products so as to earn something more than a bare living. The present prosperous condition of the farmers has been brought about by a few progressive spirits, who would not rest content until they had changed the conditions that forced a man to produce food stuffs at a loss. One of the Sangamon County farmers, who was always ahead of the times in his work was Francis M. Sutton who spent the last days of his life in Springfield. He was born in Madison County, Ill., July 7, 1835, a son of Josiah and Nancy (Swane) Sutton. The parents came from North Carolina to Madison County, at an early date, and from there moved to Bond County, where both died, having always been farmers.

Francis M. Sutton was educated in Madison County, and worked on his parents' farm until he began farming for himself. For twenty years he farmed in Macoupin County, then bought land in Sangamon County, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. On August 4, 1893, he retired and located in Springfield where the family made a permanent home. He was a member of the Christian Church and in politics was a Democrat.

On March 5, 1868, occurred Mr. Sutton's marriage, in Madison County, to Louisa J. McVey, born September 16, 1849. Her father was born in Madison County, in 1824, while her mother, whose maiden name was Calana Guthrie, was born in 1832, and now lives in Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton had the following children: Walter J., lives in Colorado; Mayme E., married Oliver West, employed by the Electric Light Company, of Springfield; and Rosetta, wife of Henry Baird, traveling salesman for motorcycle works, of Rutland, Ill. There are two grandchildren: Catherine Baird, born October 4, 1900, and Carter R. West, born April 15, 1903. Mr. Sutton's residence is at No. 1307 East Phillips Avenue, where the family friends are always made welcome. They are all well known in Springfield and are highly respected. Mr. Sutton is remembered with respect by all who knew him.

SWEENEY, Arthur T.—Springfield has a reputation that extends all over the State, for the excellence of its hotels. No better accommodations can be found in Illinois, than those given by the hotel men there, who know how to make their guests comfortable and to provide for them in every way. One of the best known, and most popular hostelries of the city is the one presided over by Arthur T. Sweeney, who, during a somewhat extended experience as a traveling man, learned just what was lacking in many hotels, and what was needed to make them homelike and comfortable. This experience is now being put to good use, and his patrons are glad to return to him when they are brought back to the city on business.

Mr. Sweeney was born, in Johnson County, Mo., August 17, 1870, a son of William H. and Sarah Sweeney, the former born in Ireland, May 10, 1838, and the latter in Christian County, Ill., June 15, 1835. The father was an engineer, who upon coming to this country located at Pana, Ill., but after five years there went to Johnson County, Mo., and spent thirty-two years within its confines. During the Civil War, he enlisted, serving bravely from 1861 to 1865.

After a boyhood spent in Christian County, Ill., and Johnson County, Mo., Mr. Sweeney went to St. Louis to attend school, and upon leaving went on the road for the Deering Binder Company. Later he engaged in farming, then obtained employment with the Water Department of Springfield, remaining until he took charge of his present hotel. He is an Odd Fellow and Modern Woodman. In politics he is a Republican, and he has been of service to his party.

Mr. Sweeney was married at Taylorville, Ill., November 19, 1897, to Eva Ada King, born in Beatrice, Neb., December 26, 1882. The family moved from Nebraska to Girard, Ill., in 1888.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney: Elana F., born April 6, 1900; Pearl I., born May 30, 1904; Arthur D., born October 24, 1906, and Ellsworth J., born February 2, 1908. Mr. Sweeney is a genial man, whose pleasing manner and knowledge of the world make him eminently fitted for his present work. He is well known all over his part of the State and his business is in a flourishing condition.

SWIGART, Charles Philip. (Vol. I, p. 515.)

TACKETT, Jesse.—Many of those whose energies have been directed towards pursuits in various parts of Illinois, when ready to retire, settle in Springfield, where so many urban advantages are offered. There they can enjoy the comforts of city life, without foregoing those of a more rural community. One of the men who has proven his faith in Springfield, is Jesse Tackett, now living retired at No. 2303 East Kansas Street. He was born in Menard County, March 3, 1850, a son of John and Elizabeth (Helvesta) Tackett, natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively. The father, who was a farmer, came to Menard County at an early date, entering 100 acres of land, but later sold it for one hundred dollars per acre. He farmed in the county for many years, but went to Johnston County, Mo., where his later years were spent, and there he died in 1878. He lost his wife when Jesse was an infant. There were five children in the family, of whom Jesse and a sister, Mrs. Trinvella Stephenson, of Washington, Ind., are the survivors.

Jesse Tackett attended school in Menard County, and later the one at German Prairie, Sangamon County. During his boyhood days he worked for his father, and continued to farm all his life, until his retirement. While retaining an interest in his farm, he also engaged with the Springfield Rolling Mills, and later with the Springfield Boiler Company. He owns his pleasant home, as well as other property in the city, and is a man of means.

On November 7, 1896, Mr. Tackett was married in Riverton, to Nettie McCarty, born in Springfield July 4, 1858. Her father was a Sangamon County farmer, but both he and his wife are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Tackett have no children. Politically Mr. Tackett is a Republican. His religious convictions make him a member of the Christian Church, of which he is a liberal supporter. He is a reliable, responsible man, whose sympathies are always with conservative methods, and who is anxious to see the preservation of good government and the advancement of the city.

TALBOTT, W. A.—The records of Springfield show that the city is the home of a number of reliable, industrious men, engaged in various lines of activity, who realize the advantages offered by residence in the Capital City. Those who have families often choose it as a home because of the excellent schools, where their children can secure a good education. Among those who are helping to make the city better in every way, by living upright lives and exerting well-meant influence in the right direction, may be numbered W. A. Talbott. He was born at Curran, Ill., September 2, 1871, a son of David C. Talbott and his wife Elizabeth, farming people. They located in Woodside Township in 1879, and since then have made that locality their home, developing and operating a farm that has become valuable.

W. A. Talbott supplemented his common school education with a course at the Springfield business college, after which he went into the service of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad. Later he engaged with the Buffalo & Ohio Railroad, and proved himself so efficient that he was made conductor. He is careful and conscientious, and no man has done more in his way than Mr. Talbott to make his road as near perfect as possible.

On January 29, 1896, Mr. Talbott was united in marriage with Frankie E. Gattan, born in Sangamon County, July 25, 1874. Her father was a farmer and stockman, who accumulated considerable property in this work. Two little ones have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Talbott, Dorothy Jane, on October 2, 1898, and Georgetta E., on March 10, 1901. Mr. Talbott is a Republican, but has never sought to come before the people in any public capacity. His fraternal relations are with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and they are pleasant ones. The Methodist Church holds his membership, and he has always given liberally of his means towards its support. Taking him all in all, Mr. Talbott is a man whom any community might well be proud to claim as a citizen, for he belongs to that class which forms the backbone of the nation.

TANNER, John R. (Vol. I, p. 518.)

TARBET, Dr. William L.—Probably no man in Sangamon County is better known than the Rev. William L. Tarbet, who is now retired after many years of service as a preacher of the Gospel, and the oldest member of the Presbytery of Springfield, of which he was head for a long period. Dr. Tarbet was born in Blount County, Tenn., August 8, 1825, a son of Hugh and Margaret (Kelly) (Engleton) Tarbet. The paternal grandfather of William L. Tarbet came from Virginia and located in Tennessee, where he became a farmer and slave-owner, and where his death occurred, while the maternal grandfather was of Scotch birth, a native of Edinburgh, and came to Tennessee during the early days in its history. Hugh Tarbet was born in Augusta County, Va., December 17, 1791, and his death occurred in Paducah, Ky., October 19, 1872. As a young man, he went to Tennessee, where he met and married Margaret Kelly Engleton, born in Blount County, Tenn., March 24, 1900. After their marriage, the couple went to Hardin County, Tenn., where Mr. Tar-

bet taught school and served as Clerk of the Courts, but finally went to Paducah, Ky., where the remainder of his life was spent.

William L. Tarbet received his education at Jackson College, Tenn., from which he was graduated in 1847, and for one year following, he engaged in teaching school at Savannah, then for two years he taught in the male academy in Lawrenceburgh, Tenn., during which time he was licensed and ordained. He then became stated supply to Brick Church and Cornersville in Giles County, Tenn. At this time the Synod sent him to Nashville on Synodical work and after nine months he returned to Giles County, and took charge of Bethany Church for three years, in 1859 going to Virden, Ill., where he continued as pastor of the Presbyterian Church until 1881. Dr. Tarbet then went to Carrollton, Greene County, and spent three years in the same capacity, and following that was pastor of the Pisgah and Unity churches in Morgan County for sixteen years, after which he went to Jacksonville, Ill., and remained there three years, then became stated supply at Divernon for three years, where he has since lived retired, only filling the pulpit when there was a vacancy. For twenty-five years, he was trustee of Blackburn University at Carlinville, when the Hon. John M. Palmer was chairman of the Board. Originally, an Old Line Whig, he is now a Republican. He was commissioner to the General Assembly on five occasions. After the nomination of Abraham Lincoln for the presidency, Dr. Tarbet called on him after his nomination, and after the President's assassination, he was on the Reception Committee when the body was brought to Springfield for burial, he standing at the casket when the public were viewing the remains. Dr. Tarbet was also a great friend of "Uncle Dick" Oglesby. In 1895 he made a trip abroad and was in Rome, London, Paris, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Venice, Florence, Antwerp, Brussels, Cologne, Heidelburg, Baden Baden, Milan and many other places of interest, as a member of Frank C. Cook's party.

Dr. Tarbet was married in Bowling Green, Ky., in June, 1853, to Emma Hall Colvert, who was born in Giles County, Tenn., and died April 14, 1885, in Morgan County, Ill., having been the mother of five children: Mary L., born in Nashville, Tenn., January 22, 1855, died in Virden, April 6, 1874; Ellen G., born in Giles County, Tenn., August 12, 1857, died August 13, 1887; William L., born in Giles County, January 21, 1859, married Alleta E. Bishop of Lincoln, Ia., and now lives in Chicago; Harry B., born in Virden, November 18, 1861, died in Vandalia, July 18, 1887, being at the time Principal of the city schools; and Emma H., born in Virden, December 5, 1864, residing at West Tisbury, Mass., but has been teaching music at Buchanan, W. Va., and divers other places.

On September 2, 1891, Dr. Tarbet was married (second) in Jeffersonville, Ind., to Martha Ann Potter, born in Butler County, O., August 17, 1833, daughter of Samuel and Fannie (Bryant) Potter, the former born in 1801, in Butler County, O., and died in Indiana, January 30, 1876, while the latter was born in Hamilton County, O., October 1, 1812. Grandmother Potter (Rhody Miller) was born in New Jersey and was the first white woman north of Fort Hamilton, O. A monument has been erected on the site where the old Fort Hamilton stood.

There were nine children in the family of Mrs. Tarbet's parents, namely: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha A., Marie, Emeline, Margaret, Rhody, Abbie, Ellen, William B. and Samuel S.

TAYLOR, A. J.—Among the successful business men of Sangamon County, Ill., may be named A. J. Taylor, of New Berlin, where he has lived for more than half a century. His birth occurred at Westport, Fairfield County, Conn., Oct. 7, 1850, and he is a son of Francis and Henrietta B. (Morehouse) Taylor, both also natives of Connecticut. The family is of English origin and several generations lived in the State above named. The father of Francis was Daniel Taylor, who spent his entire life in Connecticut. Francis Taylor was born at Westport, November 27, 1821, and was married in his native State, where he carried on farming for several years before coming to Sangamon County, Ill., in 1851. He followed farming for a few years near Bates, and in 1858, removed to a farm near New Berlin, where he purchased eighty acres of land, which became the nucleus of his large land interests in the vicinity. He became very successful in his operations, becoming well known in financial and business circles in the county. He made a specialty of stock-raising and kept a good grade of stock. He added to his land from time to time as his financial condition warranted, and finally became the owner of 500 acres of excellent farming land. He retired late in life to New Berlin, and there his death occurred in November, 1888. By his first wife, who died in Sangamon County, in 1863, he had four children, namely: Mary, married Frank G. Coulter, a farmer of Sangamon County; A. J., of this sketch; Francis I., a farmer living near New Berlin; Edward, a farmer of Bates. By his second wife, whom he married after settling in Sangamon County, Francis Taylor also had four children, as follows: Charles R., a farmer of Sangamon County; William, died young; Dr. Harriet S., practicing her profession in Chicago; Fred D., a business man of Chicago.

The education of A. J. Taylor was acquired in the public schools of New Berlin, and he remained on his father's farm and assisted in its conduct until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began work on his own account, first working for the Wabash Railroad Company as agent at various stations along the line, and afterward becoming book-keeper for his father and brother, under the firm name, F. Taylor & Son, who were conducting a general store in New Berlin village. Upon the death of his father, A. J. Taylor, remained in the position of salesman and book-keeper with his brother, F. I. Tay-

lor, who continued the business in his own name until the summer of 1894, when the building and stock were destroyed by fire. Mr. Taylor who owned the building in which the business was conducted, rebuilt in a short time subsequent to the fire, erecting a substantial brick block with store rooms on first floor and office rooms and opera house above, his brother retiring from mercantile pursuits following the loss of his stock by fire. A second fire in December, 1907, destroyed the later building and this was rebuilt the following summer and is a duplicate of the one erected in 1894. His business success has come to him as a result of his excellent business training and his natural ability along commercial lines. He has shown good judgment in carrying on his affairs and is considered one of the representative business men of his community. He has invested in various other enterprises in Sangamon County and has become influential and prominent in financial circles, having land interests in Sangamon County and elsewhere from which he receives good returns. His business reputation is of the best, and his name stands for honesty and reliability. Mr. Taylor has taken great interest in the development of Sangamon County, where most of his life has been spent, and has a large number of friends here. In political views Mr. Taylor is a strong supporter of the measures and men of the Republican party. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of New Berlin and is ready to lend his support to any worthy cause which he considers will be of general benefit to the community.

TAYLOR, Edmund Dick. (Vol. 1, pp. 519-520.)

TAYLOR Family, The, is prominent in the history of Westport, Conn. The first John Taylor located in Windsor before 1640, and his name is found in an ancient publication called "Connecticut Historical Collections," page 127, owned by the writer of this article, who wishes thus to make a connected history between the new one in which this will be found, and the old one.

John Taylor was a person of property, character, and influence; his will is to be found in the probate office, Hartford, Conn., dated Nov. 24, 1644. He was among those West Country People who, in Plymouth, England organized what is now the "Congregational Church" of ancient Windsor, Conn., the oldest Congregational Church in New England. They had embarked on the "Mary and John," which sailed two weeks before the rest of Governor Winthrop's fleet. After five or six years' residence in Dorchester, Mass., they removed to Windsor, Conn., one of the original towns in the State in 1639. In January, 1645, John Taylor, of Windsor, sailed from New Haven for England, to transact some private business. The ship in which he took passage was the first one built in the Colonies. Its name seems to be lost but it was known in Colonial History as "The Phantom Ship" for it never was heard from again, as none of those who sailed returned to tell the tale. John of Windsor was born in England. He was twice married and had two sons, one of them John of Northampton, Mass., born at Windsor, Conn., 1641, and married November 18, 1662, to Thankful, daughter of Henry Woodward of Southampton. He was "Captain of Militia" and very prominent in town affairs. He was killed May 13, 1704, by Indians, of whom he was in pursuit after they had destroyed the village of Pasemuck, which is believed to have been near Westport, Conn. Their son, "Lieutenant John," married Waite Clapp. It is asserted of him that he built the "Taylor-Finch" house in the early part of 1700. Later Judge Finch married Miss Taylor, hence the present name. At this date, 1905, the house is wonderfully well preserved, with rooms on either side of the little square front hall, up from which runs the narrow winding stairway, which is a feature of all New England colonial houses. The paneling of wood in the front rooms extend from the floor to ceiling, and the windows are placed without regard to size, or spacing or height, but evidently as it must have seemed most convenient to the builder. Going up the front stairs, one finds a delightful little cubbyhole, just the place for odds and ends, and so easily reached. The sun shines brightly through the windows of the parlor chamber; here are the original doors and paneling, and from the windows the same magnificent view over rolling hill and meadow, which John and his wife must often have enjoyed. Down two steps we go into a little low room under the sloping roof, with just space for a trunk at the farther side. From here a door opens into a dark room where a great whitewashed chimney, "the warm heart of the house," occupies most of the space. Part way up the garret stairs the steps branch off to the north and south attics, lighted by the little four paned windows at either end. The hewn oak beams are overhead, and one can see the worm-eaten roof boards under the shingles, which have been in place about 200 years. In the dining room which was the original kitchen, the ceiling is just six feet high with a broad beam through the center. The great fireplace is in this room, and when the family gathered in long winter evenings, here the apples were roasted, and the cider warmed on the hearth and the nuts and stories were cracked. No doubt the "Country Stick" was sometime brought into requisition, a hollow tube six or eight feet long with a mouth piece at one end and an ear trumpet at the other, where the young men and maidens might carry on their love making without seriously disturbing the rest of the family—not very satisfactory, perhaps, but they had to adapt themselves to their environments then as now. In the King Street Cemetery, Westport, Conn., is the moss covered double-stone that marks the graves of himself and wife and which tells us that Lieutenant John Taylor died November 18, 1724, aged seventy-seven years, and that "Mistress Waite, ye wife of Lieutenant John Taylor, died January 23, 1721, aged fifty-one years."

Lieutenant Josiah Taylor, second son and child of Lieutenant John and Waite Clapp Taylor, was born October 17, 1701, and died February 11, 1781. He was married August 2, 1729, to Thankful French. Their son Ahijah was born September 22, 1740, married Isabella Wyley. From "Connecticut Colonial Homes" the following description is taken referring to Westport: "Across the highway a few rods east of "Washington Inn" may be seen an old Elm Tree stump, near which until two or three years ago stood the home of Ahijah Taylor, grandfather of Mr. Theodore Taylor of Westport. We have a valuable record of Ahijah's loyalty and courage while he was serving in a Connecticut regiment in 1764, under Israel Putnam, in the French War at Detroit. Bradstreet's little army had been sent to relieve Detroit. Israel Putnam was Lieutenant Colonel and gave to Ahijah Taylor at this time his "warrant as Second Sergeant in the Fifth Company, a Battalion, where I am Colonel. Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at Detroit, this 13th day of September, 1764. Signed by his own hand, Israel Putnam, Lieut. Colonel." This commission was found among the papers of Charles Wiley Taylor, M. D., son of Ahijah, about the year 1884, and is now in the "Norwalk Historical Society."

Dr. Charles W. Taylor, brother to Captain Dan Taylor, taught school for awhile in Fonda, N. J., and boarded with the father of William H. Seward, and had William H. for a pupil. W. H. was Secretary of State in Mr. Lincoln's Cabinet. Among the children of Sergeant Ahijah and Isabelle Wiley Taylor was Dan (not Daniel), who was afterward called "Captain Dan" by virtue of his Captaincy in "The Home Guards" of Westport. He was born January 18, 1778, married November, 1804, to Sallie Adams. She was born September 28, 1787, and was a daughter of Aaron and Rhoda (Hanford) Adams, of Westport, Conn. Her father was one of the wealthiest and most influential men of that section of country.

Captain Dan and Sallie Adams Taylor began housekeeping in a pretty new home built for them. It is plainly visible in the picture of Westport, page 414, in the above mentioned Historical Collections, and is now marked with a cross, so that the descendants may know it. It has since been beautified by a Mansard roof and fine porch, and a picture of it as it now looks, hangs in the writer's room, and is called "The Old Homestead," owned still by one of the family. It stands on a high hill in Westport and commands a fine view of the surrounding country as well as the Saugatuck River. Here the young men and maidens enjoyed the great "House Warming" that was held there after the wedding at the home of Sallie Adams, a hundred years ago. Sallie Adams Taylor was one of the loveliest of women, calm, sweet, and serene, as her picture indicates, loving a bit of fun, too, as well as any one could. Her son testified of her that he never saw her angry in his life, but then you and I know she must have been angry a good many times, but had a fortunately sweet way of not showing it. She died July 1st, 1865, aged seventy-eight years, ten months. Captain Dan died in July, 1859, aged eighty-one years, seven months. He was almost one hundred years older than his youngest grandchild, a son, his only living namesake, Frederick Dan Taylor, born 1876.

Francis Taylor, youngest son of Captain and Sallie Adams Taylor, is the connecting link between the old "Connecticut Historical Collections" and this new history.

TAYLOR, Francis.—There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored gentleman whose name introduces this review. His life history illustrates most happily what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose. Integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success. His birth occurred at Westport, Fairfield County, Conn., November 27, 1821. His father, Capt. Daniel Taylor, was also a native of Connecticut. The family is of English origin and was established in the Charter Oak State, at a very early (1640) epoch in its development. Francis Taylor was reared and married in Connecticut. He wedded Henrietta B. Morehouse, also a native of Connecticut, and for some years he carried on agricultural pursuits there. After the birth of two of his children, however, he came to Illinois, locating at Bates in 1851. There he followed farming for a few years and in 1858, he removed to a farm near New Berlin. He commenced with eighty acres of land, but subsequently added to his property from time to time until within the boundaries of his farm were comprised 500 acres. He was very successful as an agriculturist and stock-raiser, and spent the last years of his life in New Berlin and died here in November, 1888. He was twice married, his first wife passing away in Sangamon County about 1863. Later he married again, his second wife being Harriet Rumsey, second daughter of Aaron Burr and Lucetta (Crane) Rumsey. She was born on Compo Beach near Westport, Conn. By this union, four children were born. There were also four children by the first marriage—Mary, the wife of Frank G. Coulter, a resident farmer of Sangamon County; A. J., residing in New Berlin; Francis I. also resides in New Berlin and owns and operates a farm; and Edward H., a farmer residing at Bates, Illinois. The children of the second marriage are Charles R., an agriculturist of Sangamon County, also a lawyer by profession, having been admitted to the Sangamon County Bar; William, who died in his twenty-fourth year; Harriet S., who is a physician of Springfield; and Frederick D., who is engaged in business in Chicago.

Mr. Taylor was a man of many sterling qualities, his tastes being strongly domestic, and all of his leisure hours were devoted to his family and in social relations. He manifested qualities which gained for him the good will, confidence

and friendly regard of those with whom he was associated. He watched with interest the progress and improvement of the county, co-operating as he found opportunity, in its upbuilding, and he received the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded to one of his years.

TAYLOR, Francis I., a representative farmer of New Berlin, Ill., a man of sterling integrity, prominent in the business and social interests of his community, is a native son of Sangamon County, born on his father's farm at Bates, July 26, 1857. His father, Francis Taylor, was born at Westport, Conn., November 27, 1821, married Henrietta B. Morehouse, a native of the same place, and came to Illinois in 1851. He spent some time on a farm near Bates, which was owned by Morris Ketchum, of New York, and subsequently moved to the neighborhood east of New Berlin, where he occupied an eighty-acre farm. He engaged in mercantile business in the village about 1881, and his son Francis I, became his partner in this enterprise after he had completed his education. Francis and Henrietta (Morehouse) Taylor had three sons: Francis I., Albert J. and Edward H. Albert J. Taylor was born at Westport, Conn., and is unmarried. Edward H. Taylor was born May 7, 1860, and March 4, 1891, married Minnie E. Coulter. There was also one daughter by this marriage, Mary, wife of Frank G. Coulter. Mrs. Taylor died in Sangamon County about 1863 and Mr. Taylor married a second time, there being four children born of this union. The Taylor family is of English descent and was early established in Connecticut. Francis Taylor was a son of Dan. Taylor, also a native of Connecticut. Francis Taylor died at his home in New Berlin, in November, 1888. He had purchased eighty acres of land upon coming to the vicinity of New Berlin and had been able to add to his holdings until he owned 500 acres. His last years were spent in the village.

For a number of years, Francis I. Taylor was engaged in mercantile business with his father and after the latter's death continued the business until the destruction of the building and stock by fire in the summer of 1894. His brother Albert J. afterwards erected a building to replace the old one, but Francis I. then turned his attention to farming. He is one of the leading farmers of his county and owns land in Sangamon, Christian and Macoupin Counties, Ill., amounting to about 1,000 acres, besides farm land in Nebraska, being a man of remarkable judgment in his business investments and an enterprising, energetic farmer. He received excellent business training under his father's supervision and has turned his ability in this direction to very good account.

In political belief, Mr. Taylor is a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and although the township is overwhelmingly Democratic, he was elected to the office of Supervisor in 1906. He served twelve years as Postmaster of New Berlin. He is popular among his neighbors and identified with the best interests of his township and county. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and active in its work.

June 25, 1884, Mr. Taylor married Miss Minnie L., daughter of Henry and Louisa (Arenz) Yates, who is a cousin of Richard Yates, her father being a brother of the older Richard Yates, the noted War Governor of Illinois. Mrs. Taylor was born at Berlin, Ill., October 9, 1859. Her father was born March 7, 1835, also at Berlin, son of Henry Yates, who was born in Caroline County, Va., October 29, 1786, and her mother was born at Beardstown, Ill., June 14, 1836, a daughter of Hon. Francis Arenz. Five children were born to Mr. Taylor and his wife: Nellie Y., March 19, 1885; Frank M., April 6, 1887; Harry Y., June 29, 1889; Thomas Rhea, August 16, 1892; William L., November 17, 1895.

TAYLOR, Prof. John Edward—To be an instructor means much in these days of aggressive methods, and Springfield has some of the best men in this line to be found in the entire State. One who has been attracting considerable attention on account of his ability, strength of purpose and excellent methods, is John Edward Taylor, Principal of the Trapp School, of Springfield. He was born near Williamsville, Ill., March 30, 1866, being a son of Isaac Jefferson Taylor.

Long before the Revolution three brothers—Isaac, James and William Taylor—came from England. Where James and William settled we are unable to find out but Isaac settled in Maryland. He moved to Chester District, S. C. One of his sons, John, moved with his family to Barron County, Ky.; to White County, Ill.; to Wayne County, Ill.; in 1829 to Sangamon County, and in 1849 to Davis County, Iowa, where he died in 1856. Seventeen children were born to him, three of whom—Simeon, Isaac and James—remained in Sangamon County, near where Barclay now stands, where they reared large families.

James was the father of twelve children, one of whom, Isaac Jefferson Taylor, was the father of John E. Taylor.

After attending school at Williamsville and the National Normal of Lebanon, Ohio, Mr. Taylor began teaching at the Lakeside School near Elkhart, in Logan County, Ill. He taught there for one term, then taught five terms at the Smith school near Williamsville, in the district where he was born. For a year he taught at Buffalo Hart, and for two years at the Knuckoll's school near Auburn. For a year he taught at the Jordan school near Dawson and for a year was at the Woolsey school near Auburn. For the following three years he taught the Fletcher school at Auburn. He was then made Principal of the Cantrall school at Cantrall, Ill., where he remained three years, and for one year was Principal of the Athens school but resigned the second term to take the same position with the Williamsville school, which

he held for two years, resigning in 1904, the third year, when he was called to the Trapp School, a ward school of Springfield, where for the succeeding seven years he has been its efficient head.

On June 24, 1886, Mr. Taylor was married, at Elkhart, Ill., to Louisa Sell, born near that town, May 8, 1867, daughter of Andrew Sell, a native of Germany, who married Mary J. Turley, of Elkhart. Mr. Taylor's father died in 1895, but his widow survives, being now sixty-nine years old. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor became the parents of one child, Alice, born April 29, 1887.

Mr. Taylor belongs to Tyrian Lodge No. 333, A. F. & A. M.; Modern Woodmen of America at Auburn; Court of Honor, Camp No. 1 at Auburn; Yeomen of America at Williamsville and K. of P. at Cantrall. The West Side Christian Church, of Springfield holds his membership, and on January 1, 1911, he was made one of its deacons. In politics he is an independent Democrat. He owns a beautiful two-story home at No. 713 South State Street. A man of culture and wide reading, Mr. Taylor is eminently fitted to hold his present responsible position. Not only is he a close student, but he loves his work and is proud of the advancement his pupils show.

TAYLOR, Lewis Cass, M. D., who has for many years been established in the practice of his profession in Springfield, is looked upon as one of that city's most enterprising and progressive citizens. He is well known in Springfield and Sangamon County, where most of his life has been spent, and stands well in his profession. He was born in Williamsville, Ill., April 9, 1854, and is a son of Ninian R. and Catherine (Halbert) Taylor. Ninian R. Taylor was a merchant by occupation, and a prominent citizen of Williamsville.

The early education of Dr. Taylor was acquired in the public schools; later he attended Eureka College, and he received his medical training at Bellevue Hospital and Medical College in New York City. He entered upon practice after receiving his degree, and has for sometime been a resident of Springfield. He has won a reputation for skill and ability, and is a member of the county, State and American Medical Societies. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Order and has taken the degree of Knight Templar. He is unmarried and resides on East Washington Street, having an office in the National Bank Building.

TAYLOR, Robert R. (deceased), was a valued citizen of Sangamon County for many years and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Portland, Me., September 21, 1840, and there spent his boyhood and youth. His father, Richard Taylor, also a native of that State, was a ship-builder by trade and worked most of his life in Portland. He and his wife had twenty-one children. The parents died in Portland. As a young man Robert R. Taylor worked with his father and learned the same trade, which he followed until coming to Illinois. When he first came to this State he spent a few years in Chicago and there learned the trade of a brick mason, which he followed for some time. Later he followed farming a few years in Lanesville Township, Sangamon County, and for five years lived in Mechanicsburg, after which he removed to Niantic, and there his death occurred in 1890.

Mr. Taylor was an industrious, enterprising business man and made many friends. He was a member of the Methodist Church, a Democrat in politics and took an active interest in the welfare of his community. For many years he belonged to the G. A. R. He was married at Decatur, Ill., in 1888, to Miss Susan Deins, who was born in England, November 25, 1848. Her father, Edmund Deins, was a music teacher and died in England, after which the mother came to America and lived in Sangamon County until her death, in 1894, at the home of Mrs. Taylor. Of the thirteen children born to Mr. Deins and wife the only survivor is the daughter Susan. Eight children were born to Mr. Taylor and wife, of whom the only survivor is one son, William H., in the employ of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad Company, at Springfield. Mr. Taylor's widow married Mr. Brock and now resides in Illiopolis, where she owns a pleasant home and other property.

TAYLOR, William Biddle.—Among the most practical and painstaking farmers and stock raisers of Sangamon County is to be numbered William Biddle Taylor, of Section 6, Gardner Township, born in the township, June 1, 1843, a son of William B. and Beulah (Smith) Taylor, both natives of New Jersey, where they married, in June, 1830, the ceremony being performed by Jacob G. Smith. The father was born near Salmon Bay, December 25, 1800, while she was born December 19, 1810. In 1838 removal was made to Illinois and settlement made in Gardner Township. They had seven children, six of them surviving: John L,. of Arizona; Roxana, of Michigan; Maria, of Fredonia, Kan.; Josephine, of Mason City, Ill.; William B.; Abigail, of Fredonia, Kan.

William B. Taylor Sr. located on the Beardstown Road, in Gardner Township, and there died about 1849, when William Biddle Taylor was about seven years old. His widow survived until about 1860, when she too passed away.

Growing up on the homestead, William Biddle Taylor remained with his mother, obtaining what educational advantages he could. The family were poor and when he was only ten years old he assumed charge of the farm work, trying to operate the sixty acres of land left them. He went about among the neighbors trying to secure any kind of work that would earn him an honest dollar, and worked too hard for his childish strength. However, being very

strong, he was able to do a man's work even in childhood. When he was twenty-six, in 1867, he was able to buy 114 acres in Gardner Township. On it he found a small frame house, but no barn, and to it he brought his sisters and began to develop a good farm. He soon began to feed a few hogs and cattle, and finding them so profitable, enlarged his operations. His farm consisted of eighty acres of prairie and thirty-four acres of heavy timber, so that he worked almost incessantly. He alternately hauled corn and rails he split from his timber, finding a market for both commodities at Springfield. As soon as he had his first purchase under control he bought more land, now owning 274 acres of as fine land as can be seen in Sangamon County. Owing to his strenuous labor and neglect of his health, Mr. Taylor suffered from rheumatism for two years, which stopped his work of acquiring more land. After spending much money and effort with several specialists, Mr. Taylor called in old Dr. Higgins, who cured him, so he has not been bothered since.

On October 16, 1879, Mr. Taylor married Elizabeth Campbell, a native of Ashland, Ohio, where she was born in 1845 and was brought to Illinois in 1858 by her parents. She has two brothers, Rush A., a farmer of Gardner Township, and Burr, of Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are both deceased, as are four of their seven children. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had two children, one of whom died in infancy, the other being John L., born July 7, 1881. He has always lived on the farm, and is helping his father operate it. Being a good mechanic, he has equipped a shop with all kinds of tools for repairing and sharpening farm machinery. No city shop is better equipped, and his work compares favorably with any done in Springfield. The young man was married September 3, 1907, at Peoria, Ill., to Ethel B. Wiseman, born near Petersburg, Ill., January 1, 1888, daughter of Jacob J. and Carrie (Hornbuckle) Wiseman. They belong to leading families of that locality. One child has been born of this union, little William Jacob Hoyle Taylor, born May 31, 1909.

The Taylor farm is one of the neatest in that part of the county. The buildings and machinery are in perfect order, there is a place for anything, and nothing is left out of place. The stock is of the best grade standard breed, and a specialty is made of Poland-China hogs, which are shipped to adjacent markets. Mr. Taylor is a man to whom farming comes naturally and his long training makes him an agriculturist of wide experience. One of the truly self-made men of Sangamon County, he has earned his 274 acres by toil such as few men ever go through with, and by overcoming all obstacles has raised himself to his present position of comfort. Meanwhile, he has done much to advance his community. He takes pride in relating his early experiences, stating that he was in field and meadow early and late, from the time of spring planting until after the crops were harvested, after which he had to haul his produce to Springfield. His physical strength and endurance are remarkable, for few men could have withstood such a drain upon their health as continued and unremitting hard work.

Mr. Taylor has seen wonderful changes effected. Good roads have been cut through the prairie; the land has been transformed into rich farms, while cities and towns have sprung up along the line of railroads not thought of when he was a boy. Telephone service draws the farmers together and keeps them in close touch with the outside world. He has kept abreast of inventions and scientific methods in his work, and his farm and premises show the character of the owner and his son, who has assisted him so materially.

TEATER, Terrence B.—The Illinois Central Railroad Company gives employment to some of the most substantial men in Springfield, who are located in the city because of their connection with this great road. One of the men thus identified with it is Terrence B. Teater, car inspector at the roundhouse, who resides on his property on East Washington Street, and has held his present responsible position for the past quarter of a century. He was born on a farm near Latrobe, Westmoreland County, Pa., February 13, 1851, a son of William N. Teater and wife, natives of the same county. The paternal grandfather, Henry Teater, came to the United States from Germany, locating in Westmoreland County, Pa., where he farmed until his demise.

William Teater migrated to Shelby County, Ill., arriving there October 11, 1863, and buying a farm in Big Spring Township, where the mother passed away, in 1889, aged sixty-nine years. His life-companion being gone, the father went to live with his son Leander, then a resident of Tennessee, and it was at the home of this son that he died, in 1895, aged seventy-six years. The children born to him and his wife were: Sarah Ann, wife of Samuel Sigfried, died in Covington, Tenn., in 1907; James L. and Peter Henry both died in Shelby County; Amos, of Covington, Tenn.; Leander, now of Hampton, Ark.; Mary E., deceased, and Terrence. Peter Henry served during the Civil War and had the unhappy experience of being taken prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg.

Terrence Teater was twelve years old when he was brought to Illinois, and received a good common school education in Shelby County, until he was seventeen years old. He was brought up to farm work, but upon leaving school entered the employ of the "Big Four" as fireman. At the end of the third year he commenced working in their shops at Mattoon, Ill., continuing there until 1883, when he was employed by the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Company as car repairer. In 1880 he was made car inspector for the Illinois Central Railroad, and placed in the roundhouse at Springfield, and this city has since continued to be his home.

The first marriage of Mr. Teater took place in

1878 when he was united with Mary Keithley, of Belleville, Ill. She bore him two children: Honora, Mrs. Albert Chatterman of Clinton, Ill., and Aurora May, Mrs. Clarence Toons, of Clinton, Ill. Mr. Teater was again married, in 1885, to Miss Maggie Freelove, no issue. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the International Association of Car Workers. Politically he is a Democrat. While not connected with any religious denomination, Mr. Teater believes in moral uplift, and is anxious to secure good government. He is a conscientious worker, giving his company his best efforts, and his value is appreciated by officials and men alike. In his home Mr. Teater is a considerate husband and father, and is proud of his family. He feels satisfied with what he has accomplished, for his advancement has been secured through merit. He has lived to see his daughters happily married, and grateful to him for educating and caring for them.

It is such men as Mr. Teaters who form the backbone of any nation. Quiet, unassuming, steadily working at the duties each day brings, they are a force in themselves that is powerful and all the more felt because it does not appear on the surface, but permeates society and shows that good, honest endeavor will prevail in the end.

TEMPLEMAN, James W., a prominent and successful young attorney who has been engaged in practice in Springfield for several years, has held various public offices of honor and trust in Illinois. Mr. Templeman was born in Owen County, Ky., August 31, 1876, a son of Thomas P. and Lutitia (Donley) Templeman. The family moved on a farm in Wayne County, Ill., in 1880, and there James W. Templeman received his early education. He taught school four years in the country and served one year as Principal of the Wayne City School. He also served four years as County Superintendent of Schools in Wayne County, being the first Democrat elected to this office for sixteen years. He served as a member of the Forty-fifth General Assembly of Illinois. He was an able and conscientious School Superintendent, and during his term in the Legislature introduced a bill fixing a minimum salary for public school teachers.

Mr. Templeman pursued his legal studies while serving as County Superintendent of Schools, and was admitted to the Bar in Wayne County, Ill., in 1907, soon after which he came to Springfield and engaged in the active practice of his profession, and secured a good clientele. He is prominent in fraternal circles and is connected with the Masonic Order, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor and the Tribe of Ben Hur. He is actively interested in every measure and movement for the progress or development of the community where he has established himself, and is a useful and representative citizen. Mr. Templeman is now identified with The Reisch Indemnity Company.

Mr. Templeman was married August 29, 1900, to Miss Erma Garrison, of Washington County, Ill., daughter of S. C. Garrison, a farmer of that county, and three children have been born of this union: James D., Veda E. and Elizabeth L. Mr. Templeman and his wife are members of the Christian Church. Mrs. Templeman is the only lady attorney in Sangamon County and was admitted to the Bar in Wayne County in 1907. She is a graduate of the Centralia High School and attended the Southern Illinois Normal University at Carbondale, Ill., three years. The family reside at 232 West Cedar Street, Springfield.

TERRENT, Michael J., now retired from active life and living in Springfield, Ill., where he has resided since June, 1866, was born in County Cork, Ireland, September 29, 1846. He is a son of William and Mary (Russell) Terrent, both natives of County Cork, Ireland. The father died there and in 1876 the mother came to America and located in Springfield, where she remained one year, then went to Boston, Mass., where her death occurred in 1897. Her sons William and Daniel were living in Sangamon County at the time of the Civil War. The former died in Boston, in 1891, and the latter died in New York, in 1889.

The boyhood of Michael J. Terrent was spent in his native country and he was educated in the public schools there. His father, who was a coachman, died when Michael was a small boy. After leaving school he became a longshoreman and after coming to this country was employed loading and unloading boats and similar work, in New York, where he spent about one year. He came to the United States in 1865 and soon afterward to Springfield. He worked ten years for Messrs. Kidd & Stratt, contractors, worked twenty years in the rolling mills in Springfield, then accepted a position as janitor at the Springfield Watch Factory, where he spent six and one-half years, and about ten years ago retired from active life. He has been a most industrious and thrifty worker and now owns a beautiful home at 333 Elliott Avenue. He is a devout member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and in politics is a Democrat. He is affiliated with the Loyal Americans. He is respected as an upright and useful citizen and has many friends.

Mr. Terrent was married, in New York City, in April, 1865, to Miss Julia O'Callahan, daughter of Daniel and Ellen (Carrol) O'Callahan, who was born December 24, 1849. Her parents, who were born in the county of Cork, Ireland, reached old age and died in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Terrent have the following children: Mary, a Sister in St. Mary's Convent, at Dallas, Tex.; Ella, a teacher in the Enos School; Margaret, married David Walsh, auditor for Mr. Shumway's mining interests; Julia, stenographer in the employ of Dunn & Com-

pany; Father Michael Terrent, assistant in the cathedral at Alton, Ill.

THAYER, Edward Raymore, a veteran merchant of Springfield, Ill., was born at Amherst, Mass., July 7, 1815, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thayer. When he was about one year old, his parents removed to Petersburg, Va., but after remaining there about seven years, they returned north to Boston, Mass., which continued to be their home for several years. In 1835—this being a period of large emigration from the Eastern States to the West—the family came to St. Louis, Mo. The father contemplated entering the mercantile business there, in which he had previously been engaged, but finding the field apparently overcrowded, and having made the acquaintance at a St. Louis hotel of Mr. James L. Lamb, a prominent business man of Springfield, Ill., he was induced to come to the latter place, then a town of some 1200 inhabitants. Here he at once engaged in mercantile business, which he continued during the remainder of his life, his death finally occuring in the later 'seventies at the age of more than ninety years. Mr. Thayer was one of the contributors to the $50.000 fund for securing the location of the State Capitol at Springfield.

In 1837, at the age of about twenty-one years, Edward R. entered into partnership with his father, which lasted during the remainder of the life of the latter. During much of this time he was practical head of the concern and, for many years before the period of railroad connection with the East, was accustomed to make two trips each year by stage-coach to Philadelphia and New York for the purchase of stocks of goods. At this time the well-known Thayer store was located on the west side of Fifth Street opposite the Capitol Square and was the popular trading point of many of the older and historic families of Springfield. In 1863 the store was removed to its present location at 520 East Adams Street, south of the public square, which it has since occupied for nearly fifty years.

Mr. Thayer was also one of the founders of the Springfield Woolen Mills, which grew under his administration to be one of the large manufacturing concerns in the city of Springfield, occupying nearly one-half of an entire block on South Fourth Street opposite the Bettie Stuart Institute, but was discontinued some years ago. Hugh Armstrong, an early operator in this line, was an original partner and manager of the concern for a number of years after its establishment.

A man of quiet temperament, reserved manner, high moral character and business integrity, Mr. Thayer has devoted his life closely to his vocation, but has always been interested in issues tending to the local and public welfare. An original Republican in political opinions, he is one of the few now surviving who knew Abraham Lincoln intimately and as a personal friend, and whose reminiscences in connection with the life of Springfield's greatest citizen and America's greatest statesman, have had a constantly increasing interest and value to the present generation. A historic event of national interest of which Mr. Thayer has some personal recollection, was the laying of the corner-stone of the Bunker Hill Monument at Charlestown, Mass., (now a part of the city of Boston), by Gen. Lafayette in 1825, which Mr. Thayer witnessed as a boy at ten years of age.

Never married, Mr. Thayer has uniformly made his home, successively at different hotels in the city, for more than two generations—from the old Spottswood Hotel, the Globe, the American and the Chenery, down to the Leland for the last quarter-century—and is widely recognized as a leading historic character of the city which has been his home, and where he has been a leading business man for more than three-quarters of a century, at all times enjoying the confidence and respect of the entire community.

THOMA, Frank.—Among the highly esteemed residents of Springfield, Ill., may be mentioned Frank Thoma, who is now living retired after many years of business activity. Mr. Thoma is a native of Germany, having been born in Baden, August 25, 1840, a son of Frank X. and Rosa (Reisch) Thoma. He was eleven years of age when the family emigrated to the United States, where an older brother had gone one year previously, and his education, begun in the schools of his native country, was finished in the vicinity of Williamsburg, N. Y., where the family resided for two years. They then went to Berks County, Pa., sixteen miles east of Doylestown, setling on a farm of 160 acres, and there Mr. Thoma worked some time. December 17, 1860, he came to Springfield and began working for Christ Hauck. Deciding to enter upon a business career instead of farming, he began to learn the butchering business with John Lutz, later went to Chicago and worked there at his trade two months, when he went to Joliet, Ill., to take charge of a big butchering plant, which was washed away in the flood. He then went into partnership with another man in the butchering business, and continued until 1866, when he came to Springfield and bought stock, remaining in this line until 1867, in October of which year he opened an establishment of his own at No. 802 South Fifth Street, and there he continued to do business until 1892, meeting with much success. Believing at this time that he had spent enough of his time in the business, Mr. Thoma purchased four acres of land just outside of the city, to which he moved, and there for ten years, he engaged in poultry raising and truck gardening, but in 1902, he returned to Springfield, where he has since lived retired. He is the owner of his home and considerable other real estate in the city, and is looked upon as one of his community's substantial men.

Mr. Thoma was married in Springfield May 27, 1867, to Charlotte Greach, who came to the United States from Germany about 1866. She is a daughter of Andrew and Magdalena (Staling) Greach, who were both natives of Neiderhaus, Baden, Germany. The mother visited America about 1878 and the father visited the country the following year, but both died in Germany. Mr. Thoma and wife had these children: Lizzie, who married J. W. Johnson, of London, Canada; Katie, who married A. H. Kruns, of Springfield; Rosie, who married Otto Gehr, of Chicago, and Frances, who married Wiliam Link, of Springfield. The family attend SS. Peter and Paul German Catholic Church and Mr. Thoma is a member of St. Vincent's Society.

THOMA, Hugo.—Springfield, with its miles of well-paved streets, shaded by stately trees and flanked with beautiful homes; its many municipal improvements; its magnificent State buildings; its beautiful churches, steeped as it is in an atmosphere of culture and offering such excellent opportunities for social intercourse, is an ideal home for those seeking a haven of rest after years of fruitful endeavor. Hugo Thoma, after a business life of over forty-eight years in Springfield, has for several years past been retired from active life, and is enjoying the many advantages of residence in Springfield. He was born in Baden, Germany, February 26, 1848, being a son of Xavier and Rosa (Reisch) Thoma, the former born in Baden, Germany, December 6, 1906, and the later in the same place July 18, 1811. The father was a locksmith by trade, who came to the United States in 1849, landing in New York, where he remained two years. From there he went to Bucks County, Pa., there living until 1862, when the family came to Sangamon County, the father working at his trade until his death, February 22, 1869. His widow survived him until June 27, 1877. There were ten children in the family, nine sons and one daughter, and of these three survive: Hugo, Frank and Mrs. Minnie Mauer, who is a widow.

After receiving a common school education in Bucks County schools, Hugo Thoma worked on a canal boat owned by his father, on the Lehigh & Delaware Canal, in Pennsylvania, being the mule driver. He was but eight years old when he commenced this work, alternating it with his attendance at school. He also worked on the Essex & Reading and the Morris Canals, the latter in New Jersey. When he reached Springfield, January 5, 1863, having spent seven days on the journey, coming from New York on an emigrant train, he began working in a brick yard conducted by August Kleppenberg, remaining in his employ one summer. In the fall of 1863, he worked in the confectionary business, remaining there until January 1, 1865, when he drove a team four months, then tended bar until 1868. January 1, 1869, he engaged in business on his own account, attaining a well-earned success, but having accumulated a sufficiently large competency, retired from business in 1900. He belongs to SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church and is faithful in its support.

Mr. Thoma was married in the church of which he is a member, in Springfield, May 5, 1885, to Sophia Kuehn, born in Springfield, February 5, 1855. Her father came from Bavaria, Germany, and her mother from Wurtemburg, Germany, to America, at an early day, landing at New Orleans. From that city they went to St. Louis, which was their home until 1854, when removal was made to Springfield, where the father embarked in a gents' furnishing goods store, conducting it until 1869, when he retired. His death occurred May 13, 1897, but his widow survived until 1902. There were three sons and two daughters in the Kuehn family, three of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Thoma have had eight children: Albert C., Hugo, J., Carl E., Marie S., of Springfield; Clara, wife of William Watts, and three who are deceased. Mr. Thoma owns his residence at No. 831 Percy Avenue, in addition to other realty in Springfield, and is in very comfortable circumstances. His business career was marked by very close attention to his own affairs and strict honesty, and he has reaped the legitimate results of good efforts carefully directed.

THOMAS, Jesse Burgess, Jr. (Vol. I, p. 521.)

THOMPSON, Franklin C., who owns a well-developed farm on Section 5, Lanesville Township, Sangamon County, was born near Waverly, Pike County, Ohio, August 26, 1855, a son of Jefferson and Mary (Musstain) Thompson, both natives of Ohio, the former born in Guernsey County and the latter in Pike County. Jefferson Thompson is a cooper, having learned the trade after his marriage. He accompanied his father from his native county to Pike County, and there the family located on a farm. He was married there in 1854, and he and his wife now reside in Waverly, he aged seventy-seven, and she aged sixty-five years. They were parents of eight sons, of whom the two deceased were: the youngest son, Clifton, died in the Philippine Islands, while in the United States Government service, and James Sherman. Franklin is the oldest child surviving, the others being: David L. of Waverly, where he is a mechanic; William H., of Canal Dover, Ohio, a tinner by trade; John W., of Cleveland; Philip W.; and Charles, of Arkansas. The paternal grandfather of Franklin C., David Thompson, emigrated from Virginia to Ohio, and his maternal grandparents also came from Virginia.

In boyhood Franklin C. Thompson worked on his father's farm and he received his education in the schools of Waverly. In 1880, he came to Sangamon County and settled on the farm of John Frey, his father-in-law, where he remained seven years, then sold out and spent a few months in Springfield, after which he purchased the farm he has since carried on. He owns 100 acres of land and during the twenty-one years,

he has lived on it, has brought it to a high state of cultivation. He has become prominent in public affairs in his community and has held several offices of honor and trust. He served three years as Road Commissioner, twelve years as School Director, and has been several times a member of the grand jury of the county. He is a Democrat in politics. He affiliates with the United Brethren Church, and fraternally, is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an industrious and practical farmer and stands well among his neighbors, having won their universal esteem and respect.

Mr. Thompson was married at Waverly, Ohio, September 8, 1878, to Miss Anna M., daughter of John Frey, who now resides at Buffalo, Ill. Her parents were early settlers of Sangamon County, and the father (a sketch of whom appears in this work) owns considerable land there. Mrs. Thompson was born in Waverly, Ohio. To her and her husband, children were born as follows: Clinton M., Edward J., Bertha M., Esther L. and Harry B., living, and John W., Levina and Raymond, deceased. Clinton M. married Miss Thursa Stubblefield, a native of Christian County, and they now reside in Decatur, Ill. Mr. Thompson has been successful in his agricultural operations and has reared a family of whom he may well be proud. He is identified with the best interests of his community, and always ready to espouse any worthy object.

THOMPSON, Stanton H.—The retired farmers form an important element in the life of a community, especially in one that is located in the center of an agricultural district. Sangamon is the home of a number of small towns and villages which prosper because of their retired farmer population, and one of these is the flourishing Illiopolis. One of the representative men of the class just mentioned is Stanton H. Thompson. He was born in Madison County, Ky., December 8, 1834, a son of Leman and Mary (Johnson) Thompson, the former born in 1807, and both natives of Kentucky. The grandfathers were both from Virginia, coming to Kentucky at a day early in its history. Leman Thompson was a farmer and continued his work until his death, in Kentucky. During the Civil War he was a member of the Home Guard, having the misfortune to be taken prisoner and confined three months. The ancestors on both sides of the house were Revolutionary soldiers, so the military spirit was not lacking in this family. Leman Thompson had seven children, four daughters and three sons, three of whom survive. This most excellent man passed to his last reward in 1871, but his widow survived him, living until 1903, and at her death was considerably over ninety years of age, the exact date of her birth, however, having been lost.

In the days when Stanton H. Thompson grew up there were but few educational advantages offered the farmer lad, but such as there were he eagerly grasped, attending the uncomfortable log schools with their puncheon floors and slab seats. During his boyhood he worked hard for his father, but in 1863 left Kentucky, coming to Moultrie County, Ill., where for twenty-six years he was actively engaged in farming. He then went to Thayer County, Neb., there continuing his farming on eighty acres of land which he bought, and which he still owns. For twenty-two years this continued to be his home, but in 1902 he returned to Illinois and, selecting Illiopolis as his place of residence, bought a pleasant home there, where he is now spending his declining years. During all his operations he was successful and can look back with satisfaction upon his well-spent life.

Mr. Thompson was married in Madison, Ky., November 1, 1855, to Lucy M. Stapp, born in Madison County, December 3, 1838, a daughter of William and Charlotte (Layer) Stapp, farming people of Kentucky, where both died. Mr. Stapp was Sheriff of Madison County for fourteen years as well as Justice of the Peace, and was a fearless and capable official. His death occurred when he was ninety-two years old. He had three daughters and one son. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson became the parents of seven children, two of whom survive: Charles L., of Nebraska, and Martha, wife of Charles Havener, of Illiopolis, a carpenter by trade. There are thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren in the family. In 1908 the Thompsons held a reunion at the family home, at which four generations were present, from the venerable Mr. Thompson and his wife to the great-grandchildren, and the occasion was one that excited considerable comment and pleasant envy.

The Republican party has always had in Mr. Thompson an ardent supporter, and he served fourteen years as School Director in Moultrie County. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, to which they give an earnest and hearty support of both time and money. Mr. Thompson is one of the best types of the prosperous farmer to be found in Sangamon County, and he and his family enjoy universal esteem, for they have won it by upright living and honest dealing.

TILLEY, John.—Springfield is a city of interest, not only because of its historic connections and its indissoluble associations with the names of Lincoln and Douglas, but also on account of the character of the men who now live there. They are unusually intelligent, capable and earnest, striving towards good government, purity in politics and the beautifying of their city. One who can always be counted upon to support whatever he believes will prove of benefit to the community is John Tilley, residing at No. 1710 North Eighth Street. He was born in Whitstable, County of Kent, England, February 4, 1847, eldest son of Henry and Mary Ann (Richardson) Tilley, who had twelve children and died in England.

John Tilley was educated in the English schools, attending them until he was sixteen years old, when he commenced fishing. The peo-

ple in his native place were chiefly fishermen, and he followed the occupation of his forefathers, but was not content, so he left home, and in 1873 came to the United States. He took passage at Liverpool for New York City, whence he came direct to Springfield, and for two years after his arrival in Sangamon County worked on a farm. He then became an employe at the St. Nicholas Hotel, under the old proprietor, John McCrery. Marrying, Mr. Tilley began working at the coal shaft, and has been a miner ever since.

On May 11, 1876, Mr. Tilley married Mary Kelly, daughter of Dennis and Ann Kelly, who came to the United States. The young couple commenced housekeeping on Mason Street, but in 1885 Mr. Tilley built his present residence, and later erected another house just north of his home. Mr. and Mrs. Tilley have had the following children: Mayme, Mrs. George Robinson, of this city; Florence, Mrs. Henry St. Clair, of Aurora, Ill.; Harry, Jennie and Frances, at home; John died at the age of ten years; William, Arthur and Eva, all at home. Mr. Tilley was reared in the Church of England, but became a convert to Catholicism when he married. He is a stanch Republican, but has never sought office. He belongs to the Court of Honor and the American Home Society. Honest, hard-working and frugal, Mr. Tilley is one of the men who form the back-bone of any nation, and would be a desirable addition to any community into which he might move.

TIMCORE, John B. (deceased).—Almost every civilized country in the world is represented among the people of Springfield. This is but natural, for as all nations send their representatives to our shores, so do the capitals of the States gather them at the centers of government. Experience has shown that many of these people make excellent citizens, appreciating the better conditions here, and their children are among the most loyal and patriotic of our people. John B. Timcore, who for many years was a farmer in the vicinity of Springfield, was a native of Portugal, having been born January 29, 1831. What education he had was secured in his native land during childhood, for he commenced working when a lad of ten years, and never ceased until he laid down the burden of life. For many years he was a sailor, visiting all of the countries of the world. In later years he was accustomed to hold his visitors spellbound as he told of the wonders he had seen. He was twenty-two years old when he came to America, landing at Boston, and he was the only one of his family to come here.

Mr. Timcore was married in Springfield, May 30, 1884, to Miss Jessie Mederause who came from Portugal the same year that she married. One child was born of this union, Mary, now the wife of Elmer Roderick, and she has a son, Elmer. For half a century, Mr. Timcore was a well-known figure in Springfield and was loved by all who knew him, his genial, kindly nature winning him friends everywhere. While a strong Republican, he never thought of public office, being content with private life. The Presbyterian Church of Springfield held his membership, and he was earnest in its good work. Mr. Timcore died March 16, 1909, on his farm three miles north of the city limits. His widow survives, making her home with Mrs. Roderick. The simple, generous nature of Mr. Timcore led him to adopt a quiet life. After he was gone his many good qualities were recognized, and then fully appreciated.

TOBIN, John.—As men engaged in agricultural pursuits reach middle age, they usually begin to think of retirement, their work being of such a nature as to exhaust their energies sooner than that required of men in other walks of life. When they finally decide to leave their farms, they naturally look about for a suitable and pleasant place of residence, where they can enjoy their remaining years, surrounded by the comforts of urban life. A number of the farmers of Central and Southern Illinois have selected Springfield as their final home, knowing that there they can meet with all their requirements, while their investments in city realty will be safe and profitable. One of the men who have thus proven their good sense and become loyal to the city, is John Tobin. He was born east of Columbus, Ohio, March 20, 1835, a son of Isaac and Matilda A. (Benton) Tobin, the former born in Virginia and the later in Hagerstown, Md. The father came to Sangamon County in 1853, engaging in farming and thus continuing for about thirty years. At that time he left the farm, moved to Springfield, and was engaged in conducting a grocery business there until his demise.

John Tobin attended school in Ohio and grew to manhood on the farm. He worked with his father in Ohio and in Sangamon County until he began traveling, but after six years of that occupation decided that he preferred farm life and the various lines of business associated with it, and engaged in stock buying. After several years' experience in the latter line, however, he returned to farming, thus continuing a few years, when he retired. Springfield has been his home for thirty-five years. In political faith he is a Democrat, but he has never taken any active part in local affairs.

Mr. Tobin was married in Morganfield, Ky., to Eliza J. Gillock, the ceremony occurring October 11, 1863. She was born in Sangamon County, August 13, 1842, her father having come to the county in 1840, from Lexington, Ky. Her mother was a native of Ohio. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tobin, four of whom survive: Lucy, wife of Chester Swanwick, a furniture dealer of Sacramento, Calif.; Jessie, wife of Charles Raymond, proprietor of a large cafe in Chicago; Beatrice, wife of Henry Opel, of No. 1225 North Eighth Street, Springfield, in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company, and Edward S., residing on

the corner of Mason and Klein Streets, Springfield, in the horse shoeing business. There are two grandchildren in the family. Mr. Tobin takes great pride in his children and grandchildren, and is one of the reliable, substantial men of the community in whom those who know him have unlimited confidence.

TOBIN, Samuel A. (deceased).—The records of Springfield show the names of a number of public-spirited men whose influence for good was not confined to their business affairs, but extended to public activities as well. Among those who were of great service to the city, although he led a quiet life and possessed an unassuming disposition, was the late Samuel Tobin, born in Guernsey County, Ohio, December 10, 1852, a son of Isaac and Matilda (Benton) Tobin, natives of Virginia. Mr. Tobin was educated in Sangamon County, and worked with his parents on the farm until he moved to Springfield. He studied until he secured a teacher's certificate, and taught school, becoming Principal of the schools of Rochester, Ill., but in 1890 returned to Springfield, which continued his home until his demise. After locating in the city permanently, he embarked in the mercantile trade, becoming one of the most prosperous merchants there, and acted as Secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association. He also served eight years as Deputy Circuit Clerk. While he was a Democrat in politics, he took no active part in public matters, as he was too much engrossed with his business affairs.

Mr. Tobin married, at Rochester, December 26, 1882, Lida Highmore, daughter of John S. and Mary (Cloyd) Highmore, the former a native of England, and the latter of Illinois. Mr. Highmore came to Sangamon County at an early day and participated in many movements of the time, which were connected with the development of that part of the State. He was well known as a stock dealer, acquired considerable wealth, and served on the Board of Agriculture. Mrs. Tobin was born at Rochester, December 28, 1863, and grew up in her native town. She attended the Rochester school and later the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville. Both she and her husband joined the Methodist Church soon after their marriage. Mrs. Tobin had the misfortune to lose her husband February 20, 1903, and survived him several years, passing away January 22, 1910.

Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tobin: Chester, who married, September 5, 1906; Afrey Nead, resides at Mandan, N. Dak., one child, Ruth; Chelsae Armiza, married William J. Barnes, Jr., issue, William Tobin; Lilah Highmore is unmarried and lives with her sister, Mrs. Barnes, at No. 215 West Edwards Street, Springfield. Mr. Barnes is a traveling salesman.

TODD, (Dr.) John. (Vol. I, p. 524.)

TODD, John H., a retired farmer living in Springfield, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and has a most interesting war record. Mr. Todd was born in Madison County, Ky., March 15, 1841, son of Hardin and Lucy A. (Stagnor) Todd, both natives of Madison County. The parents lived on a farm and both died in Madison County, the father in 1865 and the mother in 1845. They were parents of six children, of whom two are now living, John H., and Eliza, Mrs. Harris, born in 1839, living in Richmond, Ky. John H. Todd lived at home with his father until eighteen years of age, helping with the work on the farm and attending the public school.

Mr. Todd enlisted in 1861 in Company F, Eighth Kentucky Infantry, under Captain J. B. Bouton, who was killed at the Battle of Stone River, after which B. S. Dixon became Captain. The first battle in which they participated was Stone River, which lasted two days. Mr. Todd was captured in this battle, held thirty minutes, and recaptured by Colonel Stokes. Before the battle Col. Sidney M. Barnes made speeches to the women of rebel families, who afterward served him and his men a very nice dinner. The regiment moved on to Murfreesboro, where they camped ten days, then began marching toward McMinnville, Tenn., thence went to Snow Hill, where they had a short fight with Morgan, then went to Buzzard's Roost, marching all night to reach this point, and fought there all day. Returning to Murfreesboro, they spent three weeks in camp there, then moved to Wartrace, Tenn., where they made camp. Thence they went to Tullahoma, then to Elk River, Tenn., to guard a bridge, and then to Ringgold, Ga., where they engaged in a hard-fought battle. While at Resaca, Ga., in 1864, Mr. Todd cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. During the winter of 1863 the army was quartered at Shellmound, Tenn., until February, then went to Lookout Mountain, where they engaged in a battle, and from this place were able to view the all-day fight at Missionary Ridge. They came down from the mountain, soon after went back to Chattanooga, and three weeks later to Ringgold, and soon afterward engaged in a battle at Chickamauga which lasted three days—Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Returning to Chattanooga, they remained there about a month and were mustered out at that place, in November, 1865. Mr. Todd served with bravery and faithfulness and has every reason to feel proud of his record. He was never left behind a day, never was arrested or had cause to be, and never was put on extra duty. He was never really sick a day, and although taken to the hospital at Chattanooga, ran away from it the next day and returned to camp.

At the close of the war Mr. Todd returned to Madison county, Ky., where he lived until 1880, then came to Springfield, Ill., and soon afterward engaged in farming. For many years he has been retired from active life and owns a beautiful home at 1700 South Second

Street. In religious views he is a Methodist and in politics a Republican.

Mr. Todd was married in Madison County, Ky., October 18, 1866, to Miss Minerva Harris, who was born in 1842, daughter of Overton and Naomi Harris, who came to Illinois four years before Mr. Todd, and both died in that State, being buried in Oak Ridge cemetery at Springfield. Mrs. Todd died in 1897, in Springfield, and was also buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. She was a devoted wife and mother, made many friends, and did her full duty in all relations of life. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Todd, namely: William F., born in October, 1869, engaged in grocery business on Washington Street, Springfield, is married and has one son—Harry, born in 1907; A. A., born in 1871, is engineer in a laundry in Springfield, is married and has three children —Noami born in 1894, Minerva, born in 1897 and John H., born in 1905; Smith G., born in 1874, top hand at a coal mine near Springfield.

TOLTZMAN, John.—It is very seldom that a German has to ask help of anyone, for as national and individual people they are industrious and thrifty, knowing how to make a place for themselves wherever they may be. Much of the strength of Springfield's solid, business standing is due to the locating there of men of this class, and among them is John Toltzman, of No. 1202 South Sixteenth St. He was born in Germany, July 10, 1853, a son of Gotlieb Toltzman, of Germany. According to the requirements of his native country, Mr. Toltzman served a term in the German army, entering in October, 1875, and leaving three years later. He has pleasant recollections of this period of his life. The parents came to America in 1878, settling in Mansfield, Wis., but after twelve years there went to Spenser, Wis., where both died. The father was a manufacturer of slate roofing. There were three sons, but John and his brother August, a farmer of Spencer, Wis., are the only survivors. John Toltzman was educated in Germany and came to America with his parents, but when they moved to Spencer he came to Springfield, where he engaged in mining, which has continued to occupy his time ever since. He is now in the employ of the Capital Mine and is one of its most experienced men. He has lived in his present home for the past fifteen years and owns it, as well as other valuable holdings, having been successful in his endeavors.

On Sept. 8, 1893, Mr. Toltzman was married in Springfield, to Charlotte Kinchock, born in Germany, whose parents never left their native land, dying in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Toltzman have a daughter, Edith, at home. There is a step-son, Emil Kinchock, who lives with Mr. Toltzman and is in the employ of the Wabash Railroad.

Politically Mr. Toltzman is a Democrat. His religious connections are with St. John's Lutheran Church. He is an industrious man, and has known how to save his money, and because of his ability, thrift and strict probity, has raised himself to an enviable position among his neighbors.

TOMLIN, Edwin (deceased).—The late Edwin Tomlin was one of the best examples of the older generation of Sangamon County farmers the locality ever produced. Steadfast and upright, he won and retained friends throughout a long and useful life, and upon dying left not only wealth, but a good name and unblemished honor to those who came after him. Mr. Tomlin was born in Cape May County, N. J., July 29, 1826, being a son of Almarine Tomlin, who was born in the same county in 1800. His paternal grandparents, William Tomlin and wife, were of New Jersey, and the family is of English extraction, having been founded in this country by two brothers, Andrew and William Tomlin. They both settled in New Jersey. Almarine Tomlin, father of Edwin, married Rhoda Smith, daughter of Abijah Smith, and for some years farmed in his native locality, and there seven of his children were born. Realizing then that there was necessity for removal to some place that promised better opportunities, in 1837 he came west, traveling by team, for there were no railroads across the country in those days, Arriving in Sangamon County, he bought land, which he broke and improved, making it his home until he was called to his last rest in 1859. His widow survived him for some years, dying at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. They were parents of three sons and nine daughters, Edwin being the eldest son.

Edwin Tomlin was eleven years old when the family arrived in Sangamon County, and from first assisted in developing the land that fell to his share later in life. His educational advantages were limited, for the schools were few, but he made the most of his opportunities. When he left home he settled on 320 acres in Cartwright Township, operating it for some years, but eventually sold that property and bought the homestead, on which he rounded out a long and busy life. He enlarged his stock business until he shipped from six to twelve carloads annually, raising cattle, sheep and hogs. He had great faith in Sangamon County land, and certainly demonstrated his ability to make its cultivation pay.

In 1854 Mr. Tomlin married Miss Margaret Correll, born in Sangamon County, a daughter of Thomas Correll, who settled there in 1830, being one of the pioners. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlin had children as follows: Almerine, Cashier of a bank at Tallula, Ill., Charles, a farmer of of Linn County, Mo.; Lee, a farmer of Sullivan County, Mo.; Jacob F., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Isaac, who is operating the homestead; Frank B., a dentist of Mason City, Ill.; Eva, wife of William St. Clair, of Cass County, Ill.; Mrs. Witty, a widow, is now making her home with her mother on the old homestead; and Anna, wife of Frank Drury, of Morgan County, Ill.

Mr. Tomlin always identified himself with the Democratic party, being a stanch supporter of its principles and candidates. His first presidential vote was cast for James K. Polk. Although interested in party matters, he never aspired to political honors. Much of his outside influence and work were directed towards the advancement of the Methodist Church, of which he was a consistent member. No one who knew him ever found him lacking in the essentials which go to make up the truly good man and loyal citizen, and his memory is tenderly cherished by a wide circle of warm, personal friends.

TOMLIN, Jacob F.—The keen, shrewd farmer of Sangamon County long ago realized that the best results could be obtained through scientific farming and the raising of good stock, and so the best agriculturists of today are following these lines with remarkable success. One of the most aggressive of the excellent farmers of this county is Jacob F. Tomlin, of Section 36, Cartwright Township. He was born on Section 30, this township, January 26, 1867, being a son of the late Edwin Tomlin, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. The excellent mother is living, making her home on the homestead, and enjoys fairly good health.

Jacob F. Tomlin was reared on the farm, attending district school during the winter until he was prepared to enter Illinois College, at Jacksonville. Coming home, he settled down to farming in 1893, buying 120 acres of land on Section 36, Cartwright Township, but he now owns 272 in the township, all in one body, and seventy acres in Menard County. He remained with his parents until his marriage, on April 11, 1894, to Fannie Megredy, born near Pawnee, June 8, 1865, a daughter of James J. and Ann R. (Hall) Megredy, he a native of Maryland and she of Virginia. Mr. Megredy came to Illinois with his parents, and she with her mother, both families settling near Chatham, where the young people were married. They settled down on a farm near Pawnee, and there Mr. Megredy taught and farmed, becoming a man of considerable prominence. He was sent to the State Assembly on the Democratic ticket, and a number of excellent bills were introduced by him. The farm near Pawnee remained his home until his death September 23, 1885. Following this sad event his widow lived on the homestead until her daughter married Mr. Tomlin, when Mrs. Megredy came to live with them, dying in their home August 19, 1906. Both she and her husband were for many years leading lights of the Methodist Church, and in early days she was very active in church and Sunday school work. There were thirteen children in the Megredy family, six of whom lived to maturity, but only three survive: Anna of Springfield; Millard F. on the grandfather's homestead, and Mrs. Tomlin. Those deceased are: Charles, William P., Samuel E., John and six died in infancy.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Tomlin located on their property, which they have developed into a very valuable farm, with a substantial residence and good barns. This farm is on the old State road, one mile west of Pleasant Plains. There three children were born, as follows: Harry, born February 17, 1895, at school; Howard Edwin, born May 29, 1896, died February 10, 1898; Helen Louise, born February 7, 1903, in Denver, Col.; Lawrence Megredy, born January 18, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlin are consistent and valued members of the Methodist Church, of which he is both Trustee and Steward.

Ever since he began farming Mr. Tomlin has made a specialty of raising good stock, handling Duroc-Jersey hogs to the number of 400 annually, and from 100 to 200 head of cattle. So convinced is he of the money to be made in raising stock that in addition to his Sangamon County property and that in Menard County, he owns 320 acres in Texas, not far from Houston, which he is developing into a stock farm. In addition to his large agricultural interests, Mr. Tomlin is a stockholder and Director of the Pleasant Plains State Bank, and his name helps give the institution the solidity that is appreciated by its depositors.

For years Mr. Tomlin has voted the Prohibition ticket, his scruples and principles making him an ardent supporter of temperance. He is a Mason, a Modern Woodman of America, belonging to Pleasant Plains lodges of both fraternities, and enjoys his associations with each. Steadfast of purpose, Mr. Tomlin took a farm, the land of which was regarded as poor, and by proper cultivation brought it into such a high state of development that he now produces 10,000 bushels of corn annually, in addition to his large stock produce. Owing to his remarkable success, he is recognized as an authority on agricultural matters, and also stands high in the estimation of his fellowmen as a reliable business man and good citizen.

TOMLINSON, Elizabeth Ellen.—In these days of women's advancement, members of the gentler sex are not only entering all lines of business and professions, but are ably demonstrating their right to be there and maintaining the highest standards of excellence. One of the best photographers of Springfield is a woman, and in her work she displays so artistic a sense of the possibilities of her profession and such keen appreciation of detail, that she has a large patronage, and some of the best photographs made in the city bear her name. She is a native of the city, born February 7, 1877, a daughter of Nicholas B. and Sarah Margaret (Gillock) Tomlinson. Mr. Tomlinson was a steam fitter, and spent his life in Springfield, although his parents came from Kentucky to the new State capital. Miss Tomlinson was educated in Sangamon County and Springfield schools, and early showed aptitude. She was a favorite with teachers and pupils alike, and a brilliant future was mapped out for her.

When only thirteen years of age, Miss Tomlinson was forced to earn her living, and obtained employment in the woolen mills. However, to such an ambitious girl, this work was not satisfying, so she learned to be a photographer, studying at night, after a day of hard work. By 1896 she was proficient enough to begin working at the profession and later opened her studio on Adams Street, where she has every appliance and convenience for the successful prosecution of her profession.

Miss Tomlinson is an earnest and consistent member of the Baptist Church, always ready to give of her time and money towards its good work, and is valued in the congregation. The success of these earnest women, who allow nothing to stand in the way of their advancement, but rise steadily through sheer perseverance, may well be an encouragement to others of their sex who are trying to make a place for themselves and prove their worth and capability.

TOMLINSON, William D.—A large number of the men who fought for their country are now living retired in Sangamon County. The climatic conditions, combined with the many urban advantages offered there, especially in the Capital City, make this locality an ideal one for those wishing to spend their declining years in ease and comfort. One who is representative of this noble class, is William D. Tomlinson, a veteran of the Civil War, who resides at No. 212 South John Street, Springfield. He was born near the city, in 1835, a son of Louis and Adaline (Dillard) Tomlinson, natives of Kentucky, the former born at Lexington. They were married in Sangamon County, Ill.

Louis Tomlinson brought his family to Sangamon County in 1826, settling north of Springfield, where he entered land from the Government and operated it for a number of years. In 1861 the family moved to Springfield, for Mr. Tomlinson had been appointed Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff William Crofton, and for three years served admirably. He also served as Constable and was faithful in discharging his duties during those troublous times. He resided in Springfield until his death, which occurred in 1880, his widow surviving him until 1886. They had ten children, evenly divided as to sex, but of them only three survive: William D. and his brother and sister.

William D. Tomlinson attended the Springfield schools and worked for his father until he was sixteen years old. When the war broke out his patriotic spirit was fired with the desire to defend the country, and he enlisted in Company E, Sixty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving three years. He participated in twenty hard-fought battles, among them being those of Nashville, Peach Tree Creek and others of equal importance. He was mustered out June 22, 1865, at Greensboro, N. C. Returning home, he resumed farming, then learned brick making, and worked at that trade until his retirement.

In 1880 Mr. Tomlinson was married in White County, Ill., to Mrs. Mary C. (Upton) Kerr, both her parents being natives of Illinois. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson; Frank, a printer on the Springfield Record; Junus O., of Springfield; Alwilda, wife of Harry Hand, of Springfield; Juno, wife of Arthur Arnold, of Springfield, and Mertell, wife of John Nance, of Springfield. There is one grandchild in the family.

Mr. Tomlinson is a Republican and is very proud of the fact that he was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln. He owns his pleasant home and receives a pension from the Government he helped to save. He is a member of Central Lodge No. 173, A. F. & A. M., of Indianapolis, and belongs to the G. A. R. A sturdy, hard-working man all his life, Mr. Tomlinson proved his worth both in war and peace, and is one of the most respected men of the city which has been his home for over half a century.

TOWNSEND, Pleasant E., an intelligent and representative farmer of Sangamon County, of which place he is a native, has spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits since leaving school. He was born February 3, 1858, a son of Amos and Caroline (Kline) Townsend, the former born in the East, in 1820, and the latter born in Pennsylvania, in 1828. The parents came to Sangamon County in 1830 and located on a farm near Rochester, where they lived two years, then removed to Michigan, but later returned to Sangamon County, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father was a farmer and became a prominent citizen. He served for some time as School Director in his district.

The boyhood of Pleasant E. Townsend was spent in his native county, where he was educated in the public schools, and he continued to reside on his father's farm until he was thirty years of age. He then married and began farming on his own account, which he has since continued with gratifying success, having lived on his present farm some twenty-two years, same being the old homestead on which his father located at a very early date. He owns eighty acres of fine farming land, in an excellent state of cultivation. He is one of the energetic and progressive farmers of his community and has a reputation for integrity and reliability. He has the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and has many friends. He is a man of good habits and pleasant manner. In religious belief he is a Methodist, and in politics an adherent of the principles of the Republican party. He served during the year 1908 as School Director.

Mr. Townsend was married at Bloomington, Ill., October 20, 1888, to Miss Martha Sauers, a native of Germany, born March 20, 1863, daughter of Richard and Katie Sauers, who came to America in 1868, landing in New York. They made a trip back to their native country but returned to America. Mr. Sauers died in 1890, and his widow is still living in Springfield.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, of whom four daughters and one son survive: Clarence, born January 19, 1889, attending school at Valparaiso, Ind., has taught school; Emma H., a teacher in the country schools, lives at home; Myrtle, Ruth and Eva, all at home. Those deceased are Florence and Katie. Mr. Townsend has the following brothers living: Philip H. G., in dairy business in Springfield; Eli, a farmer living near Mechanicsburg; George, a farmer living in Michigan.

TRAPP, Henry.—Springfield is the center of the vast coal interests of Sangamon County, and many of her foremost citizens are carrying on business along this line. One whose success in the coal business is gratifying because it has been self-gained, is Henry Trapp, who was born May 20, 1861, in Otto, Fulton County, Ill., a son of Oliver and Maria (Gilson) Trapp.

Oliver Trapp was born near Zanesville, Ohio, and was married in Illinois to Maria Gilson, a native of Buffalo, N. Y. He was a cooper by occupation and established himself in business at Otto, Ill., where he enlisted in the Twenty-Eighth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for services in the Union Army, in 1861. He served three years and his death which was a result of his army experience, occurred at Nashville, Tenn. He and his wife had four children. After his death his widow married John Babcock, who survived her twenty years, dying in 1908. Two children were born by her second marriage.

Henry Trapp was one of four children born to his parents, and until he was nineteen years of age attended school at Ipava, Ill. He then worked at coal mining and for Charles Foote and in the woolen mills, going thence to the coal mines at Rushville, Schuyler County, in which he continued to work for seven years. The following four years were spent in coal mining at Astoria, and the next two at Dunfermline, Ill., after which he went to Cripple Creek, Colo., and worked for three years in the celebrated gold mines there. On his return to Illinois he again took up coal mining, and in 1908, engaged in business for himself. He is a self-made man in all that the term implies, and his success is the result of hard and faithful labor. On first coming to Springfield he had not enough money with which to buy a meal, and this contrasts strongly with the fact the he now owns several valuable properties, in addition to his flourishing business. In political matters he is a Republican, but he has never cared for office. His religious views are liberal.

In 1882 Mr. Trapp was married at Knoxville, Ill., to Zella Bates, of Rushville, who died in 1898, leaving two children, Raymond and Nellie. In 1901 he was married (second) at Springfield to Mrs. Alice (Allison) Harvey, and four children have been born to this union: Allen, Blanche, Lawrence, and Charles, the latter of whom died in 1907. Mrs. Trapp had four children by her former marriage; James, Arthur, Ruth and Grace Harvey.

TREAT, Samuel Hubbel. (Vol. I, p. 528.)

TRIMBLE, James A.—Responsible action and careful management are accountable for the success in life attained by James A. Trimble, now residing at No. 712 South English Avenue, Springfield, but still interested in farming. He was born in Curran Township, Sangamon County, July 27, 1846, and there grew to manhood's estate. While attending school he had the privilege of studying under the instruction of William Head and John Kincade. When he was twenty years old his school days ended.

On October 13, 1870, he was married in his native township to Miss Mary Barbre, of that township, and immediately thereafter located on 170 acres of farm land. For thirty years he devoted himself to its cultivation, but finally retired in February, 1903, but retains his farm. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Trimble are as follows: Lucy J., married Robert Baughman, of Springfield; Thomas O., at home; William married Maud Myers and operates the home farm; Martha Alice and Lydia Florence, both at home.

Mrs. Trimble was born in Curran Township, August 20, 1852, and comes of an old and honored family of that locality. She was educated in the same school as her husband and their marriage grew out of a school-day attachment. She and her children belong to the West Side Christian Church. Mr. Trimble is not a member of any religious denomination, but attends worship with his wife. A stanch Democrat, he served his party as School Director and Trustee of Curran Township. It is such men as he who make up the backbone of this great country of ours—men who have labored long and successfully, and who now have the time and inclination to give attention to civic matters and bring about much needed improvements.

TRIMBLE, Nelson (deceased).—The passing away of a good man into eternity brings into the strong light of the aftermath all his deeds which, many of them unknown during life, now spring up to make his memory sacred, and the realization that he did not live in vain very acute. The late Nelson Trimble, whose eventful life was rounded out on his farm, save when he responded bravely to his country's call during the Civil War, was a man whom to know was to love, and who left hosts of warm, personal friends to mourn his untimely taking off.

He was born in Crawford County, Ohio, July 1, 1830, being a son of John and Ivy (Parcher) Trimble. The Trimble family is noted for its loyalty, its representatives having served in in the War of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Civil War and the Spanish-American War. The father of Nelson Trimble, John Trimble, spent his life in Ohio, but the former, after a

boyhood and young manhood spent in his native place, came further west, to Jackson County, Mo., and there embarked quite extensively in farming, thus continuing until his death in 1869. His widow survived him and some years subsequent to his death came to Springfield where, since 1893, she lived, dying November 9th, 1911. During the war Mr. Trimble served in Company B, One Hundred Thirtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and received his honorable discharge. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a Republican.

In February, 1850, occurred the marriage of Mr. Trimble with Lydia Cox, born July 31, 1831, in Crawford County, Ohio. The parents of Mrs. Trimble were farming people and lived in Crawford County all their lives. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Trimble: Byron, in the lumber business in Virginia, Minn.; Eugene S., of Springfield, is engaged in the cement business; George W., is a professor of higher mathematics in Sacramento College; Allen N., deceased; Eugene S., is married and has six sons and four daughters.

Mrs. Trimble likes nothing better than to gather her family about her, and is proud of the fact that there are twenty-eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren in their ranks. The Trimbles occupy an enviable position among the leaders in social circles and are very highly respected by all who know them. The family residence at No. 636 West Herndon Street is one of the historic places of Springfield. Not only is it one of the oldest houses in Springfield, having held four generations of the Trimbles, but it was the Squire John Connelly place. Squire Connelly was an uncle of the present George Connelly, a grocer of the city. When this house was erected there was only the Logan house between it and the Square. A party was given in it at which Abraham Lincoln was a guest, and there is an old lady in the neighborhood who has the distinction of having been another guest upon that occasion, when she had the honor of dancing with Mr. Lincoln. All these facts, with many others, Mrs. Trimble delights in relating, for her memory is excellent and she knew many of the men and women who have made Illinois history but who are now deceased. She remembers not only people, but events and conditions surrounding the days when Illinois had still to make its way to a foremost place among the great States of the Union.

TRIMBLE, Samuel Edward (deceased).—The business interests of Springfield are many and varied, giving a wide opportunity to the most progressive of its men for operations controlling more or less capital. Each individual effort on the part of these men adds to the commercial importance of the city, and their industry and enterprise cannot be too highly commended. One of these representative men who is worthy of more than passing mention is the late Samuel Edward Trimble, who was born near Girard, Macoupin County, Ill., February 22, 1868, a son of James and Sarah (Jones) Trimble, natives of Pennsylvania. The parents married in the Keystone State, coming to Macoupin County thereafter, and there engaged in farming upon a somewhat extensive scale. After continuing along these lines for a number of years, retirement was made to Litchfield, where the father died in 1896, but the mother survives, now making her home on North Fourth Street. Seven children were born in the family, of whom four sons survive. The father was a Democrat and a consistent member of the Methodist Church, dying firm in that faith.

Mr. Trimble was always willing to work hard for whatever he secured. After a boyhood spent in attending district school and working on the farm, he came to Springfield, at the age of eighteen years, and commenced driving mules for the street-car company. As soon as he had saved sufficient money, he went into a restaurant business, conducting it profitably for five years. He sold out to buy another restaurant, where he built up a flourishing business. A strong Republican in national affairs, he was independent in local matters, casting his vote for the man he considered best fitted for an office. He never desired office himself, but was content to confine his attention to his own business. Fraternally he belonged to the Eagles, Owls and Rangers. In religious views he was very liberal and gave to all the same freedom he asked for himself.

On June 11, 1891, occurred the marriage of Mr. Trimble to Eugena Viarrie, born in Springfield, daughter of Toney Viarrie, and an orphan. There is no issue of this marriage. Mr. Trimble was a self-made man and earned all he possessed by hard work and untiring thrift. An excellent business man, he knew how to invest his money properly and won a good standing in various circles. His death occurred July 25, 1910.

TRIMBLE, William H. (deceased).—The late William H. Trimble spent his entire life within a mile of his birthplace in Curran Township, Sangamon County. He was an exemplary citizen and upright in all his business dealings, but was of a retiring disposition and never cared for public office, although always ready to do his share in promoting any public movement. Both he and his wife were devout members of the Christian Church and he was a Democrat in politics. Mr. Trimble was born January 1, 1838, son of George and Lydia (Schumate) Trimble, both natives of Montgomery County, Ky. George Trimble brought his family to Sangamon County in 1836 and located on a farm in Curran Township, where he became a prominent and successful farmer. William H. Trimble received his education in the country schools and remained on the farm with his father until he began farming on his own account. He took an active in-

terest in school affairs and served as Director and Trustee of his district.

Mr. Trimble was married, in Springfield, in 1864, to Miss Nancy A. Gibson, of Sangamon County, who died in 1868. Mr. Trimble was married, in 1869, to Miss Helen McGraw, who was born in Springfield, September 27, 1847. Mr. Trimble's death is mourned by five children: Mrs. Annie Huffman, wife of J. D. Huffman, of 1427 South Pasfield Street, Springfield, at whose house Mr. Trimble passed away; G. F., of Springfield; Mrs. Dora B. Cobb, of Curran, Sangamon County; Mrs. Eliza Miller, of Curran; J. A., of Springfield. Mr. Trimble died July 11, 1906, and his remains were buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield. He had been a good friend and kind neighbor and his loss was genuinely mourned in the community where he had lived all his life.

G. F. Trimble was born in Curran Township, Sangamon County, March 13, 1874, and for a number of years carried on farming. Later he came to Springfield and was employed as Cashier for the Adams Express Company. He served two years as Deputy Sheriff of the county and was serving in this capacity at the time of the race riot in Springfield, August 14, 1908. He is now connected with the police force of the city in the capacity of detective. He is well fitted by training and natural ability for the position he holds and stands well with his associates. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, being connected with Lodge No. 6, and also belongs to Prairie State Encampment of the order. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias; Order of Red men, Council No. 117, and Camp No. 153, Woodmen of the World.

TROXELL, W. Staley, the subject of this sketch, is the senior member of the firms of W. S. Troxell and Sons, and Troxell, Kikendall & Company, the former firm attending to all real estate, loans and house renting business, while the latter firm devote their time to all insurance, indemnities, bonds, etc.

The business was organized by W. S. Troxell, in 1887, his three sons, Roy Glidden, Robert William, and Staley Allynn, taking an active interest in the business as fast as they reached a business age. In 1906 Mr. William C. Kikendall was taken in the firm of Troxell, Kikendall & Company. Mr. Kikendall has made good and has proven a valuable addition to the firm.

These firms deserve great credit in helping to bring the insurance and real estate business in Springfield to a high plane, the senior member devoting much of his time to enterprises to make a better and greater Springfield. Many beautiful additions, improved with good homes, stand to his credit as a real-estate man of judgment.

W. Staley Troxell was born in Springfield, Ill., February 7, 1863, son of William and Louisa (Staley) Troxell, both the father and mother coming to Springfield, from Hagerstown, Md., in 1861. Mr. William Troxell for many years engaged in the agricultural implement and leather business, died in 1877, three years after the death of his wife, Louisa, who died in 1874, and who was the daughter of Warfield and Mary (Horn) Staley, old and respected citizens of Springfield, natives of Maryland, both now deceased, Mary A. Staley dying in 1880, and Warfield Staley in 1896.

W. Staley Troxell was united in marriage to Sadie K. Culp, daughter of Levi and Mary (Tomlinson) Culp, prominent people of Pennsylvania. To this union were born the above named sons, and one daughter, Gladys Dorothy Troxell.

Mr. Troxell has one brother, C. C. Troxell, residing in Omaha, Neb., and one sister, Laura Lynn, died in 1907.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools and business college of Springfield, finishing at the age of sixteen, since which time he has been actively engaged in the business field, residing in Springfield all his life, twenty-four years of which time having been spent in the real-estate business, this giving him a knowledge of values which is often sought on important transactions.

In politics he is a stanch Republican, especially in national issues. He belongs to the Old School of gentlemen, which is fast dying out. His courtesy and urbanity make him a welcome addition to any business or social gathering, and he has warm personal friends throughout all of this part of the State.

TRUMBO, Charles Wesley.—In reviewing the representative men of Sangamon County it is gratifying to find that many have located there whose business interests are elsewhere, regarding the locality as especially desirable for a home. Among this class is Charles Wesley Trumbo, now living retired at Pleasant Plains, although he still has extensive business interests at Linneus, Linn County, Mo. He was born in Bath County, Ky., March 31, 1834, a son of Manassah A. and Hannah (Taylor) Trumbo, who were born, reared and married in Bath County. Manassah A. was a son of Jacob Trumbo, who was born in what is now Bourbon County, Ky., prior to the admission of Kentucky as a State. Jacob Trumbo married Deborah Allkire and they moved to Bath County, locating on North Licking River at the mouth of Slate Creek, where they reared their family and he passed away in 1830. He became a minister of the Campbellite Church, the faith then being known by the name of Newlight, and labored for this cause until called to his last reward. Several children were born to them and their descendants are now widely scattered. Jacob Trumbo was a son of Adam Trumbo, a native of Virginia, who in colonial days settled on the south branch of the Potomac River. One of his brothers moved to Pennsylvania.

Charles W. Trumbo's boyhood days were spent in Bath County and he attended the school held in one of the primitive log build-

ings of the day. In early life he helped his father with the work on the home farm, and in 1853 the family left the locality with which they had been identified so long, and made the trip with three teams to Linn County, Mo. Young Charles W. was in charge of a mule team. The father hoped to find homes in the new location for his children and provide for his declining years. Charles W. Trumbo remained with his parents until twenty-six years of age, helping to improve the farm, and in connection with farm work engaged in freighting from Linneus to Brunswick and handling produce. In 1857, in company with a brother-in-law, James Becket, he built a mill on a small stream near Linneus, which was operated by steam, being one of the first saw-mills in the region. In 1859 they sold the mill and engaged in stock and mercantile business, and in this venture were very successful.

In 1861 Mr. Trumbo married Miss Mary Frances Carter, a native of Ohio, who came to Missouri with her parents in early childhood. Her father, Charles Carter, was a millwright, and to him Mr. Trumbo and his partner sold their mill. Mr. Carter was a member of the Twenty-third Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and was a prominent man in the community. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Trumbo located on their farm in Linn County and in 1863 moved to Linneus, where they lived until 1866, when they returned to the farm and remained on it until 1891. In 1888 he was elected, on the Democratic ticket, to the Lower House of the Legislature, and served in that body two years, being one of its conservative members. In 1890 he was elected Presiding Judge of the County Court of Linn County, taking office in 1891 and for four years faithfully performed his duties, serving for the good of the people. He bought an interest in the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, of which he was elected President and served in that position eighteen years. In 1891 he retired from his farm and moved to the city to assume his official duties. For many years he was one of the most prominent and useful men of his part of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Trumbo became parents of the following children: Virginia R., deceased, was the wife of James Brown, now of Colorado, and left one child, Roberta Lee Brown; Franklin A., a farmer and stock dealer on the old homestead where he was born, has five sons and six daughters, the eldest daughter being a prominent educator of Linn County; Florence, wife of Melvin V. Henry, a resident of Seattle, Wash., has three sons, Charles Teddy and Jack C.; Edgar, a graduate of the law department of the State University of Missouri, for many years cashier of a bank near his birthplace, has for some years been a banker at Coweta, Okla., and in 1910 was elected on the Democratic ticket, to the office of County Treasurer of Wagoner County, which is a Republican county; Emma, formerly holding a good position in Salt Lake City, is now manager of the millinery department of the Spokane Dry Goods Company, at a salary of $2,600 per year; Elizabeth, wife of Rev. Edgar H. Clark, a Baptist minister of Mumford, near Rochester, N. Y.; George M., in the Mechanics National Bank, of St. Louis, started there with a salary of $4,000 per year and is now Assistant Cashier, at a salary of $5,000 per year, being one of the Directors of that institution. The mother of these children died in 1904. She was a devout Christian and in 1883 joined the church, with her husband. Mr. Trumbo gave his children liberal educations, and as a result of their home training and natural ability, all are holding positions of honor in the various communities where they have made their homes.

Mr. Trumbo sold his farm and located in Linneus. In 1905, he met the lady whom he later married, Mrs. Ella (Brown) Harrington. They were married in Springfield, February 28, 1906. She was born in Monroe County, Ohio, October 24, 1858, daughter of E. and Nancy Brown, and came with her parents to Illinois in May, 1862. They located in Wayne County, and in Fairfield, that county, on September 22, 1878, Ella Brown was married to George Harrington. In 1887 Mr. and Mrs. Harrington came to Pleasant Plains and there he died April 11, 1897. By occupation he was a teacher, farmer and merchant, and during his later life was afflicted with consumption. His noble wife tenderly cared for him and by her own efforts saved their home. By this marriage there was one daughter, Susan B., now the wife of B. Lee Purvines, a farmer residing at Pleasant Plains. Mr. Harrington was an active member of the Christian Church, which he served as Elder for many years, and was a good citizen and kind, indulgent father.

After his second marriage Mr. Trumbo came to his bride's comfortable home in Pleasant Plains, where he and his wife are spending their days in peace and happiness. Mrs. Trumbo is a woman of high character, a pleasant companion, and has many friends. Mr. Trumbo retains his banking interests in Missouri, but his permanent home is in Pleasant Plains. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. Jackson Lodge No. 8, at Linneus, Mo., and also of the I. O. O. F. He and his wife are devout and faithful members of the Christian Church and she is active in church and mission work. She is also a member of the Eastern Star Order.

TRUMBULL, Lyman. (Vol. I, p. 529.)

TULLY, Andrew.—England is well represented in the population of Springfield, a number of its representatives, particularly those who are tradesmen, having come here, believing that under this government they would prosper better than they had done at home. Among those who are doing good work and proving themselves worthy citizens, is Andrew Tully, a

blacksmith with residence at No. 1920 Peoria Road, Springfield. Mr. Tully was born in Kent, England, May 24, 1831, while his father was serving in the English army. He is a son of Andrew and Ann (Johnson) Tully, both natives of Kent, England. Mr. Tully Sr. was a trainer of fine race horses, and a blacksmith, who served in the English army for twenty-five years. Both he and his wife lived and died in England, the father passing away at the age of eighty years, and the mother at the age of ninety years. There were two sons and one daughter in the family of these most excellent people, all of whom survive.

Being brought up in England and there educated, Andrew Tully Jr. learned the trade of blacksmithing and horse-shoeing, working at it in England until 1864, when he came to America, landing in Quebec, Canada. From there he came to New York, but soon afterwards went to Mackinaw City, Pa. After a few years spent there working at his trade, in 1868 Mr. Tully came to Springfield, where he has since continued. For seven years he found ready employment with the North Shaft Coal Company, then farmed for three years in Champaign County. Returning to Springfield he, with others, sunk a coal mine, from which considerable coal was taken for two years. Since 1882, however, he has conducted his own blacksmith shop in Springfield, occupying the same building that he bought twenty-eight years ago. Although seventy-nine years old, he is to be found at work every day, and there are few men half his age who can turn out more work than he. He is a fine musician and for five years was a member of the band of his regiment in the English Army. Fraternally he belongs to Sangamon Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F. He is a Republican in politics and at one time served as President of the Village Board of Ridgeley. The Episcopal Church holds his membership.

Prior to coming to this country Mr. Tully was married in County Durham, England, April 26, 1856, to Elizabeth Wrathall, born in County Durham, whose parents lived and died in England. Mrs. Tully died January 11, 1908, leaving only her bereaved husband to mourn her loss, as she never had any children. Mr. Tully owns his residence and other city realty, and is correctly recognized as one of the most representative of his countrymen in Springfield. During his long life he has always worked hard, and his chief interest is now centered on his shop and the work he turns out from it.

TURLY, Thomas J.—A number of the representative men of Springfield were born in Sangamon County and reared under strictly pioneer conditions, and to such the changes which have taken place seem almost impossible. They appreciate, as the present generation cannot, how much is due to the pioneers who developed present conditions out of a wilderness. One of these men whose family bore more than its part in this remarkable development, is Thomas J. Turley, of No. 1226 South Thirteenth Street, Springfield. He was born in Round Prairie, Sangamon County, January 26, 1836, a son of Thomas and Mary (Trotter) Turly, natives of Kentucky. They were farming people, who married in Kentucky and came to Illinois at a very early date. The father bought land from the government in Round Prairie Township, paying $1.25 per acre, and farming upon it until his death in 1850. His widow survived him, living to be seventy years old. There were nine children in the family, only three of whom are now living: Thomas J.; and his brother Henry, of Clear Lake Township, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Henry, of Bond County.

Thomas J. Turly was educated in his native district and learned farming by helping his father. He farmed all his life until his retirement, confining his efforts to Round Prairie, whence he came to Springfield in 1896. He enlisted for service in the Civil War, but was refused on account of disability. He is a member of the Christian Church and a most worthy and good man.

He was married the first time in Round Prairie, to Rebecca Barr, born in Rochester, Ill. Her parents were early settlers of the locality and her father was a farmer and blacksmith. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Turly: Alvin, at Glenarm; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Morgan, of Mechanicsburg; Flora, wife of Charles Morgan, a cousin of the Charles Morgan who married Elizabeth, the two families living near each other, in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg; James, a farmer living south of Mechanicsburg. Mrs. Turly died in 1871. In 1873 Mr. Turly was married to Mary Potts, born in Georgetown, Ill., daughter of a pioneer farmer of the State. There were nine children born of this marriage, of whom the following survive: Emily, wife of William Martin, living near Mechanicsburg; Mattie, wife of Edward Sidener, of Springfield; Luella, wife of Milton Baldridge, of Taylorville; Fannie, wife of Fred Schlagle, of Peoria; Jesse and Homer, in the United States Navy; Carrie, wife of George Washburn, living at home. There are eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren in the family. Mr. Turly is one of the most highly respected men of his locality, and has fairly earned the comfort he is now enjoying. He has a family of which he is very proud, and his children do him credit.

TURNER, Alfred B.—One of the distinctive features about Springfield is the location there of men who have retired from farming. These retired agriculturists make excellent, conservative citizens, whose ideas receive respectful attention. One of the representative men of this class is Alfred B. Turner, of No. 2108 South Fourteenth Street. He was born in Morgan County, Ill., December 16, 1832, being a son of John and Ruth (Downing) Turner, natives of Madison County, Ky., and Virginia. The father

was also a farmer and moved to Morgan County at an early day, being one of the pioneers of that locality. Entering land from the Government, he became one of the prosperous farmers of the county, dying there after a useful life. Here, too, his wife passed away. They had eleven children, six sons and five daughters, but in addition to Mr. Turner but one survives, Mrs. Almira McMahon, of Morgan County. John Turner served in the Indian wars, and both grandfathers of Mr. Turner were in the Revolutionary War, serving under Gen. Washington.

Alfred B. Turner was educated in Morgan County and taught farming. After he left home he bought forty acres in Morgan County, operating this farm until his retirement in 1903, when he settled in Springfield, buying his present residence.

The marriage of Mr. Turner occurred in Morgan County, March 13, 1853, to Esther J. Jones, born there February 19, 1837, daughter of Wakeman Jones. He was a descendant of English stock and his wife of Scottish stock. They came to America, first settling in Virginia, but soon moved to Tennessee, and later to Morgan County, Ill., where the father engaged in farming. Later he came to Sangamon County, where both he and his wife died. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Turner: Henry, of Waverly, a shoemaker by trade; Harvey, of Springfield, and one who died. There are two living grandchildren in the family. Mr. Turner is a Democrat. He belongs to the Baptist Church, while his wife is a Methodist. A most excellent man, he has worked hard all his life and is certainly entitled to the rest he now enjoys.

TURNER, William P., a retired farmer living in Springfield, Ill., was born in Hamilton County, Tenn., September 11, 1847. He is a son of William J. and Charlotte (Temple) Turner, the father born in South Carolina, in 1823, and the mother in Tennessee, in 1825, his parents being natives of Ireland and hers of Germany. William J. Turner moved from Tennessee to Georgia in 1848 and in 1859 returned to Tennessee, entering the army from that State and serving in the Civil War. He was a miller by occupation.

William P. Turner received his education in subscription schools in his native State and was reared on a farm. He has spent most of his active life in farming and has been successful in this line. He accompanied his parents to Cass County, Ga., and returned with them to Tennessee, and in 1865 moved to Richland County, Ill., where he lived until 1869, and there his parents died. In 1881 he engaged in teaming in Springfield and continued until he retired from active life. He is well known as an upright and honest citizen and is respected by all who have had dealings with him. He owns the home he has occupied for the past thirteen years, at 919 South Thirteenth Street.

Mr. Turner enlisted at Chattanooga, December 24, 1863, under Alfred F. Beach, in Company A, First Tennessee Light Artillery, and was discharged at Nashville, August 8, 1865. He spent six months in a hospital and had many narrow escapes. Among the engagements in which he participated were those of Missionary Ridge, Franklin, Huntsville (Ala.), and numerous others. He won an excellent record and is a member of the G. A. R.

Mr. Turner was married in Edwards County, Ill., December 16, 1866, to Miss Emily McKinzie, a native of that county, born November 11, 1849, daughter of Daniel and Rhody (Coppley) McKinzie. Her father was born in Virginia, in 1790, and her mother in Giles County, Va., in 1804, and both grandfathers served in the Indian wars. Eleven children were born of this union, namely: William E., born in Edwards County, Ill., October 30, 1867; Henry M., in Texas County, Mo., February 6, 1870; Cicero, born in Arkansas, November 10, 1872; Martha C., born in Arkansas, December 27, 1874, died August 10, 1876; Artia M., born in Richland County, Ill., February 19, 1877, died August 4, 1878; Bertha, born in Richland County, February 8, 1879; Luricca, born in Richland County, July 3, 1881, died April 19, 1909; Inez, born in Bond County, October 5, 1883, died January 12, 1902; Lizzie, born in Bond County, January 27, 1886, died January 15, 1890; Nellie, born in Bond County, September 4, 1888; Ethel, born in Springfield, April 26, 1891. William E. Turner married Della Friend and they reside at Rochester, N. Y. Henry M. married Cynthia Gaines and they reside in Springfield and have two children, Clarence and Tessie. Cicero married Pearl Gomes and resides in Springfield, and has three children—Gerald, Louis, and William. Bertha, wife of Fred Bronson, resides in Springfield and they have one child, Edgar. Luricca (deceased), wife of James Henman, left one child, Earl. Inez (deceased), wife of Charles Hubbar, had one child, Inez. Nellie, wife of Joseph F. Rice, resides in Springfield, had one child, Joseph F. Jr. Mr. Turner is a Republican in politics and although he takes an active interest in the public welfare, has never aspired to public office. He is a devout member of the Christian Church. He carries insurance in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

TWIGG, Obadiah (deceased), who for many years lived in Sangamon County, Ill., was born near Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, and lived in his native State until after his marriage. He was well known as a veteran of the Civil War and had won a large circle of close friends. Mr. Twigg was a son of Jesse and May (Burns) Twigg, the former born in Germany and the latter near Columbus, Ohio. The father was a tanner in his native country, came to the United States in young manhood, and continued his trade all his life.

The education of Obadiah Twigg was secured in the country schools near his birthplace, where his early years were spent. He enlisted in Thirty-sixth Ohio Regiment for service in the Civil War and was wounded at the Battle of Atlanta.

He was married in 1868, to Miss Catherine Mull, born near Chambersburg, Pa., April 11, 1839. They were married at Columbus and soon afterwards moved to Sangamon County, where Mr. Twigg was engaged in various occupations until about a year before his death, which occurred October 28, 1897. His remains were interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield. At the time of his death he was residing at 1326 North Sixth Street, Springfield, where his widow now lives, and she is the owner of this house. He left no family except his widow to mourn his loss, but was sincerely missed by those who knew him.

Mr. Twigg was a most industrious and hard-working man and won the respect of his fellows by his sterling worth and strict integrity. He never cared to take an active part in political affairs and belonged to no fraternal orders. However, he was a life-long Republican and in religious views was a life-long Methodist. He was sick for a year or more previous to his death.

TYNDALE, Sharon. (Vol. I, p. 532.)

VANCIL, Burke, was born on a farm near Modesto, in the northern part of Macoupin County, Ill., on March 28, 1863. The family is of Pennsylvania Dutch (or Holland) origin, the maternal ancestry being of Irish descent. The name was originally "Wenzel," afterwards "Wensel," and finally "Vancil." A well preserved family record shows that John Wensel and Maria Brerathin were married on May 17, 1768, and that to them were born eleven children, of whom Tobias was the first, and the great-grandfather of Burke Vancil. He was born February 13, 1769. Edmund C. Vancil, his son, was born in Virginia in 1799, and died in Macoupin County, December 31, 1891. Imri B. Vancil, father of Burke Vancil, was born in Union County, Ill., October 15, 1825, and died in Macoupin County, Ill., March 23, 1907. He left surviving him Elizabeth S. (Rice) Vancil, his wife, who now resides in Modesto, Ill., and four children—Burke Vancil, of Springfield; Effie, wife of George F. Jordan, of Carlinville, Ill.; Ollie, wife of Lewis Rinaker, of Chicago, and Ida, wife of Leonard G. Brown, of Modesto.

Edmund C. Vancil, the grandfather, was taken to Muhlenberg County, Ky., by his father, Tobias Vancil, in 1801, who at a later date settled on the Mud River in Logan County, Ky. Thereafter, Edmund C. Vancil located in Jackson County, Ill. There he met Mary Byars, who was born in Kentucky in 1804, and had accompanied her father to Jackson County in 1808. In 1827, Edmund C. Vancil left Jackson County and in the same winter located in Macoupin County, north of Virden; in the following spring, he settled in North Palmyra Township, near the present town of Modesto, which was then a part of Greene County. He possessed a cash capital of $100.00 and entered 80 acres of land in section 4. There have been but two conveyances of the property since the patent was obtained from the United States, and then only from father to son, the property remaining in the family. The old home still stands as it did when occupied by Edmund C. Vancil and Mary Byars Vancil. Here they spent nearly all of their more than sixty-five years of wedded life. Here the wife died in 1889, aged eighty-seven years, he surviving until December 31, 1891, when in his ninety-third year. For many years this was one of the finest homes in that part of the state. Most of the lumber used in its building was obtained from the native woods nearby. Very little sawed lumber was used, and this was gotten out by hand. The home is now owned by Burke Vancil.

In the winter of 1844-45, Edmund C. Vancil and his son, Imri B. Vancil, went to Texas for the purpose of entering or buying land, believing that they would find a better prospect than could be found in the undeveloped prairies of Illinois. They soon returned, however, satisfied to remain in Illinois. Prior to this time Professor Turner, of Illinois College at Jacksonville, Ill., had experimented somewhat with various thorny trees and plants in an effort to produce a successful hedge fence. While in Texas, Mr. Vancil and his son saw the "Osage Orange" or "Bois d'Arc," a native tree of that part of the country and obtained some seed which they brought to Illinois. From this small handful of seed was propagated and developed by Professor Turner the first osage hedge fence, which, in later years and prior to the introduction of the wire fence, came into general use throughout this and adjoining states.

Imri B. Vancil was one of the extensive farmers, prominent and substantial citizens of North Palmyra township, Macoupin County, where he owned and operated an estate of 1,160 acres of land. He was given excellent educational opportunities by his father, and attended school in Jacksonville, spending two years in the Illinois College. In the winter of 1847-48 he attended medical lectures in Cincinnati. After his return, he operated a saw mill in Palmyra township until 1850, when he joined the great exodus to California with a four mule team, reaching Sacramento after a three months' journey from St. Joseph, Mo., on August 13, 1850. At first he engaged in mining, but later turned his attention to trade and remained in the state for two years, returning via Nicaragua, Gulf of Mexico and New York. His father then gave him a farm of 240 acres and on this he resided until he retired to the town of Modesto, where he resided until his death. He took an active part in politics and was the first supervisor of North Palmyra township, an office he held for seven years, serving through the famous "Court House Fight," then he resigned, but at a later date was prevailed upon to again assume its duties and he served three years longer. He also served several years as Township Treasurer and for some years was one of the School Trustees. In all these offices he had an intelli-

gent conception of their duties and performed them faithfully. On April 4, 1860, Mr. Vancil married Elizabeth S. Rice, a daughter of Thomas B. Rice, who came to Illinois from Virginia in 1836 and was long a prominent citizen of Medora, Ill.

The boyhood of Burke Vancil was spent upon his father's Macoupin County farm, where he learned to till the soil and the foundation of his character was laid by a good mother. From this country home he went to Blackburn University, at Carlinville, Ill., from which he was graduated in 1886. He came to Springfield in November, 1887, and began the study of law in the office of Orendorff & Patton. In 1889, the degree of LL. B. was conferred upon him by the Illinois Wesleyan University, of Bloomington, Ill. Following his admission to the bar in May, 1889, Mr. Vancil became the junior member of the firm of Dikis & Vancil, of Springfield, but in May, 1890, the year following the forming of the partnership, Hugh F. Dikis died, and since then Mr. Vancil has continued alone. His office associate at the present time is Judge Charles P. Kane. Mr. Vancil is a member of the bar of the District Court, the Circuit Court, the Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States, as well as a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of this State. In addition to his law practice and farming interests, Mr. Vancil is connected with several business enterprises in Springfield.

Mr. Vancil has never aspired to public office, preferring to exert his influence as a private individual. Politically, he is a Democrat. In April, 1910, however, he was elected by an overwhelming vote of Democrats and Republicans to the office of Assessor, becoming an unwilling candidate for the office only the day before the primary election. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity in all its branches, including the Commandery and Consistory. He is also a member of the B. P. O. Elks, the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. His religious connections are with the Presbyterian Church. Socially he is a member of the Illini Country Club of Springfield. Mr. Vancil is an excellent lawyer, able and learned. His wide legal knowledge has been ripened by experience and he pursues his profession quietly, enthusiastically and industriously, bringing to it the highest intellectual qualities of character, which give him an enviable reputation and earn for him his conspicuous success.

On September 30, 1891, Mr. Vancil was united in marriage, at Carlinville, Ill., with Mary E. Steidley, of that place. They have no children. Mrs. Vancil comes from an old and highly esteemed family which resided for many years at the suburban home just west of Carlinville. She was the daughter of John S. Steidley and Sarah Elizabeth (Wright) Steidley, both of whom are deceased. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Vancil were William Wright and Sarah B. Wright, well known residents of Carlinville, and for many years prominently connected with business interests of that vicinity. She has four brothers, William A. Steidley, residing in Denver, Colo., Solomon F. Steidley, residing in Carlinville, James B. Steidley, residing in Kansas City, Kan., and Alex. B. Steidley, residing in Oakland, Calif. Her sisters are Laura Rosella, now deceased, wife of Xerxes X. Crum; Florence I., wife of H. F. Valentine, now deceased, and Harriet G., wife of Judge Robert B. Shirley. Mrs. Valentine and Mrs. Shirley both reside in Carlinville. Mrs. Vancil is a member of several religious and social organizations in Springfield and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Illini Country Club. Mr. and Mrs. Vancil have travelled extensively in the west, visiting all the principal points of interest, including the Yosemite Valley, Grand Canyon in Arizona, Yellowstone National Park, etc. They were in the great San Francisco earthquake and fire on April 18, 1906, and for many days thereafter were believed to have been lost. They now reside at number 225 East Jackson Street, where they have lived since 1893.

VANCIL, William M., a retired farmer of Springfield, is well known and honored as a veteran of the Civil War and as a useful and public-spirited citizen. He belongs to one of the pioneer families of Sangamon County and was born there in 1840, a son of James and Martha A. (Gatton) Vancil, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Kentucky. James Vancil was a merchant in early life and became one of the early settlers of Sangamon County. He first located on government land near Auburn and later purchased land nearby on Sugar Creek, where he operated a farm until 1861. He then sold out and moved to Virden, Ill., where he conducted a store until his death. He and his wife had seven sons and one daughter, namely: Mary E., wife of George W. Young, of Springfield; Charles, the oldest son, living near Auburn; Harvey, living near Taylorville, Christian County, and others who are now deceased. The grandfather served through the War of 1812.

Mr. Vancil was educated in the country school near Auburn and was reared to farm work, which he later followed all his active life. He worked for his father until the time of the Civil War and enlisted in Company G One Hundred Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under command of Col. John I. Rinaker. He served three years, was wounded once, and at Trenton, Tenn., was captured, after which he was held prisoner for some time. He participated in many leading battles, among them being those at Nashville, Mobile and Vicksburg, Tupelo, Blakely, Parker's Cross Roads, Montgomery (Ala.), and many others. He was discharged at Camp Butler, near Springfield, in August, 1865, having been mustered out at Mobile, Ala., July 15, 1865, and returned to his

farming. He still has the gun he carried in service and has reason to be proud of his record as a soldier.

Mr. Vancil remained on his father's farm for many years and in 1896 retired from farm work, since which time he has lived at 1716 South Seventeenth Street, Springfield, where he owns a comfortable home. He was successful as a farmer and was an industrious and able business manager. He is a prominent member of Stephenson Post G. A. R., and a member of the Methodist Church. He is affiliated with the Prohibition party and interested in everything pertaining to the general welfare. He is unmarried. He enjoys the regard and respect of a large number of friends and acquaintances.

VANDAWALKER, Charles, a retired engineer living in Springfield was for thirty years employed by the Wabash Railroad Company, but since 1894 has lived retired from active life. He was born in Marcy, N. Y. July 25, 1831, son of Ephraim and Eva (Dillenbeck) Vandawalker, natives of New York, where they spent their entire lives. They lived on a farm and Charles Vandawalker received his education in the public schools of his native place. He then worked on his father's farm for several years, then moved to Michigan and for eight years carried on farming in Monroe County, that State. He moved from Michigan to Springfield and spent a short time farming in Sangamon county, but about 1864 entered the employ of the railroad company, first in the capacity of fireman, and for twenty-five years was employed as engineer. He won the confidence and esteem of his employers and associates and was sober and industrious in his habits.

Mr. Vandawalker was married, in Monroe County, Mich., to Miss Anna Dentel, born in Saxony, Germany, May 13, 1837. She came with her parents to America and the family were early settlers of Monroe County, where the father and mother died. Nine children were born to Mr. Vandawalker and his wife, namely: Ephraim, Charles and Mamie, deceased; Ada, wife of Dayton Webster, in the employ of the Springfield Consolidated Street Railway Company; Elizabeth, wife of William Friedinger, in the employ of the Illinois Watch Company; Emma, wife of Albert Fields, a jeweler of Portland, Ore.; Esther, wife of Walter Page, a merchant of Denver, Colo.; Anna, wife of Desmond Stewart, of the firm of Stewart & Patterson, plumbers, of Springfield; John, a merchant. Charles Vandawalker has seventeen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Vandawalker and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, of Springfield; in politics he is a Republican, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order. He is well known in railroad circles and is universally respected. He owns a comfortable home at 1121 South Eighth Street.

VAN DA WALKER, John Leonard.—Among the younger business men of Springfield is John Leonard Van Da Walker, formerly of the Hummer Manufacturing Company, but now holding a responsible position with the Illinois Watch Company, having sold his business in January, 1912. He is an expert mechanic, who has always had a natural taste for mechanics and inventions. The firm with which he was recently connected had been in existence since April, 1910, and had established a good trade and reputation. Mr. Van Da Walker was born in Springfield July 6, 1875, son of Charles H. and Anna Barbara (Dentel) Van Da Walker, the former born in Utica, N. Y., and the latter in Saxe-Coburg, Germany. The father is a retired locomotive engineer and lives at No. 1121 South Eighth Street, Springfield. He and his wife were married at Lulu, Mich., June 12, 1859, and came direct to Springfield, where they remained three years, and there had one son born. They then lived about five years in Ida, Mich., where they became parents of two daughters, then returned to Springfield and settled at their present home, where in June, 1909, they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. On his return to Springfield Mr. Van Da Walker began working for the Wabash Railroad Company, and reached the position of engineer, in which he spent twenty-five years, then retired from active life. He and his wife had three sons and six daughters. Two sons and a daughter are deceased and others are married and have families.

The Van Da Walkers originally came from Holland and settled in New York, becoming identified with its early history. Many of them still reside in that State. The Dentel family came from thrifty and prosperous German farmer stock. The parents of Mrs. Van Da Walker came to America in a sailing vessel, spending fourteen weeks on the voyage, the boat being overtaken by heavy storms. They lost their course and did not expect to be able to reach land before they perished, but finally drifted safely to harbor.

John Leonard Van Da Walker graduated from the common schools of Springfield and spent one year in the high school, attending the latter at night. He completed a course in mechanical drawing and nearly finished one in mechanical engineering through the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pa. He made rapid progress in these studies and was also proficient in music. Upon leaving school, he became an apprentice in the machine shops of the Wabash Railroad Company and remained in their employ nine and one-half years, then worked eight and one-half years as tool, die and model maker for the Illinois Watch Company. In October, 1905, he moved to Denver, Colo., to become a partner in the Thompson Balance Company, but three years later returned to Springfield, on account of his wife's health,

and again began working for the Illinois Watch Company, which he continued until identifying himself with the Hummer Manufacturing Company, later becoming sole proprietor. The firm was manufacturing small, high-class machinery and tools, such as dies, models, etc. Mr. Van Da Walker is a man of excellent habits, has never been addicted to the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or drugs of any kind, and in his daily life endeavors to live up to the ideal man and be true to his Maker. He is honest and reliable in his dealings with his fellow men, and his relations with his associates are mutually pleasant and agreeable.

Mr. Van Da Walker was married in Springfield, August 25, 1897, to Martha Jane Rankin, who was born October 9, 1875, daughter of John H. and Adelaide (Smith) Rankin, her father a native of Piqua, O., and her mother of Bainbridge, N. Y. Mrs. Van Da Walker graduated from high school in Springfield in 1894, after which she worked three years as expert bookkeeper. Her father was an army photographer during the Civil War and took pictures of Generals Grant, Logan, Lee and other leading officers who participated in the war, besides many scenes of warfare. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. Van Da Walker and wife, namely: Adelaide Anna, born October 11, 1906, and John L., Jr., December 22, 1909.

Both Mr. Van Da Walker and his wife are now members of the United Brethren Church. He entered the Sunday School of the old First Methodist Episcopal Church at Monroe and Fifth Streets, which was located on the present site of the Franklin Life Building, and helped in a small way, as he felt able, toward the building of the new edifice at Fifth and Capitol Avenue, remaining a member until removing to Denver in 1905. In Denver, he and his wife attended the Third Congregational Church. In national politics, he is generally an adherent of the Republican party, but is always opposed to the saloon and is the friend af good government, using his influence to promote the best interests of the people. In fraternal circles he is well known, being affiliated with Capital Tent No. 1, Knights of the Maccabees of the World, to which he has belonged fifteen years; for six years has been a member of Springfield Tent No. 222 Royal League, and has held all the offices therein. He was a member of Smith's Springfield Zouaves, a local organization, now disbanded.

VAN DEREN, David McKee (deceased), was born in Bourbon County, Ky., February 12, 1824, and died at Springfield, Ill., February 15, 1874. The period of time covered by the years of his life was eventful for himself, his family and his country, but in all the unusual demands made upon him in its changes, he filled well his part and when, in the fullness of time, he passed away, he left behind him an honored and revered name. His parents were Barnard and Eliza (McKee) Van Deren, who were born in Harrison County, Ky., the father on May 22, 1789, and the mother on May 16, 1795.

The grandfather of David McKee Van Deren was a native of Holland and one of a family of eight who came to America. He settled in Kentucky and there his son, Barnard, was born and reared, and there was married, May 27, 1813. On June 12, 1835, Barnard Van Deren and family came to Sangamon County, Ill., taking up government land in Curran Township, where they developed one of the early farms. Of their nine children two died early, the others being: Cyrus W., Barnard A., Martha F., who married Louis Johnson; David McKee; Margaret W., who was twice married, Archibald J., and John M. Barnard Van Deren died July 6, 1835.

David McKee Van Deren was only ten years old when he accompanied his parents to Sangamon County, and the early death of his father placed heavy responsibilities on the surviving family. He remained at home and helped his mother in the management of the pioneer farm until his own marriage, which took place June 17, 1851, to Margaret Evans, and as she lived in Logan County, Ill., he was obliged to row across the Sangamon River in order to visit her. She died in December, 1853, the mother of one son, Bernard, who died in infancy. David McKee Van Deren was married (second) on December 8, 1859, to Rebecca Maria Kinney, who was born January 14, 1837, in Sangamon County, and was a daughter of Henry and Margaret Hood (Dorrance) Kinney. Her parents were married in Sangamon County but her father was born in New York and her mother in Massachusetts. Henry Kinney, Sr., the grandfather of Mrs. Van Deren, was married March 4, 1798, to Dicey Pond. On May 6, 1822, the father of Mrs. Van Deren, arrived in Sangamon County, Ill., with his parents, who settled in what is now Loami Township, he being fifteen years old at that time. For sixty-seven years he was a deacon in the Baptist Church and donated the land on which the church was built. He served as a soldier in the Black Hawk War, under Capt. J. Saunders, and was an active participant in many of the pioneer events which made up the early history of this portion of Illinois. On October 23, 1828, he married Margaret Hood Dorrance, who was born March 30, 1800, a daughter of Daniel Dorrance, whose birth occurred at Hartford, Conn., in 1768, a son of Gershom Dorrance, who was an English physician and surgeon in the Continental Army in the War of the Revolution, and who laid down his life on the altar of Freedom. Daniel Dorrance was married in Seneca County, N. Y., in 1799, to Margaret Gilland, a native of New York, who died November 30, 1812, and their children were: Margaret and Gershom. After the death of his first wife Mr. Dorrance was married to Mrs. Mary (Arnold) Price, and they had one daughter, Mary. Mrs. Mary Dorrance died in Ontario County, N. Y., in 1815. In 1822 Mr. Dorrance, with his children, started for Illinois, floating down the Ohio River in a flat-boat.

He located in Woodside Township, Sangamon County, but in the following year removed to Loami Township, where he entered land from the Government. His death occurred December 10, 1831. Henry Kinney Jr., father of Mrs. Van Deren, died at Springfield, April 2, 1889, in the eighty-second year of his age, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rebecca H. Van Deren, having survived his wife, who died September 30, 1883, at the age of eighty-three years. She was residing with her daughter, Mrs. James M. Darneille in Chatham Township. They had five children: Daniel, who married Anice Elmore; Clarissa, who is the widow of James M. Darneille; Caroline, who died at the age of twenty years; Eliza, who married John R. Shelton, who was a soldier in the Civil War and lives at Atwood, Ill.; and Mrs. Van Deren, who died December 16, 1908.

At the time of their marriage David McKee Van Deren and wife located in Curran Township, where he owned a part of the old family estate, on which was a log cabin set in about 300 acres of land, and there he made improvements and continued to live until 1866, when he moved to Loami Township, where he remained one year, ill health then compelling him to abandon agricultural pursuits. After moving to Chatham, where he remained for five years, he went into the milling business in partnership with his brother, John Van Deren, and his brother-in-law, Louis Johnson, operating what was known as the Johnson-Van Deren mill, and after he removed to Springfield he continued his interest in the mill and opened a flour and feed store in connection with it. In 1873 he erected his handsome residence at No. 310 West Capitol Avenue, but did not live long to enjoy its comforts, his death occurring in the following year. He had always been a man of more or less public importance, usually a leader in the community in which he made his home. He was a supporter of the Government during the Civil War, although prevented by ill health from becoming an active participant, and at his house Union League meetings were held and plans made for the issuance of the necessary draft. For years he was active and honored in Masonic circles. He joined Springfield Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., while living in Curran Township, and after moving into Loami Township he served as Worshipful Master of the lodge there. Later was Worshipful Master of the lodge in Chatham Township, and frequently his house was used for the ceremonies in connection with the initiation of candidates. In political views he was a stalwart Republican and for some time served as a Justice of the Peace. He was one of the earliest supporters of John C. Fremont for the Presidency, and from that time on never changed his party allegiance, and gave generously to the Union cause during the Civil War. A member of the Presbyterian Church, he took an active interest in church and Sunday-school work, and was also a warm friend of the cause of education and served as School Director during his years of residence in the country. In spite of the handicap of ill health, he became owner of a large estate, acquired through unremitting industry and the exercise of admirable judgment. He lived a blameless life, and in no way ever forfeited the respect, esteem or confidence of his friends. In no less degree was his widow held in esteem until the close of her beautiful life. During the Civil War she was a member of that band of noble women known as the Ladies' Union League, and gave time and work in the soldiers' cause. Later she belonged also to the Springfield Ladies' Aid Society. She was reared in the Baptist faith, but later united with the Presbyterian Church. One daughter was born to David McKee and Rebecca Van Deren, Margaret Evans, whose birth took place on the farm in Curran Township, May 10, 1865. She received her education at the Bettie Stuart Institute, graduating from there June 4, 1884. Afterwards she entered Springfield Business College and received her diploma as a stenographer, June 4, 1888, and as a bookkeeper, June 6, 1889. On October 22, 1889, she was married to Richard Welch Feltham, who was born November 8, 1863, at Springfield, Ill.

Richard W. Feltham is the third son of Thomas Joseph Feltham, who was a contractor, builder and cabinet-maker for forty years. He was born September 29, 1843, in Beyford, England, where he served seven years as an apprentice. He was an only son, and when he came to America and to Springfield in 1844, one of his four sisters accompanied him. For four years afterwards he worked as a journeyman. In 1848 he entered into partnership with Charles Fisher, later was alone for a time, and then took in a partner and engaged in a general contracting business. He superintended all of the carpenter work on the new State House and after this was completed entered into partnership with his son and they continued in business for a number of years. The last work that he superintended was the final finishing of the State House in 1886. Failing health then compelled him to retire, and he went to South Dakota, where he died February 28, 1904. On October 11, 1855, he married Cordelia Brocas, who was born of French parents, in Wayne County, Ind., January 13, 1837.

Richard W. Feltham was educated in the public schools of Springfield and afterwards learned the trade of watchmaker, but on account of ill health had to abandon that trade, and in the hope of improvement decided to take a lot of cattle across the plains, hoping the necessary out-door life would restore his health. He finally located in the Black Hills of South Dakota, but unfortunately the climate did not agree with his young wife. They returned east and he became a member of the drug firm of Feltham Brothers, on the corner of Eighth and Washington Streets, Springfield. His health, however, would not bear the strain of confinement, and he sold out his interest to his brother. In the fall of 1897, in company with Charles Conkling, Jack Graves and Charles Vogelsang, he left for Alaska, representing a syndicate, and as the climate is

beneficial, he remains there, while his wife and children remain at Springfield. Mr. Feltham is a member of St. Paul's Lodge No. 500, A. F. & A. M., of Springfield, with which he became affiliated in 1892.

Mr. and Mrs. Feltham have had three children: Elma Rebecca, who was born November 7, 1891, died February 2, 1907, at that time being a member of the Sophomore class in the Springfield High School; Margaret Van Deren, who was born October 27, 1895; and Harriet King, who was born March 5, 1898.

VAN DEVENTER, Charles Edgar, a highly respected citizen of Springfield, Ill., who has been a resident of that city for the past thirty years, is a native of Cass County, Ill., born November 11, 1851. He is a son of Charles Fenton Mercer and Mary Ann Love (Sanders) Van Deventer, both natives of Loudoun County, Va., the former born near Harper's Ferry, May 8, 1812, and the latter born near Leesburg, October 2, 1817. The immigrant ancestor of this family was Peter Van Deventer, who landed on the shores of New Jersey, in 1660, and most of his descendants located in Virginia, giving them the title F. F. V. They took no very active part in civil or military affairs, though many of them served in the Civil War, on both sides of the struggle. The brother of the subject of this sketch, I. B. Van Deventer, served as private in the One Hundred and First Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving two years and seven months, and was discharged on account of wounds received at the Battle of Peach Tree Creek, from which he never fully recovered.

Charles F. M. Van Deventer and his wife were married in the State of Virginia, December 9, 1834, and in the following March moved to Illinois, proceeding by boat on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to St. Louis, and thence overland to Cass County, where they invested in a farm four miles west of the present City of Ashland, where they lived until the spring of 1871, then moved to Carlinville, Macoupin County, and in 1876 came to Springfield, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Van Deventer died May 7, 1895, at the age of eighty-three years, and his widow died February 29, 1904, at the age of eighty-six years and six months. Coming as pioneers to Illinois, they experienced many hardships in their early married life, but became quite successful, accumulating considerable property and spending their last years in ease and plenty. They had the great happiness granted to few, of celebrating the sixty-first anniversary of their marriage, at which were present seven of the nine children born to them. Mr. Van Deventer was a man of sterling worth and high character, kind and indulgent to his family, and won and retained many friends. He was the first in his neighborhood to invest in improved machinery to help him in carrying on his work, being very quick to perceive the advantages to be gained thereby. In religious views he was a Methodist, and the family home was always open to the pioneer preachers. They had the honor of entertaining many of the great men of the early church, such as Peter Cartwright, Dr. Acres, Rev. Barrett and others.

Charles Edgar Van Deventer attended the district schools of Cass County in boyhood, and at the age of sixteen years entered upon a theological course at Blackburn University, in Carlinville, Ill., where he remained three years. He was much interested in the course and was making excellent progress when he was compelled to abandon his studies on account of the partial loss of sight. He had been most earnest in choosing his profession and the disappointment was keenly felt for many years. His early life was spent on a farm, amid simple people and surrounded by every-day toil, and if he had not decided to study for a profession he feels that he would probably have developed into a good carpenter, being of a practical, inventive turn.

Upon leaving school Mr. Van Deventer entered the employ of J. G. Steward, a photographer of Carlinville, Ill., where he remained one year, then became bookkeeper for the lumber firm of Andrews & Hamilton, of the same city, and later held a similar position with the hardware firm of Woodward & Ferrell, where he remained two years. In 1876 he located in Springfield and became employed as piano salesman. He is a bright, enterprising salesman, fully acquainted with his line, and has been successful. During the thirty years he has been engaged in this vocation he has been employed by only four firms. He is simple and democratic in his tastes, and has spent an active, useful life. He has been self-supporting since leaving school and has been industrious and provident. He has always been honest and upright in his business dealings, representing reputable firms and abiding by the truth at all times. He is a believer in the doctrine of equal rights to all, regardless of sex, color or nationality, and intends to give a square deal to all with whom he has business relations. His father was a Whig, and he was reared in the belief that the principles of the Republican party were representative of the best interests of the country. In the early days of the Prohibition movement he espoused this cause as a temperance proposition. In 1869 he united with the Presbyterian Church, but after his marriage, in 1888, united with the Methodists, to which church his wife belonged. He has never cared for public office, being fully occupied by his business affairs and preferring a quiet, retired life. Mr. Van Deventer became a member of the Masonic Order in 1874, joining Mt. Nebo Lodge, of Carlinville, and in 1876 transferred his membership to St. Paul's Lodge at Springfield. He has been a resident of Illinois all his life and has not spent much time outside his native State, although he has traveled some through Indiana and Louisiana.

June 13, 1888, Mr. Van Deventer married, in

Springfield, Annie Matilda Tobin, who was born near Springfield, October 23, 1862, daughter of James Tobin. Her childhood was passed on her father's farm, about nine miles southeast of Springfield. Mr. Tobin was a prominent and successful stockman, and carried on business in this line for over forty years. During this period his check was never refused, and this in spite of the fact that his operations covered a volume of business aggregating many millions of dollars. He retired from active life several years ago and is now enjoying ease and comfort, well earned by long years of endeavor. Charles E. Van Deventer and his wife have one daughter, Ruth Marlow, born February 14, 1890.

VAN HORN, Frederick.—Among the enterprising and successful merchants of Springfield, Ill., who have built up large enterprises from small beginnings is Frederick Van Horn, who is a lifelong resident of the city and is actively interested in all matters pertaining to the public welfare. Mr. Van Horn is well-known in Springfield and vicinity for his public spirit, and is active in the councils of the Republican party. He has contributed liberally to many public enterprises since engaging in business and is always ready to forward any movement having for its object the betterment of the moral or material condition of his fellows. He was appointed a member of the Board of Education in May, 1907, and is at present Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Concordia (Lutheran Theological) College, at Springfield.

Mr. Van Horn was born in Springfield, October 2, 1862, and is a son of Henry and Catherine (Raps) Van Horn, natives of Germany. Henry Van Horn was a wagon manufacturer by occupation. Frederick Van Horn received his education in the schools of his native city, and was there married, July 27, 1887, to Miss Julia D. Eberlin, born in Springfield, October 26, 1864. Of this union four children were born, namely: Elenore Anna, Kathryn Louise, Walter Frederick and Dorothy. Mr. Van Horn is a member of Trinitatis Lutheran Church. The family reside at 903 North Fifth Street.

Mr. Van Horn engaged in business on his own account January 20, 1892, beginning with a small notion store and increasing his stock from time to time, as the increase in his trade warranted, until he now has a well-conducted department store and employs ten persons. He has a reputation for honest and upright dealing and has the confidence and good will of his patrons. His establishment is located at 516 East Adams Street.

VAN METER, James Benjamin, now living retired from active life at No. 1141 North Second Street, Springfield, Ill., was for thirty years successfully engaged in stock farming in Fancy Creek Township, Sangamon County. Mr. Van Meter is a native of the county, born September 12, 1847, son of Abraham D. and Nancy A. (Hussey) Van Meter, his mother being the third white woman living north of the Sangamon River. Abraham D. Van Meter was born near Staunton, Va., November 8, 1801, and his wife was born in Ohio March 29, 1811. They were married in 1830, in Sangamon County, to which each had come with their parents, she in 1818, and he in 1822. After their marriage, they spent the remainder of their lives on a farm in Fancy Creek Township. He died June 13, 1879, and she in September, 1882, and both are buried in Fancy Creek Cemetery. Mr. Van Meter served in the Black Hawk War, with rank of Colonel. He was well acquainted with Abraham Lincoln and his son James B. often saw Mr. Lincoln in his boyhood. Besides James B., another son, Charles C. Van Meter, survives, and is a farmer in Fancy Creek Township. The latter was born October 8, 1854.

The education of James B. Van Meter was acquired in a log school house near his father's farm, where the seats were little better than rough planks. After leaving school, he worked on the farm with his father until he was twenty-two years of age, then began farming on his own account in Menard County, Ill. Four years later he returned to Sangamon County and acquired a farm in Fancy Creek Township, where he lived until 1903. He brought his land to a high state of cultivation and was very successful in breeding and raising stock. He was an energetic and ambitious farmer and was prominent in public affairs in his neighborhood. He is a Republican in politics and served fifteen years as School Director and nine years as Road Commissioner, while living on his farm. He won many friends and became one of the most respected citizens of his township. Mr. Van Meter moved to Springfield in 1903 and now occupies his handsome and comfortable residence on North Second Street, where he has a sixty-foot frontage, and he also still owns 320 acres of farm land.

Mr. Van Meter was married in Fancy Creek Township, December 16, 1869, to Mary A. Thaxton, daughter of James and Margaret (Huffman) Thaxton, who was born in Sangamon County. Her father was born in Kentucky October 28, 1823, and her mother in Ohio January 2, 1827, and both came to Illinois in an early day. He died in 1894 and she in 1890. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Van Meter, namely: James E., born September 28, 1871, married Agnes Black; Webster H., July 10, 1876, married Carrie Graham; Mary, born April 24, 1878, is the wife of Frederick D. Cresse, a grocer of Springfield; Hal, born May 17, 1880, lives on a farm northwest of Athens, married Mildred Grant; Stella May, born April 6, 1882, married J. F. Duncan; Julia M., married Harry H. Rogers, a railroad man, living at Kingsville, Texas; Carrie M., born September 7, 1888, living at home; Charles R., born April 7, 1891, at home; Leslie B., born November 13, 1892, living at home, and one child who died in infancy. Mr. Van Meter has twelve grandchildren. James B. Van Meter is a member of the Methodist Church and fraternally is a prominent Mason, having joined the order in 1873, and Knights Templar. He also

belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America for many years.

VAN NATTAN, Norman A.—Some of the most progressive men of Springfield in earlier years proved their public spirit and patriotism by serving their country in time of war. One of these men whom the country is delighted to honor and pay tribute to, is Norman A. Van Nattan, born in Sangamon County, February 25, 1843, a son of Joseph and Currency (Stanley) Van Nattan, the former born in Fleming County, Ky., March 4, 1821, and the latter in Ohio, April 8, 1824. The father was a farmer, who moved from Kentucky to Sangamon County in 1825, but in 1858 went to Texas, returning to Sangamon County in 1860, where he spent the remainder of his life. He served during the Civil War, enlisting August 13, 1862, and being mustered out in June, 1865, at Camp Butler. He served under Sherman and Thomas, participating in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Atlanta, Peach Tree Creek, and others of less importance.

Norman A. Van Nattan received his education in Springfield and worked on his father's farm, until his enlistment, a week before his father, on August 4, 1862, in Company G, Seventy-third Illinois Infantry, serving under Sherman, Thomas and Rosecrans, and engaging in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Spring Hill, Franklin, Nashville, and others, many times narrowly escaping death. He was mustered out June 26, 1865, at Camp Butler.

Mr. Van Nattan has always been a Republican, and has served his party and community as Constable. After his marriage he located in Fancy Creek Township, but eventually became an engineer, in which line of work he is now engaged. Impulsive by nature, and able to see further than many, Mr. Van Nattan has always been eager to take hold of any measure advanced for the promotion of the welfare of his city, and has accomplished much good. He has been equally active in the Methodist Church, of which he is a consistent member, and is most highly esteemed. He belongs to the G. A. R.

The marriage of Mr. Van Nattan occurred in Sangamon County, February 1, 1866, when he was united with Clara A. Tubbs, born in Rochester, N. Y., November 14, 1846, a member of one of the old families of that State. Four children were born to them: Margaret J., March 2, 1867; Charles R., September 27, 1868; Mary E., March 15, 1872, and James A. The family hold an enviable position among their neighbors and in their church, and Mr. Van Nattan is highly respected by all who know him and understand his excellent traits of character and kindly, generous nature.

VAN NATTAN, Thomas.—The Van Nattan family has been prominent in Sangamon County since 1825, when the great-grandfather of Thomas, Daniel Van Nattan, came there from Fleming County, Ky., settling in what is now Fancy Creek Township. He was married in Bath County, Ky., December 25, 1818, to Deborah Ferguson, and they had one child born in Fleming County and five in Sangamon County, Ill. Their eldest child, Joseph, was born March 10, 1821, and was married in Sangamon County, Ill., April 7, 1842, to Currency Stanley, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Centre-Campbell) Stanley, and a native of Ohio. Thomas Stanley was a soldier in the War of 1812, located in Sangamon County in the fall of 1829, and died in 1837. Joseph Van Nattan and his wife had nine children, all born in Sangamon County. Two sons, Norman A. and Thomas M., served in the Civil War, the former in Company G, Seventy-third Illinois Infantry, in which he served three years, and the latter in Company I, One Hundred Thirty-third Illinois Infantry, in which he served five months. The father, Joseph Van Nattan, enlisted in 1862 for three years, in the Seventy-third Illinois Infantry, served his full term and was honorably discharged.

Thomas Morris, second son of Joseph Van Nattan, was born in Sangamon County, and was a successful farmer of Fancy Creek Township. He was married after the war and died May 4, 1872, leaving a widow and two children living near Springfield. His wife was Anna P. Renne. Their son Thomas was born July 19, 1869.

Thomas Van Nattan was reared on a farm and educated in the country schools. After leaving school he learned telegraphy and worked as operator at Ridgely. He has contributed his share to the promotion of all public movements and is a well-known and popular citizen of Springfield, which has been his home several years. He is highly esteemed as a refined and cultured man, and is a worthy representative of his family, which has for many years been held in high regard in Sangamon County. He has lived all his life in the vicinity of his present home. He served two years in the City Police Department and discharged his duties acceptably. He belongs to Hope Congregational Church at Sixteenth and Carpenter Streets, and in politics is a Republican. He has been engaged as a representative of the Illinois State Journal for the past four years.

Mr. Van Nattan was married, at Peoria, Ill., July 30, 1899, to Anna J. Schelble, who was born August 23, 1876, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Dressenderfer) Schelble, the former a native of Germany, who came from Germany in 1860. Mrs. Schelble was born in Illinois. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Van Nattan: Emma Marie, April 17, 1900; Anna Elizabeth, July 18, 1903; Elsie May, June 8, 1906; Lawrence Joseph, June 9, 1910. The family reside at 903 North Twelfth Street.

VENNEMAN, Theodore (deceased), achieved prominence as a farmer in Sangamon County.

He was born in Prussia April 17, 1842, a son of William and Eliza (Hilkenberch) Venneman, farmers, who lived out their days and died in their native land. Of the four sons and three daughters of the family there are living, besides the subject of this sketch, two sons and one daughter in Prussia. Mr. Venneman was educated in his native land, attending school until he was fourteen years old, and worked for his father on the farm through the days of his youth, while dreaming of America and planning some day to go to that far off country of promise. He landed in New York in 1857, when he was not yet sixteen years of age, and came direct to Springfield, Ill. His first work in the United States was on a farm, but he was variously employed until 1861, when he enlisted at Springfield in Company A, Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served through the war except during seven awful months during which he saw more fearful service in Libby Prison, at Richmond. He participated in the Battle of Chickamauga, in the operations around Vicksburg, and in numerous other hard-fought battles and minor engagements. Returning to Springfield, after his honorable discharge, he was employed for a time in driving a government wagon to and from Camp Butler. Then, after working a year in a machine shop, he came back to the soil, renting a farm north of Springfield. It was not long, however, before he moved to Christian County, Ill., where he carried on farming three years. Then, returning to Sangamon County, he farmed successfully until his death, which occurred January 4, 1907. His family removed to Buffalo, where the home is yet maintained. Besides a farm in Southern Illinois, his widow owns the town home and considerable other village property, the former amounting to 160 acres of land.

Mr. Venneman was a Roman Catholic and the surviving members of his family belong to St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Buffalo, Ill. He was long an enthusiastic Grand Army man. His marriage took place at Springfield, Ill., October 24, 1865, when he was united with Catharine Mathies, born in Bavaria, May 18, 1840, daughter of Valentine Mathies, who brought his family to America in 1848, sailing from Havre, France, and landing fifty-five days later at New Orleans, after a voyage of much discomfort and peril. Mr. Mathies, a cabinet-maker by trade, settled at Centerville, St. Clair County, Ill., where his wife died in 1849 and he, in 1854. After her father's death Mrs. Venneman lived for a short time at Belleville, Ill., whence she removed to Springfield with her brothers Leonard and Valentine. She has a sister in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Venneman had nine children, seven of whom survive: Leonard, the eldest, is a farmer in Sangamon County; Johanna is the wife of Maurice Madden, a farmer of Iowa; Henry lives on the old Venneman home farm; Catharine is the wife of William Mulcahy, who is farming west of Springfield; Elizabeth married Joseph Costello, a Sangamon County farmer; Sister Frances is a nun in Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La.; Anna is a member of her mother's household. Mrs. Venneman rejoices in twenty grandchildren.

VETTER, John.—Many of Springfield's best known citizens are Germans by birth, and are an honor to the Germanic race (to which they are proud to belong), and to their adopted country. A leading business man of the city who has demonstrated through his admirable qualities that America is truly a land of opportunities, is John Vetter, ice, wood and coal dealer of No. 1005 East Carpenter Street. He was born in Oberkrucking, Province of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, February 11, 1856, a son of George and Margaret (Nuhemyer) Vetter, both of whom died in Germany. There were four children in their family: Jacob, deceased; George, of Germany; Peter came to the United States when seventeen years of age and is now a blacksmith in Cleveland, Ohio; and John, of whom we write.

Until he was fourteen years of age John Vetter attended school, and he gained a fair German education, but at that age left school to work for two years on his father's farm. At sixteen he came to the United States, being anxious to avail himself of the better opportunities offered here for a boy of ambition. He sailed from Hamburg to New York City on the steamship "Main," and from the latter city went to Dayton, Ohio, where he joined friends, remaining with them a short time. He then went on to St. Louis, and from there to St. Clair County, Ill. In the latter locality he found employment on a farm, but in the fall of 1873 he came to Springfield. By this time he had gained some knowledge of English, and became a driver for Dr. B. M. Griffith, continuing with this good physician for five years. By this time the frugal young German had saved up enough to embark in a grocery business at No. 111 North Fifth Street, where he remained until 1885. In this year he was made superintendent of Camp Lincoln, and held that position until 1892, when he returned to Springfield to engage in a wood and coal business at his present location. In 1906 he added the handling of ice to his other lines of activity, and now operates three teams and controls a large trade.

Mr. Vetter was married in Springfield, August 12, 1883, to Elizabeth Bockhouse, of Sangamon County, daughter of John Bockhouse. Mrs. Vetter died April 16, 1901, and is buried in Calvary Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Vetter had children as follows: Mary, who married Earl Gilbert, of Springfield; Edward and John, at home; Frank, who married Etta Wilcox, of Springfield; Annie, Ellen, William and Rosie, all at home. Mr. Vetter and his family belong to the Reformed Luthern Church, and are very active in its good work. He is a stanch Republican, always working for the advancement of his party, although he is not seeking his own preferment. The influence he has exercised has been for good, not only in business affairs but

in public activities, and at all times he has stood for good government and honesty in politics, which entitles him to representation in a work of this kind.

VINCENT, Oscar, a prosperous young farmer of Sangamon County, now manager of a fine 135-acre farm owned by his father-in-law, A. J. Hudson, in Loami Township, was born in the village of that name, March 15, 1877. He is a son of William H. and Amanda (Covedale) Vincent, and grandson of Henry Vincent, the latter still surviving and residing with his son William, in Loami, aged eighty-three years. William Vincent and wife had three children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being Fred Vincent, a railroad man residing in Oklahoma, and Oscar.

The latter was reared in the village of Loami, to which his parents had come as early as 1855, becoming associated with its early history. He attended the Loami school and early in life began supporting himself, then, as now, being engaged in agricultural pursuits. On August 26, 1903, he was united in marriage with Miss Marie Hudson, a daughter of Andrew J. Hudson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Vincent settled on Section 8, Maxwell Township, Mr. Hudson having practically retired from active life, being content to leave the conduct of his affairs in the competent hands of his energetic son-in-law. This farm is one of the best in the county, averaging sixty bushels of corn to the acre. Mr. Vincent is a scientific farmer, believing thoroughly in rotation of crops, and keeps his corn land fertile by turning under a crop of clover. He alternates from corn to wheat and back again, and by his methods has brought the yield up from forty bushels per acre to the present high average. He plows deep, cultivating shallow for his corn, and is well satisfied with his results. He is a firm believer in carrying a good grade of stock, preferring the Duroc-Jersey hogs, short-horn and Jersey cows, and Percheron horses. All his stock is eligible to registration at any time. Having devoted his life to farming and kindred lines, he understands his business thoroughly and is a recognized authority on all matters pertaining to it.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent are the parents of two bright little ones: Floyd Hudson Vincent, born August 17, 1904, and Florence Alma Vincent, born August 16, 1906. While not connected with any religious organization, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent are at all times ready to give their support to church and educational measures, and are very charitable. He is a member of the Court of Honor, of Loami. Politically a Democrat, he is a member of the School Board of his district, and is faithfully discharging his duties relative to it.

VINEY, William A., a retired farmer and prominent citizen residing in Springfield, Ill., and a veteran of the Civil War, has lived in the city since 1890, beng retired from active life. He is a native of Sangamon County, having been born near Auburn, March 2, 1844, and is a son of Henry C. A. and Catherine (Kessler) Viney. The father was born in Kentucky and for years lived on a farm three miles east of Auburn, but at the time of his death was living on a farm in Macoupin County, Ill. He died June 15, 1889, and was buried in Greenfield, Greene County, and his wife died March 18, 1896, and was buried in the same place. He was but one year of age when he came to Illinois, and lived in Sangamon County thirty-seven years, then moved to Macoupin County. He was seventy-one years old at the time of his death. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

The boyhood of William A. Viney was spent on a farm and he was educated in the schools of Sangamon and Macoupin Counties, after which he engaged in farming. Since locating in Springfield he has purchased four houses including the one where he lives, at 116 North State Street, and has been occupied in looking after his realty interests. He was an industrious and energetic farmer and devoted himself closely to his work, becoming accordingly successful.

Mr. Viney was married, in Greene County, Ill., September 10, 1871, to Miss Elmira Teaney, born near Carrollton, Greene County, July 1, 1847, daughter of Frank H. and Elizabeth (Morgan) Teaney, natives of Kenutcky, and the former born near Lexington. Mr. Teaney was born March 4, 1817, was married July 18, 1845, by Reverend L. Wood, and died November 5, 1892, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife died October 8, 1853. Mr. Teaney came to Greene County, Ill., from Kentucky, and located on a farm near Carrollton. He afterward moved to a farm near Peirce City, Mo. He returned to Illinois before his death, which occurred at Hillsboro, where he was buried.

Mr. Viney spent forty years on his farm in Macoupin County and is well known, both there and in Springfield, where he has won many friends. He is interested in the progress and welfare of the community and is friendly to every noble and worthy cause. He and his wife have no children. In politics Mr. Viney has followed the footsteps of his father: It has been said of them both, "Republicans to the back-bone."

VLIET, Joseph.—When the call was made for volunteers to support the Union, men responded from all over the North, leaving their private interests to the care of others. They were gathered from every trade and every profession. None stopped to think of self when the country was in peril. One of the men who thus generously forgot private affairs in his support of public interests, is Joseph Vliet, now living retired in Williamsville, after many years spent in active work. He was born in Belmont County, Ohio, October 30, 1832, a son of David and Jane

(Williams) Vliet, the former born in New Jersey, 1781, and died in 1865, while the latter was born in Pennsylvania, in 1800. David Vliet was a shoemaker by trade, who moved to Ohio in 1848, seeking a better field for his business.

The boyhood days of Joseph Vliet were passed in Ohio, where he alternated attendance at the district school with hard work on his father's farm. At an early age he learned the trade of a plasterer and followed it the greater part of his active life. In 1848 he came from Monroe County, Ohio, to Springfield, where he found ready employment at his trade, living there until 1874, when he moved to Williamsville, buying a home in this village. He owns a house and several lots on Lester Street, and is in comfortable circumstances, having earned all he owns through hard work and thrifty saving.

On August 18, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Third Illinois Light Artillery, under Captain T. F. Vaughn, participating in the battle of Little Rock, as well as several skirmishes, and receiving his honorable discharge in April, 1864. He is an enthusiastic member of the G. A. R., of which he has been a member twenty-five years. In politics he is a Republican and the Presbyterian Church holds his membership.

Mr. Vliet was married in Springfield, July 10, 1856. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Vliet, was born May 9, 1835. Her parents were natives of Kentucky and died when she was very young. Mr. and Mrs. Vliet became the parents of eight children, four of whom survive: George, William, Albert and Sarah J. After nearly two years spent in serving his country as a soldier, Mr. Vliet returned home to become a useful citizen, and in his declining years is a valued addition to the village in which he has made his home for nearly forty years.

VON HOF, Nicholas—Perhaps no country of the old world has sent so many responsible men to America as has Germany. Her sons are to be found in every community where men have settled with a view to establishing homes and going into legitimate business. One of the men of Springfield who long worked faithfully and is now living retired, is Nicholas Von Hof, who has a pleasant home at No. 1619 South First Street. He was born on the historic River Rhine, in Germany, October 22, 1848, a son of Conrad and Madeline (Stronk) Von Hof. Both parents died when Nicholas was a child, leaving him and his brother to the care of relatives. The brother still lives in Germany.

The boyhood of Nicholas Von Hof was spent in Germany, where he attended school until he was fourteen years old, then entered a slate mine and worked in it for many years. Later he took up coal mining but, believing he could secure opportunities for himself and his family, he brought his wife and five children to America, in November, 1885. The little party landed in New York, whence they came direct to Springfield, where Mr. Von Hof found immediate employment in the mines, but has lately retired, having accomplished what he set out to do.

In 1877, Mr. Von Hof married Victoria Rhode, also a native of Germany. She bore him one son, Joseph, now of Springfield, and died February 8, 1879. On August 31, 1879, Mr. Von Hof married Theresa Becker, born in Germany, September 3, 1849, daughter of Martin Becker, a shoemaker who died in Germany, but his widow came to America in 1879, located in Springfield, and died at the home of Charles Gresch in 1903. Five children were born of this second marriage, but only one, Catherine, survives. She married Thomas Layden, of Springfield, and has one daughter, Theresa. Mr. Layden is also a miner. Since locating in Springfield Mr. Von Hof has been connected with Sacred Heart Parish, being a Roman Catholic. In political faith he is a Democrat. Mr. Von Hof has made a success of his life work and is entitled to the ease and comfort he is now enjoying.

VOSE, John, Sr., one of the most prominent mining men of Springfield, who has been superintendent of the Sangamon Coal Company's mine for the past twenty-two years, was born October 14, 1850, in the village of West Houghton, Lancashire, England, one of the nine children of Peter and Alice (Miller) Vose, natives of England. Mr. Vose was educated in the schools of his native country, but left school at the age of eleven years to go to work in the coal mines. At that time there were no mules used in the mines, and boys would push and load the cars to the shaft bottom. Mr. Vose's first pay at this kind of work was four shilling per week. From that work he went to mining coal and was so employed until leaving for the United States, in 1873, in September of which year, he landed in New York. He at once made his way to Streator, Ill., where he mined coal until September, 1887, and then came to Springfield where he passed the examination for State Mine Inspector. The following spring he was made mine manager for the Grape Coal Company of Danville, Ill., a position in which he served for fourteen months. On April 15, 1889, Mr. Vose returned to Springfield to accept the position which he now holds, and he has followed the duties of it with the utmost efficiency and capability.

On October 7, 1872, Mr. Vose was united in marriage, in England, with Miss Mary Prescott, the daughter of John and Sarah Prescott, and this union has been blessed by the birth of six children, two of whom are living: William, residing in Springfield, who married Ada Seaman; and John, Jr., also of Springfield, who married Grace Myers.

Mr. Vose was reared in the faith of the Church of England. In political views he has always been a stanch Republican, while his fraternal connection is with the Odd Fellows. His long experience in the mining business has made him thoroughly conversant with mines

and mining conditions in Illinois, and he bears a wide reputation as a competent judge of such matters here. Probably no man in this part of the State has had the extensive experience in mining that Mr. Vose has had. No man stands higher in the estimation of the people than he. His reputation for honesty, fairness and square dealing is possessed by but few mine superintendents of the middle west. Notwithstanding his duties in his own line of work and business, he has always found time to assist in the advancement of any movement that would be of benefit to all the people of the present or future. To such men is due the credit of the growth and development of Springfield, Sangamon County, and the State of Illinois.

VREDENBURGH, Peter, who helped build up and develop one of the leading lumber enterprises of Illinois, has been at the head of his present business since 1878, and is in every respect a self-made man. His business career has been remarkable, beginning when he was a boy of eleven years, at which time he herded cattle for five months for twenty-five dollars. He is a native of Sangamon County, born in Curran Township, February 7, 1837, son of John S. and Ann E. (Doremus) Vredenburg, the former born in Somerset County, N. J., March 11, 1809, and the latter born in New York City, October 12, 1810. The father removed to New York City in 1821, and he and his wife lived in that city several years after their marriage, two of their children being born there. They removed to Sangamon County in 1835, arriving there July 20. They located first in Curran Township, later moving to Springfield. They had two children born in Curran Township and four in the city of Springfield. John S. Vredenburgh engaged for a time in mercantile business, but later confined his attention chiefly to his growing lumber business. He served two terms as Alderman and was Mayor of the city from April, 1864, to April, 1865. He and his wife were parents of eight children, namely: Maria V. D., Frances D., Peter, Thomas D., John S., Jr., Anne E., Margaret and LaRue.

Until he was ten years of age Peter Vredenburgh attended a subscription school taught by Francis Springer and for two years studied under the direction of Peter Van Orman. He lived with his parents until nineteen years of age, then went to Peoria and sold lime for D. Martin & Company, of Springfield, and two years later moved to Alton in the interests of the same firm. He was afterwards engaged in a similar line of business at Decatur, and soon after this spent four years conducting his father's farm, in partnership with J. T. Smith. Later he purchased this farm, comprising 334 acres, and still owns the property. About the time of the Civil War Peter Vredenburgh became a member of the lumber firm with which his father was connected, which was doing business under the firm name of E. R. Ullrich & Company, buying the interest of Mr. Ullrich, and a year later returned to the farm and resumed agricultural pursuits. He sold his lumber interests to his brothers upon their return from the Civil War and remained upon his farm until 1878, when he purchased the lumber business, which was then owned by his father, becoming sole owner and proprietor, and operating under the name of Peter Vredenburgh Lumber Company. The business was incorporated in 1900, and he sold stock to his five sons.

Mr. Vredenburgh rented a small planing mill in Springfield in 1898, but a few years later felt warranted in erecting a mill of his own. In 1903 the firm purchased 9,000 acres of pine timber land in the vicinity of Pine Hill, Ala., purchased and improved a large mill and erected several new buildings, which were equipped with modern machinery, a valuable asset in conducting a business of the kind. Peter Vredenburgh, Jr., who was well informed in every detail of the lumber business and had gained valuable experience, moved to Alabama to assume charge of the southern branch of the work. The lumber yards at Springfield burned in 1904, but were rebuilt on a larger scale, and the business has been constantly increasing. The value of their product increases in value from year to year, as the available supply decreases. Some seventy men are employed in the planing mill, about forty in the yard and office, and about one hundred in the plant in Alabama. Mr. Vredenburgh also employs about ten men on his farm, which is conducted under the supervision of his son-in-law, Mr. Merrick. From their vast lumber estate in the South the company ships lumber by the carload to all parts of the United States, and their retail lumber yard in Springfield is believed to be the largest of its kind in the country. The annual output from Alabama is immense and the growth in all lines of the business has been largely the result of the energy and force of character displayed by the head of this gigantic enterprise. He has been indefatigable in keeping in touch with the many details of the work under his control and in preparing his sons to assist him has secured their future welfare.

Mr. Vredenburgh was married in Springfield, December 27, 1866, to Miss Mary A. Canfield, born in New Jersey, July 5, 1846, daughter of Josiah F. and Abigail (Clark) Canfield, the former born in Morristown, N. J., and the latter in Philadelphia. Josiah Canfield was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and moved to Sangamon County, where he owned land, about 1855, remaining in the county about forty years, then went to the New Jersey coast for his health and died there. His widow survived him, having been born May 24, 1819. Mrs. Vredenburgh graduated with the Class of 1866 from the Springfield High School and has since been prominent in the alumni association. She is active in church and benevolent circles and is also a member of the Woman's Club, of Springfield. The family have a delightful home at the corner of Sixth and Edwards Streets.

Ten children were born to Mr. Vredenburgh and his wife, namely: Abbie C., born January 31, 1868; Francis D., born March 3, 1870, died April 12 of the same year; John S., born February 16, 1871, was married October 19, 1902, to Mary R. Gillespie, and they live in Springfield; Anna Elizabeth, born October 5, 1873, was married May 24, 1899, to C. S. Merrick; Peter, born January 10, 1876, married Miss Pussy Hoskins, January 12, 1897, and they have two children—Thomas Sellers, born December 16, 1898, and Peter, born January 7, 1904; Thomas D., born March 24, 1878, was married May 10, 1899, to Miss Lucy Pease and they have two children—W. Ogden, born February 9, 1900, and T. Doremus, February 9, 1902; Robert O., born February 24, 1880, was married June 20, 1900, to Miss Jessie C. Sholes, a native of Sangamon County, and they have one child, Clarice, born April 15, 1902; LaRue, born July 29, 1882; Edward W., born March 27, 1887, died April 10 of the same year; Reynolds W., born March 13, 1888. All the sons are engaged in business with their father and have received good business training.

In religious views Mr. Vredenburgh is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, and he is interested in every measure he believes will advance the welfare of his community. In business dealings he has always been actuated by motives of honesty and integrity, and has reached his present successful position through open-handed transactions, having a reputation that is unsullied by doubt of his honesty of purpose and upright character. He is a great lover of his family and home and has always had their interest in mind in formulating his plans. He is genial and kindly of manner and nature, and has a host of sincere friends, among whom he is very popular. He is a Democrat in State and National politics, but in local affairs works and votes for the man rather than the party. He has served as a member of the School Board of Springfield, but has preferred to give his undivided attention to his own extensive interests rather than enter public life, though he is intensely interested in current events and issues and ready to do his duty as a private citizen.

WADE, Samuel G. (deceased).—When two people have lived together long enough to celebrate their Golden Wedding, the event is of sufficient moment to attract attention from the entire community. Samuel G. Wade, now deceased, and his excellent wife enjoyed this event, on August 28, 1909, and the memory of it will linger long with those who knew and loved them. The Wade home is on Section 16, Curran Township, and is always open to friends. Mr. Wade was born in Adair County, Ky., February 21, 1834, a son of William and Cynthia (Wheeler) Wade, both of Adair County, where the father was born in 1808, and she in the same year.

The father was a farmer and shoemaker, who spent his life in Kentucky, where he worked at his trade and farmed. His death occurred in 1850, his wife following him in 1852. The Wades are from Yorkshire, England, but they have been in this country for several generations, as the grandfather, Archie Wheeler, was born in North Carolina. On the maternal side, the extraction is from French stock.

Samuel G. Wade was educated in Kentucky and Illinois, working during his boyhood on his father's farm. In February, 1856, he came to Illinois, locating in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, where he farmed for a year, then went to Hancock County, living there three years. He then moved to Menard County, to engage in farming for many years. In 1874, he came to Sangamon County, locating near Pleasant Plains, where he resided for twelve years, farming all the while. In 1887, Mr. Wade moved to Curran, where he continued farming until his death. He also owned land in Capital Heights north of Springfield. For one term, he served as School Director of Curran Township, being elected on the Democratic ticket.

The marriage of Mr. Wade took place in Hancock County, August 28, 1859, when he was united with Lucinda Wilson, the Rev. Knight officiating. She was born in Floyd County, Va., October 18, 1839. Her parents came to Hancock County, Ill., to engage in farming, living there until both died, the mother at the advanced age of ninety-three years, and the father at the age of seventy years. Mr. and Mrs. Wade became the parents of nine children, six of whom survive: Alice L., widow of William Poor who died February 2, 1907, leaving Ralph E., Effie and Frank; Albert, a carpenter of Springfield, married Hattie Barber; Lillie, wife of Harry Trimmel of Springfield, has four children,—James H., Paul W., Raymond S. and Russell; Nora E., wife of William Gaton of Dawson, issue,—Gladys F.; William E., at home; Lola E., wife of John B. Hamilton, a farmer of Loami, issue,—Francis W. and Howard W.; and Archie, Mary and Charles deceased. In addition to the children and grandchildren present at the Golden Wedding celebration, Mr. Wade had the pleasure of entertaining two of his sisters, so that the party was a remarkable one.

It would be impossible in so short a review as this, to give in detail the many excellent qualities which endeared Mr. and Mrs. Wade to so many. Suffice to say that when trouble came to a neighbor, they were appreciated most. Then it was that they showed their friendship, and gave of both time and sympathy to help the afflicted. Their lives were filled with hard work, they struggled hard to rear their large family, but they lived to enjoy peace and plenty, and the devotion and love of their children and grandchildren.

The Democratic party long had in Mr. Wade a faithful exponent of its principles, although, aside from serving as School Director, he would not accept any office. His death occurred Au-

gust 25th, 1911, and his remains were interred in Old Salem Cemetery.

WADSWORTH, John T. (deceased).—The mining interests of Sangamon County are of such a nature as to engage the attention of a number of reliable and substantial men. Many of the English residents of Springfield have invested largely in mining properties, and their names are connected with some of the most profitable mines in the vicinity. One of the men who, when living, bore his part in the development of the mines at Athens, Ill., was the late John T. Wadsworth, who at the time of his death held the responsible position of superintendent. He was born in County Durham, England, January 25, 1842, being a son of Samuel and Eliza Wadsworth, also of England. The latter and his wife never left England, where they brought up their fourteen children, died and were buried.

John T. Wadsworth attended the schools of his native place and early engaged in mining, which continued his life work. Coming to the United States at the age of twenty years, he located at once at Springfield, which remained his home, with the exception of a short time spent at Athens, where he met his death through accident. His duties as superintendent called him to one of the lower levels, and when he was in the cage coming up, the engineer lost control of the engine, the cage upset, and Mr. Wadsworth was thrown to the bottom of the shaft, being killed instantly. This sad accident, which plunged all of Athens in gloom, occurred October 21, 1901. He had been a stockholder in several mines in the vicinity of Springfield and Greenview, Ill., and was a man of considerable means, although he had earned all he had through his own efforts. He was a member of Adinah Lodge No. 91, I. O. O. F., of Streator, Ill. His religious home was in the Methodist Church of Athens.

On November 26, 1867, Mr. Wadsworth married, in Springfield, Ill., Elizabeth A. Charlton, born in Pennsylvania, August 16, 1845, a daughter of Foster and Leah Hinde Charlton, natives of County Durham, England, who came to Pennsylvania some years previous to Mrs. Wadsworth's birth. Mr. Charlton died in 1845, and in 1848 his widow married Thos. Hutton. The Hutton family moved from Pennsylvania to Brunswick, Canada, where they lived for ten years, and then came to Springfield. The father died in Tallula, Ill., and the mother died in Greenview, Ill. Mr. Hutton was connected with one mine in the vicinity of Springfield, also one at Greenview and at Tallula, Ill. There were three sons and one daughter in the Hutton family. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth, but they adopted a son and raised a girl, the former, John H., now making his home with Mrs. Wadsworth. The family residence, at No. 1154 North Fourth Street, is owned by Mrs. Wadsworth. Mr. Wadsworth was a good business man, and as superintendent earned the good will and confidence of his men, who felt his loss very deeply. He had the sterling traits of character that have made Englishmen such good colonists the world over, and his memory is held in deepest respect throughout Sangamon County by those who knew him.

WAKEFIELD, Samuel O.—The Wakefield family was closely identified with pioneer history in Illinois, for its members came to the State many years ago, where several generations have been born. These grand old pioneers accomplished more than they realized at the time, when they braved the dangers of the long journey, the uncertainty of life and the dangers from the Indians and wild beasts. That they did succeed, our present wonderful development proves beyond doubt. An excellent representative of this pioneer family is Samuel O. Wakefield, a prosperous farmer of Section 33, Williams Township, who was born in Clinton County, Ill., June 1, 1851, a son of Charles and Mary (Lowe) Wakefield, natives of the same place.

Charles Wakefield's father was born in Georgia, and came from that State to Illinois at a very early date, becoming the owner of a large estate in Clinton County. While he was still a new resident of that county, the Black Hawk War broke out, and he hastened to enlist, to help protect his family and the community from Indian atrocities. In 1865 Charles Wakefield, who had married and become the father of several children, moved with his family to Sangamon County, locating on farm land south of Dawson, a year after his arrival there. This continued his home for three years, but he then came to Williams Township, securing the farm now the property of Samuel O. Wakefield. This continued to be the home of himself and wife until their deaths, both passing away in 1895. They had nine children, five sons and four daughters, four of whom survive: Samuel O., Millard, Hatson, and Nancy Ann, all of whom live together on the home property.

Samuel O. Wakefield was educated in Sangamon County and during his boyhood worked on the farm he now owns, learning thoroughly the calling he has followed all his life. The Methodist Church holds his membership, although he attends the Union Mission Church of Spaulding. In politics he is a Republican, but cannot be induced to accept public office. He has never married. He is pleasant and genial, has many friends. He takes great pride in his family history and the land his father bought and handed down to him. While conservative in his ideas, he favors good roads and other improvements which are for the best interests of his community, and is one of the reliable, substantial men of his township.

WALDRON, James, now living retired from active life at his pleasant home at 2015 Peoria Road, Springfield, is a representative English-American citizen and is interested in every

measure affecting the general welfare of his community. He is a native of Worcestershire, England, born April 25, 1836, a son of John and Mary (Nicklin) Waldron, also born in England. The father was a mine superintendent by occupation and he and his wife were parents of four sons and four daughters, of whom two sons are now surviving, Thomas, living at Scranton, Kan., and James, of Springfield.

In boyhood James Waldron received a rudimentary education in the public schools of his native land, and while yet a boy began learning the trade of miner, which he followed all his active life. He worked many years at mining in England, rose to the position of a foreman, and eventually became a mine superintendent. In 1881, being at that time thirty-five years of age, he sailed from Liverpool to America, landing in New York City. He came on to Bloomington, Ill., where he worked three years, then came to Barclay, Sangamon County. He followed mining in that town three years, then removed to Streator, and two years later to Dawson, where he remained three years before coming to Springfield, which has since been his home. He has lived retired from active life since 1891 and owns the home he now occupies, where he has lived a number of years. He was at one time connected with the old North Shaft, and was for several years engaged as Mine Examiner.

Mr. Waldron was married in England, December 25, 1854, to Miss Sophia Southall, also a native of that country, born August 8, 1836, whose parents spent their entire lives there. No children were born of this union. Mr. Waldron is recognized as a useful and public-spirited citizen, well known as a man of integrity and stability. He is a member of the Third Presbyterian Church and in politics espouses the cause of the Republican party. He has many firm friends in the city, which has been his home for the past twenty years.

WALKER, Andrew.—It is difficult to do full justice to the veterans of the Civil War, for no mere words can ever repay them for what they endured or risked in their brace defense of their country. Many of the bravest soldiers were foreign born, but, having come to the United States in search of the liberty not found in their native land, were willing to go out in defense of their adopted country. An honored veteran of Springfield who belongs to this class is Andrew Walker, born on the Isle of Man, August 12, 1840, a son of John W. and Margaret (Gibson) Walker. The father was born in Scotland, and by occupation was a soap manufacturer. Not satisfied with conditions on the Isle of Man, he came to the United States, settling in New York State, where he resided for many years. Later he came west to Chicago, where he engaged in manufacturing soap, living there until his death. The mother died when Andrew Walker was but an infant, so the latter has no recollection of her.

Andrew Walker went to school in Elmira, N. Y., where the family resided, and did his first work on a farm in that vicinity, leaving home when twelve years of age. Upon coming west, he stopped in Chicago, and then went south to New Orleans, in 1856. There he worked at odd jobs, finally securing employment on a steamboat, where he learned to be an engineer. For three years he was on a boat that ran from New Orleans to Memphis. In 1858 he came to Springfield, at first working on a farm. During the famous Douglas-Lincoln campaign, he heard much of the talk of the times, and was greatly interested in it. Going to New Orleans again, at the end of a year, he worked on the Mississippi Central Railroad as a fireman, continuing with this company until the outbreak of the war, when he came back to Springfield. There he obtained employment with the Illinois Central Railroad Company as fireman, but a short time later went to Missouri, where he was fireman on the Missouri and Northern Railroad. A year later he returned to Springfield for the third time, and enlisted in the Twenty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, being mustered in at Natchez, Miss. He participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing and Forts Henry and Donelson, serving under General John A. Logan. He was honorably discharged at the close of his service. Coming back from the war, he farmed for a year, then entered the Illinois Foundry as engineer, leaving there after a year to become engineer at the State House, which position he held for seventeen years. For a year he was in Spokane, Wash., but since his retirement from active duties, has elected to make Springfield his home. Needless to say, he is a stanch Republican, and has represented his party in the City Council as Alderman from the First Ward for five years, and did his full duty in that body, as he always has, whether in private life or on the battlefield. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, having joined that order twenty-five years ago, and belonging to Springfield Lodge No. 6, and is also a member of the Modern Woodmen. Since Stephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R. was established, he has been one of its most enthusiastic members. The Third Presbyterian Church, of Springfield, holds his membership and has his hearty support.

Mr. Walker was born in Springfield, April 7, 1863, to Nancy Simmon, born and reared in Springfield. Her parents were natives of Ireland and died when she was a small child. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker: Emma, deceased, and Anna E., wife of Cyrus Chinkee, foreman of the plate department of the Illinois Watch Company. Mr. and Mrs. Chinkee have three sons: Harry, Walter and Robert, all employes of the Illinois Watch Company. Mr Walker owns his beautiful residence, one of the finest in Springfield, at No. 1110 North Thirteenth Street, and other pieces of city realty, as well as rich farming land in the vicinity of Springfield. He is widely known, his association with the State House having brought him into

contact with men from all over the State, and all who know him like the pleasant, genial man, who has seen so much and has been so closely identified with the earlier history of Springfield.

WALKER, Benjamin Franklin (deceased), who for many years carried on farming near Breckenridge, Sangamon County, was prominent in public affairs in his community and was much respected by all. He made his own way in life, his father dying when the son was a boy and leaving a large family. Mr. Walker was born in Jay County, Ind., November 9, 1853, and was a son of Charles Walker and his wife, farming people, who had seven sons and four daughters, all of whom except one were living at the time of the father's death. The parents moved from Indiana to Schuyler County, Ill., and after the father's death the widow and children all worked to keep the family together. They prospered well and Benjamin F. remained at home until his marriage to Sarah Stobaugh, of Christian County, Ill., the ceremony being performed by Rev. Eli Matthew. After his marriage Mr. Walker located in Sangamon County, where he spent the remainder of his life. His mother died in 1903.

Mr. Walker was married at Sharpsburg, Ill., to Jennie Stobaugh, born in Sangamon County, September 7, 1869, daughter of Andrew and Mary Frances (Nell) Stobaugh, the former born in Iowa, January 20, 1834, and the latter born in Kentucky, December 19, 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Stobaugh were married in Sangamon County, August 12, 1868, and became parents of two children: James William, died at the age of thirteen years, October 11, 1884, and Mrs. Walker.

Four children were born to Mr. Walker, all of whom survive, namely: Charles Andrew, April 18, 1892; Elsie Ethel, December 22, 1894; Jesse Daniel, October 30, 1895; Iva Dot, October 26, 1897. The children have all attended the Breckenridge School.

In politics Mr. Walker was a Democrat. He served as Road Commissioner and as Trustee of the school at Breckenridge. He was a member of the local camp of Woodmen and was well known in social and fraternal circles. He belonged to the South Fork Christian Church, as do the other members of the family. He was an industrious and prosperous farmer and owned 195 acres of land in Section 5, Cooper Township, which he had brought to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Walker died August 24, 1906, and his widow now rents her land, but she and the children continue to reside in the old home. He was actively interested in the public welfare and prosperity and was held in high esteem by his fellow citizens, among whom he has been greatly missed.

WALKER, Norton A., one of Sangamon County's most reliable and highly respected farmers, has developed a fine farm and has brought it to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Walker was born in Henry County, Ill., March 28, 1856, and is a son of Charles and Mary Ann (Dugan) Walker, the former born in Ohio, September 20, 1823, and the latter born January 30, 1824. The parents were farmers and were married in Ohio, January 1, 1844, soon after which they removed to Schuyler County, Ill., where the father died in 1872, and the mother, who died on the farm where her son Norton A. now lives, was buried at South Fork Cemetery, February 23, 1905. The grandparents of Norton A. Walker were deceased at the time he was born.

Mr. Walker received his education in the country schools of Schuyler County and has since been engaged in farming. He has been industrious and ambitious and has spent little time in recreation, being fully occupied with his work. As a child he accompanied his parents to Fulton County and later to Schuyler County, and March 1, 1876, came to Sangamon County and located one mile north of his present home, where he spent six years. After his father's death (which occurred when the boy was sixteen years of age) he and a brother paid a debt of $600. He helped support his mother and her five small children until he reached his majority, since which time he has been able to acquire and pay for 400 acres of land. He now owns 200 acres and paid an average of $75 per acre for it, although it is now worth $200 per acre. He has been most successful in his agricultural operations and owns two shares in the Farmers' Elevator Company, of Breckenridge. He is a Democrat in politics and has served two years as School Director. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen and he and his wife belongs to the Loyal Americans. Mr. Walker belongs to the Christian Church and his wife to the Catholic Church. He is a man of considerable influence in his community and is actively interested in its progress and welfare. His success is the result of his own efforts and he has shown excellent judgment in the mangement of his affairs, adding to his financial interests from time to time as circumstances warranted.

May 1, 1878, Mr. Walker was married, at Springfield, Ill., by Father Brady, to Catherine Haney, a native of County Galway, Ireland, born in June, 1857, daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (Welsh) Haney, both of whom spent their entire lives in Ireland. The father of Mrs. Mary Haney came to the United States and participated in the War of 1812. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker, namely: Mary Ann, born February 23, 1880, married Henry Jett and they live in Sangamon County and have two children, Chelsia and Oregin; Sarah, born October 25, 1882, married Ben Wilson, of Christian County, and they have one child, Imo; George, born July 25, 1884, married Zella Spicer, and they have one child, Francis; Barbara E., born August 3, 1886, married Timon Robinson; Katherine M., born August 3, 1889, married Leslie Jones, and they

live in Sangamon County; William A., born August 5, 1892, and Ruth M., born February 6, 1895, live at home.

WALLACE, Joseph (deceased), lawyer and author, who lived in Springfield, Ill., nearly half a century, was born in Hunter's Bottom, Gallatin (now Carroll) County, Ky., September 30, 1834. He was a son of James and Mary (Morris) Wallace, both natives of Kentucky. Both grandfathers of Joseph Wallace emigrated from Virginia to Kentucky, about 1796. Two brothers of Mrs. James Wallace, George and Walker Morris, were prominent members of the Bar in Kentucky. James Wallace and his wife had five sons, of whom two survive.

At the age of two years, Joseph Wallace was brought by his parents to Jefferson County, Ind., where he grew up on a farm and enjoyed the educational advantages offered in the country schools. At the age of eighteen years, he entered Franklin College, in Franklin County, Ind., where he remained several terms, although he did not graduate. When twenty-two years old he began the study of law in the office of Judge Charles E. Walker, of Madison, Ind., and one year later, in the spring of 1857, resumed his studies in the offices of Messrs. Stuart & Edwards, then one of the leading law firms of Springfield and the State of Illinois. In February, 1858, Mr. Wallace was admitted to the Bar, by the Supreme Court of the State. During his first years of residence in Springfield he lived with an uncle (by marriage), William T. Grimsley, an old-time merchant. In politics Mr. Wallace was a Democrat of the old-school type, and although never active in political affairs, held several public offices of honor and trust, in which his knowledge of the law and scrupulous devotion to the interests of the people made his service of great value.

Mr. Wallace served as Justice of the Peace from 1866 to 1874, and in 1880 was elected a member of the City Common Council of Springfield. He early developed a taste and talent for literary pursuits, and in recognition of his culture and scholarship was honored, in 1894 by having the degree of A. M. conferred on him by Franklin College. His first work that attracted much attention was a sketch of the life and public services of Edward D. Baker, a 12-mo. volume of 144 pages, published in 1870. In 1878 Mr. Wallace wrote a "Historical Outline of Illinois;" in 1880, while a member of the City Council, he delivered an address before that body on the life and public services of Judge Stephen T. Logan, then lately deceased; in 1884 he was the principal author of a Revised City Code, published by authority of the Council; in 1885 Mr. Wallace wrote for the Illinois State Register, a series of Biographical sketches of United States Senators from Illinois, and his last literary work was assisting in the preparation of "The Past and Present of the City of Springfield and Sangamon County," in the third chapter of which, entitled "The Prominent and Illustrious Dead of the City of Springfield," are found brief biographies of several men who were for a time residents of Springfield, and whose names are well known to the State and Nation. The principal literary production of Mr. Wallace, which is of interest to all Americans, is "The History of Illinois and Louisiana under the French Rule," which is an elaborate history of the Mississippi Valley during the first century of its exploration and occupation by white men, published in 1893. This work is clear and concise in style and Mr. Wallace was most careful in his selection of authorities. He was a member of the Illinois Historical Society from its organization and read a paper at the annual meeting held in January, 1903, on "Fort De Chartres; its Origin, Growth and Decline," which was published that year in the proceedings.

Mr. Wallace was a grandson of Reverend John Wallace, an early Baptist preacher in Kentucky, was educated in the Baptist faith and at the time of his death was a member of the Central Baptist Church, of Springfield.

January 14, 1864, Mr. Wallace was married, in Kentucky, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Hoagland, of Hunter's Bottom, Ky., who was descended from one of the old Knickerbocker families of New York City, a lady of culture and literary taste, and a graduate of Science Hill Female Academy, of Shelbyville, Ky., where she spent three years under the instruction of Mrs. Julia A. Tevis, a celebrated educator. Mrs. Wallace was born October 23, 1837, daughter of Okey and Mary (Giltner) Hoagland, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Bourbon County, Ky. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace. Mrs. Wallace now resides at 710 West Monroe St., Springfield. The death of Mr. Wallace occurred August 10, 1904, at his home on West Monroe Street, Springfield, and he was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, of that city.

WALLACE, (Rev.) Peter, D. D. (Vol. I, pp. 548-549.)

WALLACE, William W., a venerable resident of Springfield who has many interesting recollections of early days there, when present conditions were not even dreamed of, was born in Prince Edward County, Va., June 19, 1830, a son of Julian C. and Eveline F. (Godsey) Wallace, natives of Virginia. The former was born January 3, 1816, and the latter, April 12, 1812. The father was a shoemaker by trade, who, looking for better conditions, left Virginia in 1836, for Franklin County, Ky., making the trip by wagon. This State continued his home until his death on March 16, 1881. His wife survived him only until November 6th, of the same year. One son of Julian C., Charles R. Wallace, enlisted in 1862, in the Union Army, and fought bravely until the close of the war. Edward A. Wallace, another son, enlisted the same year as his brother, was taken prisoner at the battle of Shiloh, and incarcerated at Libby Prison and

Andersonville, spending nine months in all in these two prisons.

William W. Wallace attended the subscription schools of Kentucky, at the same time helping his father until he was twenty-one years of age. He continued farming until 1858, in his native State, but in that year came to Riverton, Ill., where he took a contract to cut 100 cords of timber. For a year he worked in the timber, and in a saw-mill, and then for five months worked on a farm, when he returned to the timber, to engage with Amos Grubb. His association with him continued until 1860.

Mr. Wallace was married in Franklin County, Ky., July 18, 1855, to Ann C. Woodruff, born in Franklin County, daughter of John and Mary A. (Petty) Woodruff, natives of Kentucky, where the father was a wagon-maker. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace: Jane C. Bashaw; Isabelle Dickerson; John W., a farmer near Bissell, Ill.; Charles H., a farmer; Sarah C. Glose; Nettie Johnson, on a farm near Ransom, Kan.; Louis A. in the Racine Sattlery Plow Works; Frank E., also at the plow works; Mary Drendel and A. O., who died February 7, 1906. Mr. Wallace is a Republican and belongs to the Christian Church, living out, in his simple, steadfast life, the faith he professes in his religious connections. He is a kindly man, who has made many friend during his residence in the community, and his children have made their mark wherever they have located.

WALSH, Harry T. (deceased).—Only those whose attention has been called to the matter understand character of the engineer's work or how much responsibility rests on his shoulders. The safety of thousands lies in his care, and seldom is it that he fails to live up to the trust reposed in him and his skill. The late Harry G. Walsh, formerly an engineer with the Wabash system, was representative of his class. He was always at his post, conscientious and faithful, and when he passed away everyone connected with the road felt that it had lost one of its most valued employes. Mr. Walsh was born in Springfield, December 13, 1868, being a son of Patrick and Mary (O'Connor) Walsh, natives of County Cork, Ireland. Patrick Walsh was for years a leading grocer of Springfield and well-known in the city.

Harry T. Walsh was educated in a parochial school in Springfield, and early became connected with the Wabash Railroad. For years he was on the Danville and Springfield Division, and was well known along his route. In 1894 he left the employ of the Wabash Railroad and was employed four years by the State as Engineer of the electric power plant at the States Prison in Joliet. On leaving there he entered the employ of the Illinois Steel Mills at Joliet, and was there injured in an accident which caused his death May 25, 1900. His remains were laid in Calvary Cemetery. An earnest Catholic, he belonged to the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Fraternally he was a member of the Modern Woodmen and in politics was a Democrat.

Mr. Walsh was married in Springfield, Ill., December 15, 1891, to Edna Page, of that city, daughter of John and Alice (Demars) Page. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Walsh were: Harry T., born April 4, 1893; John E., born January 3, 1895, and Gladys M., born September 3, 1898. Mrs. Walsh owns the home at No. 1427 South Eighth Street, where the family entertain their many friends. They are well and favorably known in their neighborhood and Mrs. Walsh is highly esteemed for her many excellent qualities.

WALSH, Michael, an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of Springfield, Ill., was born in Bethalto, Madison County, Ill., July 29, 1869, a son of John and Mary (Gards) Walsh, both natives of County Cork, Ireland. The father was a farmer, coal miner and business man. John Walsh cast his first Presidential vote for Buchanan, having emigrated to America some years before. He was married at Alton, Ill., and later removed to Springfield, where he and his wife were for many years devout members of the Church of the Immaculate Conception and active in church work. Mr. Walsh died October 14, 1897, and his widow now resides at 420 South Ninth Street, Springfield. They were parents of ten children, of whom three sons and three daughters now survive, and Michael is the third oldest.

In boyhood Michael Walsh attended St. Mary's Catholic School, of Springfield and at the age of eighteen years left school to go to work. He was employed for a time in the rolling mills, later worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, worked two years for the Citizens Street and Electric Light Company, and spent seven years in the employ of Patrick Giblin. About 1897 he bought the Jefferson Hotel in Springfield, and after conducting same about five years sold the property. He is a stanch Democrat in politics, although never desirious of holding public office. He is energetic and honest in business and enjoys the confidence of those who have dealings with him. He is an earnest worker in church affairs and belongs to the Church of the Immaculate Conception and to the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is a member of the Order of Eagles and the Order of Owls, and is of a sociable disposition, being popular among his friends.

Mr. Walsh was married, in Springfield, November 15, 1893, to Miss Mary Wilson, who was born in Springfield, daughter of Thomas Wilson. Her father is dead and her mother resides in Chicago. They were parents of three daughters and one son, and the latter is deceased. The following five children were born to Mr. Walsh and his wife: one who died in childhood; Thomas, attending St. Francis College, at Quincy, Ill.; Michael, attending St.

Mary's School, at Springfield; Mary and Elizabeth.

WARD, Jeremiah (deceased).—The keenness of perception, brilliancy of intellect, and capability of the Irish race are generally recognized as potent factors in the advancement of its representatives in all branches of endeavor. Those of them who come to America find a congenial atmosphere in which to attain desirable success, and many annually avail themselves of the advantages here offered. One of those who for many years made Springfield his place of residence and field of action before death claimed him, was the late Jeremiah Ward, whose activities in the lumber trade are still remembered with interest. Mr. Ward was born in Ireland, a son of William and Rosa Ward, also natives of Ireland. A brother, Neil Ward, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Murray, still reside in Springfield.

Having grown up in Ireland, Mr. Ward lived with his parents until he came to the United States. He located in Springfield, where he became identified with the lumber trade, developing his business to large proportions. He was a Catholic in religious views. He was actively interested in the affairs of the community, although he had no desire for public advancement.

Mr. Ward was married in Springfield, to Mary Mathune, who has made Springfield her home since she came there from St. Louis at the age of twelve years. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ward: Rosa, born December 2, 1866, lives with her mother; Sophia, born January 1, 1874, also living with her mother; Jeremiah, born April 7, 1877, and Ruth Buckingham. The family residence is at No. 504 North Ninth Street. The Wards are well and favorably known in Springfield, and are highly esteemed in the Catholic Church, to which they belong.

WARREN, Hooper. (Vol. I, pp. 577-578.)

WATERS, Daniel.—Sangamon County has a number of pleasant communities in which one may obtain many urban advantages without sacrificing those of a country existence. In Rochester there are very desirable conditions, a fact recognized by many most substantial men, who have located there upon retiring from more active life. One of these is Daniel Waters, born two and one-half miles from Harper's Ferry, Va., September 14, 1830, a son of Levi Waters, born on the east side of the bay, in Maryland, May 6, 1796. The Waters family is a very old one, founded in Virginia prior to the Revolution. Levi Waters married Sarah Dutch, born at Harper's Ferry, in 1799. They died in Virginia. The mother died in 1856, but the husband survived until 1881. Neither ever rode on a railroad train. Five children were born to them: John F., George W., Daniel; Susan C., wife of Richard Russell, and Maria L., wife of Leander Bates, all of whom died in Viriginia except Mrs. Bates and Daniel.

Daniel Waters attended school in Virginia and worked for his father. In 1852 he came to Sangamon County, settling five miles east of Rochester, where he engaged to work on a farm. Later he began farming for himself on a rented farm, and in 1864 bought a farm of 100 acres at Buckhart, Cooper Township, forty acres of it was in timber. Later he sold that and bought 280 acres near Buckhart and lived there until 1896, excepting two years at Springfield to educate his children. In 1896 he went to Edinburg, but in 1904 moved to Rochester, where he built his present beautiful home. He still owns two farms in Sangamon County amounting to 344 acres. He is heavily interested in Pullman, Wash., with his son, in land and furniture business.

On February 9, 1862, he was married at his wife's birthplace, by the Rev. J. P. Dimmitt, of the Methodist Church, to Harriet V. Miller, born in Buckhart, Cooper Township, October 13, 1840. Her father, John C. Miller, was born in Loudoun County, Va., October 19, 1812, and came with his father to Sangamon County in 1835, entering 2,100 acres of land, now comprised in Cooper Township. He married Martha Melvine Sattley, born in Rochester Township, September 3, 1819, who still survives. Mr. Sattley owned many acres of land in early days. The present town of Rochester was located on the portion where still stands the old log house in which he lived, and on this land stood the tree which tradition says sheltered Abraham Lincoln when he made his first speech. Mrs. Waters is one of the following children: George H.; Mrs. Waters; Edmund; Sarah A., wife of George Lucas; Eliza E., wife of John Baldwin; Mary A., wife of S. J. Prather. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Waters; Anna A., born December 19, 1862, died June 9, 1893, was the wife of J. J. Troxell, had one daughter, Lulu V., who married Dallas Langley, February 6, 1909, and had one child, Byron, born July 11, 1910; George E., born February 17, 1864, died March 3, 1866; Charles M., born February 28, 1867, lives in Pullman, Wash., where he owns a large department store and considerable land, married Addie Finney, issue, one daughter, Harriet Mildred, a graduate of Pullman State College, and a teacher of German and Latin; twins, Lulla and Lillie, born January 29, 1870, the former dying November 17, of that year, and the latter becoming the wife of C. E. Hazelett, living near Rochester and have one son, Glenn Waters, born February 9, 1891, and who graduated from Springfield High School in the class of 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Waters are members of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Waters belongs to the W. C. T. U., of which she is Treasurer. She is also active in the Ladies Aid Society and the Missionary Society. Both are very strong Prohibitionists. Mr. Waters served as Supervisor of Cooper Township eight terms, and was Treasurer of the School Board for fourteen years. He is one

of the most highly esteemed men of the township and can look back on a long, useful, blameless life, filled with good deeds.

WATERS, James J., a wealthy and prominent farmer of Cooper Township, Sangamon County, has spent his entire life in the county. He was born in Springfield, April 3, 1859, and is a son of John and Mary (Murphy) Waters, both natives of Ireland, the former born January 1, 1834, and the latter in 1826. Their parents spent their entire lives in Ireland. John Waters came to the United States in 1856 and spent two years in New Orleans, then came to Springfield, Ill., where he met and married Mary Murphy, who had come to America in the same ship, although they were not acquainted at the time. He died in Springfield, July 23, 1893, and his widow died August 14, 1910. Both are buried in Calvary Cemetery.

As a boy James J. Waters attended the country schools and took a course in Springfield Business College. He was reared on a farm and was fond of all kinds of outdoor sports. He owns 400 acres of excellent farm land in Cooper Township, where he lives, and a house in Breckenridge. He is a man of high character and amiable disposition, and much esteemed by all. He is popular among his fellow citizens and much interested in the general welfare. He is now President of the Farmers' Elevator Company, of Berry and Breckenridge, which institution is profitable and convenient for the farmers of the community. In politics Mr. Waters is a Democrat, and he is now serving as School Director. He and his family are devout members of the Catholic Church and much interested in its good work. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen and of the Anti-Horse-Thief Association.

Mr. Waters was married in Auburn, February 15, 1887, Father Finnegan officiating, to Mary Howard, who was born in Sangamon County, June 29, 1859, daughter of Michael and Mary (Shea) Howard. Mr. Howard was born in Ireland, September 16, 1822, and his wife, also a native of Ireland, was born April 1, 1834. He died in Christian County, September 16, 1906, and was buried at Morrisonville, and his widow still resides on the home farm in Christian County. All the grandparents of Mrs. Waters died in Ireland. Eight children were born to Mr. Waters and his wife, namely: Mary, born in November, 1888, died in infancy; Anna M., born June 2, 1890; John F., November 30, 1891; Mary A., September 7, 1893; James, May 17, 1895; Michael E., February 6, 1897; Alice, October 18, 1899; Ella Arama, April 17, 1903. The seven who survive reside at home. Mr. Waters and his wife have every reason to be proud of their pleasant home and fine family of children.

WATSON, George Talbott, a successful carpenter and builder of Springfield, is a native of the city, born August 29, 1844. His father, William M. Watson, was a native of Kentucky (where his parents were also born), and located in Springfield in an early day. He was for many years a shoemaker and died there at the age of ninety years, having been born in 1809. William M. Watson married Sarah E. Talbott, who was born in Indiana, daughter of Benjamin Talbott, also a native of Indiana, and a tanner by trade.

As a boy George T. Watson attended Lincoln School, in Springfield. He was always fond of ball-games, dancing and music, and his father was a violin player of considerable local repute. The house where he was born was next the Lincoln residence, so that as a child Mr. Watson daily saw Abraham Lincoln and was a playmate of the latter's son Robert, knowing the entire family well. After leaving school he learned the trade of carpenter and during the Civil War was employed in Springfield making cartridges for the Union Army. Having spent almost his entire life in the city, he has always had its best interests at heart, and has been identified with many movements of progress. He was at one time a member of the Volunteer Fire Department. He is a man of social instincts and fraternally belongs to the Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and in politics is a Republican. He has been fairly prosperous in a business way, has many friends, and is generally liked and respected.

Mr. Watson was married, in Springfield, January 14, 1869, to Miss Sarah Pletz, who was born in Yorktown, Pa., November 28, 1854, daughter of Benjamin and Barbara (Wetz) Pletz, the father born in Pennsylvania, September 14, 1830, and the mother in Amsterdam, Germany, July 21, 1828. Mr. Pletz was a carpenter by trade and moved from Pennsylvania to Illinois in 1856. He died in Springfield, January 23, 1901, and his wife died May 29, 1909. The father of Mr. Pletz was a farmer and a native of Pennsylvania, and the father of his wife was a tanner by trade and located in Harrisburg, Pa., after coming from Germany to the United States. A brother of Mrs. Watson, Andrew Pletz, served in Company I, Seventh Illinois Infantry, and was under the command of Gen. Sherman during part of his service. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Watson: William B., born in Springfield, July 23, 1874, died there September 27, 1876, and Edward, born in Springfield, February 1, 1872, was married there, November 14, 1894, to Cora G. Bell also a native of Springfield. The Bell family were early settlers in Springfield and prominent citizens. Three children were born to Edward Watson and his wife: Millard Bell, born in Springfield, died January 18, 1909; George E., born March 18, 1897, and Harold, born August 24, 1899.

WATTS, Benjamin, one of Sangamon County's old and substantial citizens, now living in Springfield, Ill., came to the county when three years of age. He was born in the State of New

York, June 10, 1839, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Palladay) Watts, both natives of New York, the latter born in Potsdam, the date of his birth being December 30, 1801, and hers 1817. The father of Nicholas Watts came from New York to Illinois at an early date and took up government land in Sangamon County, where he died. He was a native of Massachusetts and the father of sixteen children, nine of whom settled in Sangamon County. He was of Welsh descent The father of Elizabeth Palladay was born in France and emigrated to New York, later moved to Sangamon County, Ill., and died in Bloomington, Ill. Nicholas Watts was a carpenter by trade and located in Illinois in 1842. He and his wife were married in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., and their only child was Benjamin. The father died in Farmington, Ill., May 7, 1843, at the age of forty one years, four months and eight days.

The childhood of Benjamin Watts was spent on a farm. He lived with his parents until sixteen years of age, and attended school at Atlanta, Ill. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs and is a Democrat in politics. While a resident of Macon County, Ill., he served as Road Commissioner. He is industrious and prosperous, and owns the family home at 1015 South Spring Street. He is considered a useful and upright citizen and is respected by all who know him. Both he and his wife are members of the First Christian Church and interested in many noble causes.

Mr. Watts was married, in Decatur, Ill., December 28, 1864, to Miss Catherine B. Simpson, and they moved at once to Springfield, where they began housekeeping on West Jefferson Street. Mrs. Watts is a daughter of Jordan and Clarissa (Sayre) Simpson, and was born in Cass County, Ill., August 20, 1843. Her father was a farmer and born near Lexington, Ky., July 17, 1808. He came to Illinois as a young man and settled first in Gardner Township, Sangamon County, moved from there to Macon County, and finally located at Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County, where he died December 27, 1872. Clarissa Sayre was born in New Jersey, October 31, 1816, and when a child was brought by her parents to Dayton, Ohio. Her father, John Sayre, moved to Sangamon County in 1834, and she was there married to Jordan Simpson, October 27, 1835. She died Monday, May 17, 1896. The immediate ancestors of Mrs. Watts were all early settlers of Sangamon County, as shown above. Jordan Simpson and his wife were parents of eight children, namely: James W., of Pleasant Plains, Ill.; William J., of Chicago; Mrs. C. B. Watts, wife of Benjamin Watts; Mrs. Margaret Hillyard, of Kansas; Mrs. Julia Johnson, of Kansas City; Mrs. Jeremiah Gibson, of Springfield; Mrs. Lucy Smith, of Chicago; Isaac N., was a soldier in the Civil War and died in 1865.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Watts, four of whom died in infancy. Leora May, born in Springfield, September 25, 1865, married (first) Jacob Faust, and had three children, and married (second) Albert Mercer; Della, born September 25, 1885; Bertha, born February 22, 1889; Roy, January 21, 1890; Edgar N., March 18, 1871, in Macon County, married Rhoda Dedman, in June, 1893, and they have no children; Charles N., born in Macon county, April 19, 1874, married Julia Levinger, April 27, 1899, and they have two children, Lela, born in Springfield, February 22, 1900, and Charles E., born November 12, 1902. Mr. Watts and his wife have three great-grandchildren: Velma, Ernest and Lloyd Smith, who are the grandchildren of their oldest daughter, Leora, and children of her daughter, Della (Faust) Smith, who married Elmer Smith, December 25, 1901.

WATTS, James Bates, D. D. S., who is well established in the general practice of his profession in Springfield, Ill., has been prominent in professional circles of the city since 1898, when he opened an office there. Dr. Watts is a native of Sangamon County, born near Farmingdale, Ill., May 7, 1875, son of Albert Benjamin and Amelia (Dustin) Watts, natives of Illinois. Albert B. Watts is a successful farmer and stock-raiser of Gardner Township, Sangaman County, and well known in the community. He and his wife were parents of eight children.

The early education of Dr. James B. Watts was received in the public schools of Sangamon County and he spent his boyhood on his father's farm. He attended Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., for four years, later received his professional training at the Northwestern University Dental School of Chicago, and graduated from that institution in 1898. In August of the same year he located in Springfield, where he has won a high standing in his profession and a reputation for skill and ability. He is a member of the Sangamo-Menard Dental Society, in which he has served as President, Secretary and Treasurer, and also of the Illinois State Dental Society. He has received thirty-two degrees in Masonry, is a Shriner, and is also affiliated with the Knights of Phythias.

Dr. Watts was married in 1904, to Miss Sallie Mae Buckman, of Sangamon County, daughter of Benjamin and Eva (Deitz) Buckman, natives of Illinois. One daughter has been born to Dr. and Mrs. Watts, Gladys Loraine. The family reside at 203 West Adams Street, and Dr. Watts ocupies an office in the I. O. O. F. Building. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and active in its good work. They are well known in social circles and have many friends. Dr. Watts is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, and in political views is Democratic.

WEAVER, Jacob (deceased), an old and highly esteemed settler of Sangamon County, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 7, 1818, the son of German parents, who were early settlers of Ohio. The father was a farmer by occupation

and spent his last days in Sangamon County, where he had brought his family. He and his wife were married in Germany and soon afterward came to the United States, settling in Cincinnati. They were parents of three sons and two daughters, all of whom are deceased. Jacob Weaver was educated in Pickaway County, Ohio, where his parents lived several years before coming to Illinois, and during his boyhood he helped his father with the farm work, at which he continued all his life. He came to Sangamon County one year after his marriage and for fifteen years resided five miles south of Williamsville, then came to the farm now occupied by his widow and daughter. He purchased 166 acres of land and developed it into a fine farm. He was an industrious farmer, a good neighbor and a kind husband and father, and endeavored to do his full duty in all the relations of life. He is still remembered kindly in the neighborhood and left a reputation for strict honesty and integrity. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief and active in promoting the general welfare of his community. He was always a Democrat in politics, and a public-spirited, useful citizen.

Mr. Weaver was married in Pickaway County, Ohio, October 8, 1845, to Mary A. Dean, born in Virginia, June 20, 1823, and her parents were also natives of Virginia, who were early settlers of Pickaway County, Ohio. The Dean family lived seven years in Ohio, then moved to Sangamon County and purchased land, where the father carried on farming until his death. There were ten children in the family, of whom but two survive, Mrs. Weaver, and her brother George, who lives near Quincy, Ill. George Dean was at one time a State Senator in Illinois. Three children were born to Mr. Weaver and his wife, of whom but one survives, Alice, wife of James Lewis, who has two children, William and Eva. Mrs. Weaver lives on and manages her 166 acres in Section 11, Williams Township, which yields her a good income. Mr. Weaver died on the farm May 15, 1888. Mrs. Weaver is interested in church work and is a member of the Methodist Church. She has the warm regard of a number of friends and is esteemed by all who know her.

WEAVER, John B., one of the most prominent and successful attorneys of Springfield, and candidate on the Republican ticket for the responsible office of County Judge, has been a resident of the city since 1900, and has established a large practice. He was born at Wellsville, Montgomery County, Mo., April 8, 1869, son of Joseph R. and Harriet (Baker) Weaver. The father, who is a civil engineer, was born at Rushford, N. Y., October 13, 1832, and now lives at Freeport, Ill. He came to Freeport in 1857, was married there and later moved to Missouri, where he lived until 1873, then returned to Freeport, where he has since resided. His wife, who was born in Kentucky, January 15, 1842, is deceased.

The father of Joseph R. Weaver was a native of Kentucky and served in the Black Hawk War. He was a playmate and boyhood friend of Daniel Boone and Samuel Kenton, and fought Indians side by side with them. He was the first settler of Freeport, where he erected the first building.

John B. Weaver was educated in the common and high schools of Freeport and Northwestern University, of Chicago, receiving his legal training at the latter institution. His boyhood was spent on a farm and he has always been fond of outdoor life and sports. His entire life has been spent in Illinois, with the exception of the first five years. He lived in Freeport from 1873 until 1900, then moved to Springfield and engaged in the active practice of his profession, in which he has been very successful and is now serving as Police Magistrate. He served a term as Assistant State's Attorney of Sangamon County. He has been interested in many public enterprises and is one of the brightest and most able attorneys of the city. He has always been a Republican in politics and fraternally is connected with the Masons, being a member of the Knights Templar, Oriental Consistory. In religious views he is a Presbyterian and is a member of that church. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and to other organizations of a similar nature.

Mr. Weaver was married, at Galena, Ill., October 3, 1891, to Alice M. Botdorf, born in Rochelle, Ill., May 11, 1872, daughter of John A. and Jennie (Jones) Botdorf, both natives of Wales. Mrs. Weaver had three brothers who served in the Civil War, one under Sherman, one in the cavalry under Sheridan, and one under Grant. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have no children. They own the beautiful home where they reside at 536 South Glenwood Avenue, Springfield, and are well known in social circles.

WEAVER, Samuel R.—The Weaver family has been well known in Sangamon County for more than half a century, and various members are given mention in this work. The reader is referred especially to that of William H. Weaver. Samuel R. Weaver is a native of Hagerstown, Md., born April 25, 1853, a son of Jonathan and Mary Ann Weaver, natives of that place and the father a carpenter by trade. The father worked in his native town sometime before coming to Illinois. He first located at Mt. Morris and there he became a cabinet-maker and undertaker, and later brought his family to Springfield. He followed his trade in the city and helped erect some of the fine buildings of the early days there. Some of these buildings were handsome residences and among them was included the old Freeman residence. His brother, George Wise Weaver, was a mason by trade and assisted in erecting the State House. The latter was also from Maryland and made the trip to the new home with a wagon, as did his brother. Jonathan Weaver lived in Springfield about ten years and later engaged in farming in

Cotton Hill Township, which he continued until his death, November 14, 1899. The mother died some years before the father. They were parents of five sons, of whom four now survive: William, the oldest, of Cotton Hill Township; Samuel R., whose name heads this sketch; John L., a farmer, who lives with his brother Samuel; James B. is a resident of Enid, Okla.; George, who was the first-born, is deceased. A brother of Jonathan, David Weaver, was a soldier in the Civil War and starved to death in Andersonville Prison.

In boyhood Mr. Weaver began working in the brick yard of John Lauterbach and also worked for Henry Miller. In this capacity he helped make some of the brick that went into the State House and also the Home of the Friendless. He attended school during the winter months and most of his education was received in the old Third Ward School. Later he engaged in farming in Cotton Hill Township, near Grove City, and also near New City. He has forty acres of good farm land on Section 3 of Cotton Hill Township, where he has lived the past sixteen years, and has met with gratifying success in the enterprise. He is an energetic and practical farmer, as well as a good business man, and has the respect of the community where he lives. He takes an active interest in local affairs, is a Republican in political views, and is a useful and devout member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Weaver was married in Springfield, March 3, 1883, to Elizabeth Deweese, who was born in Indiana in 1863, a daughter of David and Nancy Deweese. Her father was a farmer by occupation and came to Sangamon County at an early day. He is now living with a son in Christian County and the mother is deceased. They had children as follows: Charles, a farmer of Christian County; John, on a farm near Taylorville; Peter, living near Pawnee; Edward, deceased; Emma, the youngest of the family; Amanda, deceased; Mrs. Weaver, who died March 31, 1894. Mr. Weaver and wife had children as follows: Ottie, wife of Ray Runyon, of St. Louis, an employe of the Wabash Railroad Company; Flora E., married E. Jackson, a school teacher, who now lives at Houston, Tex., where he is a clerk in a railroad depot; Iva M., and Lottie Agnes, at home with their father. Mr. Weaver has spent most of his life in Sangamon County, where he has many friends. He well remembers hearing Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas speak on the spot now the site of the Springfield post-office, when he was a small boy, and was greatly impressed by the event.

WEAVER, William H., who owns and operates a farm in Section 3, Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, was born in Hagerstown, Md., February 1, 1850, a son of Jonathan and Mary Ann Weaver, natives of that place. In 1855 the parents came to Mt. Morris, Ill., and the father followed his trade of carpenter there until he came to the farm now occupied by his son William. The two men were living together at the time of the father's death, and had then spent but two years apart. He died November 14, 1899, and the mother some years before him, and both are buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

As a boy William H. Weaver began working in a brick yard during the summer months and spending the remainder of the year in school. Upon leaving school he was employed as clerk in the drug store of Thomas Owens, where he remained four years, and in 1869 he removed to his present place. He has been actively engaged in farming ever since and has been successful in his operations. He remembers seeing Douglas and Lincoln in Springfield. He has been a resident of Sangamon County most of his life and remembers the wigwam which stood on the present site of the post-office in Springfield. The Weaver family have been representative of the best interests of their community and have been highly respected as useful and desirable citizens. The father purchased 120 acres of land, which is now the property of William H. Weaver, who operates twenty-five acres of it. He has some of the best farming land in the county and it is well improved and equipped.

Mr. Weaver was married in Springfield April 18, 1882, to Julia A. Baker, who died December 16, 1893, and he married as his second wife, December 25, 1894, Rosetta Crowder, their union taking place at the home where they now reside. Mrs. Weaver's parents were natives of Illinois and both are deceased, her father having passed away in early life. By his first marriage Mr. Weaver had two sons: Charles F., born June 23, 1883, living on a farm near Glenarm; William A., born January 17, 1886, lives at home. By his second marriage he had children as follows: Bertha M., George E., Mary R., Vena A. Mr. Weaver is a Methodist and all the family are active members of that church. He is a Republican in politics. He stands well with his neighbors and has many warm friends in the county.

WEBER, Charles E.—There are men in the world who direct their lives according to the Golden Rule, and in consequence can face their fellow men and rest assured that they have carried out the teachings of their religious faith. One of the older business men of Springfield, and one who made an enviable record for himself during the Civil War, is Charles E. Weber, born in Springfield, February 23, 1845, a son of John A. and Mary J. (Long) Weber. The father was born in Galena, Mo., September 15, 1811, while his wife was born in Greensburg, Ky., in 1823. The grandfather on the paternal side came to Springfield from Missouri, at a time when the present city was represented by a few frame houses. Charles E. Weber often went duck hunting where the Court House now stands, being very fond of all outdoor sports. John A. Weber

was a butcher and was engaged in business in Springfield for a number of years, dying there.

Reared in Springfield, Mr. Weber received a somewhat limited education, as he was put to work in a brickyard when only ten years old. Later on he embarked in a livery business, which he conducted for forty-eight years, being one of the best known men in his line. From December 28, 1863, when he enlisted in the Tenth Illinois Cavalry, under Colonel Wickersham, until the close of the war, he was a brave soldier, participating in a number of important engagements and was wounded in battle.

Mr. Weber was married at Whitehall, Greene County, Ill., August 25, 1869, to Sarah A. Bateman, born at Whitehall, December 25, 1850. Her father was an old pioneer of Illinois coming to the State when there were few residents aside from the Indians. Mr. and Mrs. Weber had two children: Fannie, born October 29, 1872, and George H., born May 15, 1876. Mr. Weber has always been fond of stock and is an excellent judge of horses. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen, Lodge No. 114. He and his family belong to the Methodist Church, and are active workers in it. All his life he has been a Republican, but has never had any political aspirations. Earnest in his endeavors, he has succeeded in material things, and has retained the friendship of those with whom he has been associated.

WEBER, Charles Eldridge (deceased), was one of Sangamon County's most highly esteemed farmers and spent his entire life in the county, where he was born, June 29, 1855. He was a son of John B. and Sarah (Wolts) Weber, the former a native of Virginia. John B. Weber was a cabinet-maker in early life but later devoted himself to farming. He was one of the early settlers of Sangamon County and there his death occurred. He was married twice, his second wife being Nancy Drennan.

Charles E. Weber spent his boyhood on a farm and attended the schools of Pawnee. He won the entire respect and esteem of his fellows and was considered a useful, desirable citizen, who was interested in the general welfare. He was fond of home and proud of his family, as he had every reason to be. He and his children were members of the Methodist Church, while his widow is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Republican, but the last years of his life voted the Prohibition ticket.

The marriage of Mr. Weber took place in Sangamon County, October 18, 1880, Rev. J. J. Hudson officiating, when he was united with Laura M. Nuckolls, born in Sangamon County November 13, 1862, daughter of James M. and Nancy (Drennan) Nuckolls, the former of whom died in 1866, and the latter is now living at Glenarm. Mr. Nuckolls was for many years in business in Sangamon County, conducting a saw-mill and running a threshing machine. Mrs. Nuckolls' father was a native of North Carolina, but died in Sangamon County to which he had emigrated in boyhood. Four children were born to Mr. Weber and his wife: James E., born May 11, 1882, married Bertha A. Brown, is a farmer by occupation, and they live at Divernon and have three children—Geraldine, Nelson and Josephine; Edith, born December 25, 1883, is unmarried and lives at home; Mabel, born May 21, 1885, also unmarried and living at home; George H., born July 16, 1893, unmarried. Mrs. Weber is well known in the community and now owns the farm where she resides. Mr. Weber's death occurred in Nebraska, where he had made a trip, in November, 1901. He died in a hospital and his body was brought home, being interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was a man of pleasing personality and had made many friends, who sincerely mourned his loss.

WEBER, Eli.—Many of those interested in agricultural pursuits in Sangamon County make their homes in nearby towns or cities, leaving their property in charge of a superintendent, while they devote their energies to other lines of activity. An example of this method is found in Eli Weber, owner of an excellent tract of land in Sangamon County, who has been engaged in other lines of endeavor in Pawnee, where he makes his home. Mr. Weber was born in Pawnee Township, Sangamon County, Ill., April 26, 1871, a son of George P. and Vienna (Meader) Weber.

John B. Weber, the grandfather of Eli, was born April 7, 1810, in Shepherdstown, Va., and came to Illinois at an early day, locating in Sangamon County, where he died in 1889. In 1849 he had gone to California during the gold rush, but returned in 1851. His wife, Sarah Woltz, was born March 20, 1812, in Shepherdstown, Va., and died in Sangamon County, August 5, 1866, having been the mother of several children. Andrew J., the eldest, born in Springfield, September 9, 1840, was elected Captain and later Major of Company B, Eleventh Missouri Volunteers, and later became Colonel, meeting his death at the battle of Vicksburg; James W., the third son, born November 10, 1844, in Springfield, Ill., was killed by bushwhackers while returning from the war. George P. Weber was born in Springfield, Ill., December 2, 1842, and during his entire life engaged in farming and stockraising, his death occurring July 26, 1903, at Valparaiso, Neb., and interment being made at Oak Ridge Cemetery. His wife was born in Pawnee Township, April 21, 1843, and they had these children: Miriam M., Sarah A., Timothy M., Eli and Eva; Benjamin R. B., the fourth son, now living in Colorado, married Sarah McCormick and had three children; Charles E., deceased, the fifth son, married Laura Nuckolls and had four children. Amanda married Ethan Mengle and had three children, and Cornelia married Milton Connelly and had one child.

George P. Weber enlisted April 15, 1861, in Company B, 11th Missouri Infantry, and on

May 1, 1864, at St. Louis, received his honorable discharge, on account of disability. At the time of his discharge he was First Lieutenant of the regiment. On the way home the regiment was presented by the citizens of St. Louis with a fine stand of colors and floral pieces, and also given a grand banquet. His brother Andrew J. was a Colonel when but twenty-two years of age, and on June 29, 1863, before Vicksburg, was wounded in the head, dying the next day, June 30th. His remains were escorted to the steamer by the whole brigade and were sent to his home in Springfield, where he was buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Col. Weber was universally esteemed and beloved, and there was much sorrow over his early death. The "A. J. Weber Post" is named in his honor.

Eli Weber received his preliminary education in the country schools and later attended the Illinois Wesleyan College at Bloomington. He remained at home until nineteen years of age, at which time he was married and located on a farm near Pawnee, which consists of 750 acres, and on which he is now erecting the finest residence in Pawnee Township. The home place consists of 440 acres. With the exception of two years spent in Nebraska, Mr. Weber has always resided in Sangamon County, being engaged in farming and stockraising, as well as in the undertaking business, but he has retired from the latter during the past few years. He has been prominent in public matters in this section for quite a period, serving as Supervisor of Pawnee Township for four years, as School Director and as Highway Commissioner. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen and the Masons, while his religious connection is with the Golden Rule Church. He adheres to the principles of the Republican party, but for years has cast his vote for the man rather than the party.

Mr. Weber was married in Rochester, Ill., January 2, 1890, to Arminda Shepherd, who was born August 9, 1870, in Pawnee Township, daughter of John H. and Ann (Pyle) Shepherd, the former of whom was born at Woodside, Ill., February 21, 1838, and died April 8, 1903, after a life spent in agricultural pursuits, and the latter of whom was born in St. Clair County, Ill., August 13, 1844, and died at Charleston November 20, 1888, both being buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery. They were married October 6, 1869. Mrs. Weber's paternal grandfather was born June 28, 1806, in Jefferson County, Va., and was married July 3, 1834 to Ellen Miller, who was born June 24, 1813, in Shepherdstown, Va. Both died in Sangamon County, Ill. Grandfather Pyle was a native of Kentucky, in which State he was born October 12, 1806, and he died in St. Clair County, Ill., March 3, 1852, where he had spent his life in farming and stockraising. To Mr. and Mrs. Weber there have been born two children: Ann May, born February 12, 1891, and Bert, born March 26, 1895, both living at home with their parents.

WEBER, William Shepherd, a farmer and merchant living at Zenobia, Pawnee Township, Sangamon County, has been engaged in business at his present location the past forty-two years, and is well and favorably known in the community. He was born in Springfield March 11, 1844, one of the six children born to Philip W. and Amanda M. (Shepherd) Weber. The father was born near Shepherdstown, Va., January 28, 1812, and the mother was born November 8, 1812, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Byers) Shepherd. Thomas Shepherd was born in Shepherdstown November 3, 1774, and died in his native town November 9, 1832. In 1805 he married Mary Byers, a native of the same town as himself, and they had eight children, who came to Sangamon County. He was a son of Thomas and Susan (Hulse) Shepherd, and a grandson of Thomas Shepherd, who emigrated from Wales to Virginia before the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Mary (Byers) Shepherd came to Sangamon County with her eldest son in 1836 and died in the house of her son-in-law, Philip W. Weber, November 25, 1870.

Philip W. Weber removed to Raymond, Miss., in 1835, and in connection with others erected a mill, but sold his interests there and came to Sangamon County in 1837. In 1849 he went to California, returning ten years later, and with his brother, John B., bought land and engaged in farming near Pawnee. He and his wife had children as follows: John P., born March 19, 1840; Mary E.; William S., subject of this sketch; Amanda, born March 3, 1846; Sarah C.; and Emma S.

William S. Weber was educated in the Pawnee public schools and in his youth laid the foundation of a useful career. Up to this time, as he is proud to relate, he has never sworn an oath, never tasted liquor in any form, and has never drank a whole cup of coffee. He has never used tobacco in any form, except to smoke (in his entire life) about five cigars. He has robust health and has never been sick a whole day in his life. He enlisted in August, 1862, at Springfield, in one of two companies which were consolidated to form Company K, One Hundred Twenty-fourth Illinois Infantry, and spent six weeks at Camp Butler, but as he was so young and was small for his age, he was left out. In 1863 he went to Missouri and tried to enlist, but was again unsuccessful.

Mr. Weber was married at Pawnee, Ill., January 1, 1867, to Miss Henrietta Lough, who was born in Jerseyville, Ill., July 16, 1849, daughter of Lawrence and Hannah (Whitehead) Lough, her father a native of New Jersey and her mother of Wisconsin. Three sons and three daughters have been born of this union: Frank Shepherd, born January 24, 1868; Andrew James, July 27, 1870; Charles Philip, October 14, 1874; Minnie Irene, May 17, 1877; Alice Lorena, September 16, 1882, and Effie May, July 27, 1886.

Mr. Weber is a prosperous farmer, owning one hundred fifty acres of choice farm land in Pawnee Township, and also land in Christian County. He has a good trade and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his patrons. He is actively interested in the welfare and growth of the community along all lines, and in politics is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Church and for twelve years was a member of the Masonic Order. He served a number of years as Township Assessor.

WEBSTER, Stephen (deceased), was born in Orleans County, N. Y., June 14, 1825. He spent his entire life (except a few years in Chicago) in his native State, being buried at Mt. Albion, N. Y. His father operated a farm near Hawley and was also a native of New York. His mother, Kate (Littlefield) Webster, was a native of New York. Many of Mr. Webster's ancestors took active parts in the exciting events preceding the Revolution and during the struggle, and were of the old eastern stock of Connecticut.

After taking an academic course at Albion, N. Y., Stephen Webster embarked in the drug business, which he continued several years. He also began dealing in grain, and in the latter enterprise became so successful that he devoted his whole attention to it and had entire charge of the great stock yards at Suspension Bridge, N. Y. He became quite wealthy, being a man of industrious habits and considerable energy. One of his best western customers was Algernon Farr, the great stock shipper of Illinois. However, he met serious reverses of fortune and died a poor man. Being of a quiet disposition and a great lover of his home, he never connected himself with any fraternal orders and did not aspire to public office. His religious connections were with the Congregational Church.

January 29, 1863, Mr. Webster was married, at Niagara City, N. Y., by Reverend Webb, to Mary A. Rhodes, who was born at Albion, N. Y., January 25, 1836, daughter of Richard Boone and Charity E. (Bidwell) Rhodes. Richard Boone Rhodes had married (first) November 1, 1832, Nancy Sherwood, of Chautauqua, N. Y., who lived but a short time. The first of the Rhodes family in America was John Rhodes, who came from England in 1630, and one of his descendants, Walter Rhodes, born June 2, 1770, in Providence, R. I., died in 1829. Walter Rhodes was married, in 1792, to Mary Perkins, who was also born in Providence, in 1767, died in 1869, and lived to celebrate her one hundredth birthday, at which time she was able to read and write with ease. The Perkins family also came from England (in 1630), and the grandfather of Richard B. Rhodes, Nathaniel Perkins, born in 1710, was a gunsmith and manufactured guns for the use of the colonists during the Revolution. Mrs. Webster's mother, Charity Bidwell, was a descendant of John Bidwell, from the north of England, who settled at Hartford, Ct., in 1635, married Sarah Wilcox, and died in 1687.

Richard B. Rhodes was a mechanic of great skill and prominence and learned his trade at Pittsburg, Pa., and Jamestown, N. Y., where he learned the secret of tempering by shade the edge of sharp steel tools of all kinds. He himself afterwards built a factory for making tools at Chautauqua, and later at Waterport, N. Y. He was the inventor of many useful articles and became known in many parts of the country through his intelligence and skill. He firmly believed he had discovered perpetual motion, and at one time considered placing his invention on the market. Mrs. Webster distinctly remembers hearing her father describe this invention to her mother. In later life, thinking he was losing his sight, he called a convention of tool makers and gave to them the secret of tempering tools. His father, Walter Rhodes, was also an inventor and mechanic. He erected a shingle mill, flume and water wheel, and was killed by accident at this place. He worked for some time for a man named Curtis, a manufacturer of farm tools, at Albion, N. Y., and while in this position studied to perfect the reaper. Afterwards, while working at Brockport he perfected the real part of this machine that gathers and throws over the bundles. He also invented the "Butterfly" drag that was so much used on land, because it would go between stumps in cultivating. Mr. Rhodes also invented a gate that would swing both ways, and a horse hay-rake that would rake the hay into windrows. When the contractor, who was ready to begin work on the great suspension bridge between Canada and Niagara City, was unable to figure how to get a line across as the first move, Mr. Rhodes solved the difficulty by advising that a kite be flown over. Mrs. Webster herself inherited a great deal of mechanical genius from her father and invented a very practical doughnut cutter, which she had made for her own use and which she heard was afterwards patented, but she receives no royalties on it as her idea was appropriated by others.

Mr. Rhodes, the father of Mrs. Webster, was born April 6, 1807, and died October 20, 1878, and his second wife, who was born May 12, 1813, died November 13, 1872. An ancestor of Mr. Rhodes, John Rhodes, was a member of the famous "Boston Tea Party," and threw the second box of tea overboard. Her parents and ancestors on both sides were very devout Christians as far back as 1600.

Left alone in the world, without a dollar, Mrs. Webster had before her the immediate question of how she should earn her livelihood. In October, 1870, she began working at dress and cloak making, which she continued at Niagara Falls, N. Y., until July, 1877, when she was advised by her old physician, Dr. E. B. Rice, of Niagara, N. Y., to go west, and moved to Vandalia, Fayette County, Ill., where she remained one and one-half years and one and one-half years at Carbondale, Ill., until 1879, during which time her father and two sisters died, and she then moved to Springfield, in 1880, where she continued at her trade with good success, being able to save some money, but her health failed,

and Rev. David More, D. D., formerly of her old home in New York, advised her to go to Florida, where his wife had been taken to regain her health. In 1885 Mrs. Webster went to Deland, Fla., and there purchased a home and worked at her trade, remaining there until 1889, when she sold her home to an attorney from New Jersey, who afterwards sold it to J. B. Stetson, the celebrated hat manufacturer, who built on this fine location one of the most magnificent homes in Florida. Returning to Springfield, Mrs. Webster resumed work at her trade and was able to accumulate some valuable real estate. She is a well-informed woman, of good business ability, taking an intelligent and broad view of most subjects, and justly proud of her success in her own behalf. She is a good conversationalist and has many interesting incidents to relate as a consequence of her travels and her varied experiences. She is justly proud of her ancestors and their achievements, and takes great interest in learning their history. She has in her possession a letter which was written by her father's mother to her son in 1842, which was simply folded and addressed (no envelope being used in those days) and then sealed and stamped by the Postmaster. Among the choice pieces of property owned by Mrs. Webster is her home at No. 1029 South Third Street. Mrs. Webster is a member of the Central Baptist Church, of Springfield.

WEHRLE, August, who has for twenty-eight years been engaged in the dairy business in Springfield, Ill., is one of the old and honored residents of the city, and has seen and taken part in many changes that have occurred here. He is a native of Baden, Germany, born August 11, 1834, a son of August and Mary Wehrle, natives of Germany. August Wehrle, Sr., was a commissioned officer in the German army, being employed in guarding the German frontier on the line of France. He died in Germany and shortly thereafter his widow came to Springfield, where she remained until her death in 1902, at the age of ninety-two years.

August Wehrle was but eighteen years old when he came to America, his education having been secured in the schools of his native land. He first located in New Orleans, went thence to Cincinnati, Ohio, and later to Brooklyn, Ind., but subsequently walked back to Cincinnati, where he remained two years. He then went to Jeffersonville, Ind., where he remained a short time, but again went back to Cincinnati, and commenced working on the river boats running from Cincinnati to St. Louis. In 1859 he transferred his residence to St. Louis, but continued to work on the river and was so engaged until 1865, when he came to Springfield, and this has been his home ever since. For twenty-eight years he was engaged in a dairy business and his efforts met with success. He is a member of St. Vincent's Society and of the Catholic Church of SS. Peter and Paul. In political convictions he is a stanch Democrat.

In 1861, in St. Louis, Mr. Wehrle was married to Theresa Metzger, a native of Baden, Germany, who died in January, 1908. Of the fifteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wehrle the following survive: Burkhart, living at home; Henry, in the employ of the West End Coal Company; Adam; Charles, who is engaged in the transfer business; Emily, the wife of Levi Hurt; Mary, who married John Whitmore; Anna, who is the wife of Gus Opert, an engineer of Danville, Ill.; Eva, the wife of Joseph Loeser, in the employ of the Schneck Lumber Company; and Lena, the wife of Frederick Gramlich.

WEHRMAN, Henry.—The stability and reliability of the German-born citizens of America, make them the best kind of men to place in positions of trust and responsibility, a fact long ago recognized by those in authority. One of the men who are proud of the fact that they were born in the Fatherland, is Henry Wehrman, of No. 445 West Carpenter Street, Springfield, for twenty-nine years one of the valued employes of Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was born September 12, 1846, in Baden, Germany, being a son of John and Christina (Leishermer) Wehrman, natives of Germany. The father was a stone mason, working at his trade in Germany, where he and his wife spent their lives. They had four sons and one daughter, Mr. Wehrman and a son in Germany being the only survivors.

Like many of his countrymen, Mr. Wehrman gave four years' service to his country, being in the Franco-Prussian War. He had received a good education in his native land, and had been taught farming. In May, 1872, he sailed to America, which stretched out before him as a land of promise, and while he has not realized all his hopes, he has made his life yield him a fair measure of success. Landing in New York, he came direct to Springfield, where he obtained employment on the Hickox farm and remained there two years. For the next two years he was in the employ of the Springfield Rolling Mills, and then entered the employ of the Oak Ridge Cemetery, where he has since remained.

In June, 1872, soon after his arrival in Springfield, he was married to Catherine Boner, also of Germany, where she was born in November, 1851. Her father was a farmer and never came to America. She had a sister and a brother, the latter of whom is deceased, but the former survives, living in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Wehrman became the parents of four children: Catherine, wife of John Heisinger of Evanston; Paul, in the employ of the Schnepp & Barnes Company, of this city; Margaret, wife of Louis Connover, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Gustav, of Springfield. There are two grandchildren in the family. Mr. Wehrman is a Democrat. He belongs to Trinity German Lutheran Church, and is liberal in his support of it. He owns the family home, which is a

beautiful one, as well as several other residences in the city, for he has faith in Springfield and proves it by investing in its realty. He is a reliable, honorable man, whose life had been spent in hard work, and deserves all the affection and respect he has always commanded.

WEICE, George (deceased).—The German character is one that commands great admiration, for it stands for much that is best in a community. The German-Americans are among the best class of citizens the country knows. Carefully trained in their trades, the Germans come here prepared to give good, hard work in exchange for the remuneration offered, and they save with careful thrift out of what they earn, so that in a short time they own their homes. The home owner is more interested in securing good, stable government than he who moves with every passing fancy. It is for these and other equally cogent reasons that the Germans are welcomed in any community. One source of Springfield's prosperity is the fact that Germans have settled there in large numbers, and among one who carried out every good feature of his countrymen was the late George Weice, for many years a contracting painter of that city. Mr. Weice was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, December 21, 1831, a son of John and Margaret Weitz, farming people of Hesse Darmstadt, which remained their home until deaths.

George Weice grew up on his father's farm, receiving a good education in his native tongue, but he was ambitious and, having learned the trade of painter, resolved to seek a new field of operation in America. Consequently he came, in 1859, locating in Springfield, which continued to be his home until his death, December 20, 1871. His remains were interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery. For years he was a successful contracting painter, and won the confidence of his patrons by his excellent work and conscientious attention to the terms of his contracts. He was a Mason and Odd Fellow, belonging to the Springfield lodges of both orders. His political sentiments made him a Republican, and he was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

In 1859, Mr. Weice was married in Springfield, to Sophia Machatans, born in Saxony, Germany, daughter of Godfreid and Mary (Jacobs) Machatans. Came to America and located in Springfield, Ill., both are buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Weice had five children, two of whom survive: Minnie, born August 31, 1861, living with her mother, and Louis, residing at No. 400 West Monroe Street, who was born in 1869. Mrs. Weice owns the family residence at No. 211 West Jefferson Street, which has been her home since 1860. She is a most excellent woman, devoted to her children, and kind and neighborly in her associations with those about her.

WEISZ, John (deceased).—As long as the State buildings at Springfield stand as monuments to the skill and artistic ability of those who aided in their building and decoration, will the name of John Weisz be remembered, for he aided in the interior decoration of these structures, as well as in that of many of the private residences of the city. Although he has passed from this life his work remains, and the memory, as well, of his many excellent traits of character, which won him so many warm personal friends. Mr. Weisz was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, in 1836, a son of John Weisz, also a native of Germany, who was a farmer and weaving-mill owner. He and his wife came to America at an early day (1852) and to Springfield when it was a village. They engaged in farming in its vicinity and made a specialty of raising garden truck for the Springfield market. This was their work until death claimed them.

John Weisz was educated in Germany and there learned the wagon-making trade, but after he accompanied his parents to America, learned that of a painter and decorator, and established himself in business, earning and retaining a large trade. His work was artistic in the extreme, and so well done as to make it eagerly sought by those who appreciated good effects. He continued in business until the time of his demise, in 1879. In religious faith, he was a German Lutheran, as are his widow and children, and in politics he was a Republican.

Mr. Weisz was married in Springfield, in 1861, to Augusta Schwarberg, born in Hanover, Germany, June 22, 1839. Her parents never emigrated, dying in Germany, where they were born. The father was a school-teacher in Hanover, where he was very well known. Mr. and Mrs. Weisz had seven children, four of whom survive: August R., traveling salesman for the Illinois Watch Company, has been with the company for a number of years; John is also in the employ of this company; Charles is a resident of Chicago, and Louise lives at home. Mrs. Weisz owns her beautiful home at No. 719 South Ninth Street, as well as considerable other property in Springfield, having been left well-to-do through the watchful care of her husband, who provided well for his dear ones before death took him away from them. He was an excellent example of the best class of German-American, and well deserved the success which attended him.

WELCH, Abednego Richardson.—There have been many changes in Sangamon County during the past forty years, and those who located in the 'sixties and 'seventies bear witness to the truth of this statement. More than anything else has the value of farm land altered, now being so valuable that a number of the farmers are specializing on a few acres, producing some of the finest fruit and vegetables to be found on the market. A farmer who has grown with the advance in everything, is Abednego Richardson Welch, of Springfield Township, born in Washington County, Ind., October 24, 1837, a son of

Enoch F. and Mabel (Powell) Welch, the former born in Kentucky in 1812.

The parents came to Indiana at a very early day, but later migrated to Morgan County, Ill., where the father died in 1875, having been a farmer all his life. His wife passed away when sixty-one years old. The paternal great-grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier. As Enoch F. Welch moved about to a considerable extent during the boyhood of Abednego, the latter did not receive much education until he was twenty-two years old, when he paid for tuition. He worked for his father, learning how to farm, and when he began for himself adopted this calling, and has continued in it all his life. In 1863 Mr. Welch came to Sangamon County, and since then has not been more than a mile from home. For twenty-seven years he has lived on his present farm of seven and one-half acres, which he has developed into a fine property.

Mr. Welch was married in Springfield, in January, 1864, to Elizabeth Hammonds, a daughter of Harrison and Delila Hammonds, who came to Illinois at an early day, from Indiana, but both are now deceased. Mrs. Welch died November 13, 1883, having borne her husband children as follows: Permelia, wife of George Langfield, a farmer of Sangamon County; Lucy, wife of William Brown, a miner; Hester, wife of William Hahn, a dairyman; Rosetta, and four who are deceased. Miss Rosetta had the misfortune to be born blind, but her father has given her so superior an education that she has many resources that might otherwise be denied her. There are sixteen grand children and one great grand child in the family.

The family are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Welch is a Democrat and is enthusiastic in his support of its candidates and principles. His devotion to his blind daughter is a beautiful thing, and she repays his love and care with a touching affection. The family stand high in the neighborhood, and Mr. and Miss Welch have many warm, personal friends who appreciate their excellent qualities.

WELCH, George Merrit, who resides in his pleasant home at No. 409 West Canedy Street, which represents years of frugality and hard work, is now the trusted watchman of the Rayfield Auto Company works, Springfield. He was born in Tonawanda, Erie County, N. Y., January 2, 1849, a son of George W. and Margaret (Forbes) Welch. The Welch family was founded in this country by the grandfather, who came from Ireland, locating in Clifton Park, N. Y., where he was a timberman, being killed by a log which rolled on him. George W., father of George M. Welch, was born in the village of Clifton Park, and became a merchant there, but died at the very early age of twenty-two years, of cholera. His widow married Nelson A. Neher, now a resident of Springfield, who has attained the advanced age of ninety-two years. His wife died there at the age of sixty-eight years.

George Merrit Welch attended school but little, for being left half orphan when only five months old, he never knew a father's care, and as early as possible had to earn his own living. Until he was fourteen years old he lived with his Grandfather Forbes, and then began working on a farm at fifty cents per day. When he was sixteen years old he began working on the tow path of the Erie canal, but after one summer at this became a steersman on a boat, continuing thus for two seasons. His attention having been called to Illinois, he came to Lanark, Carroll County, and was a clerk in his Uncle Edgar Welch's store for nearly two years. Following this he went to work in a saw-mill at Alpena, Mich., being in it during the summer and scaling logs in the woods in the winter. At the close of three years he moved to Monroe, Mich., and worked in a lumber yard owned by Caleb Ives, and also scaled logs for him, eventually being made general manager of Mr. Ives' business After two years there he journeyed to New York for a short visit. On his return west he reached Toledo, when his funds gave out. He had nothing to eat and no place to sleep, and was feeling discouraged, when he met his former employer, Mr. Ives, who appeared as glad to see him, as he was to meet the man for whom he had worked so faithfully. Mr. Ives sent Mr. Welch straight to Cincinnati, Ohio, to do some collecting for him, and Mr. Welch spent eighteen months in that city, looking after Mr. Ives' interests there. His next venture was as agent for a patent fire kindler, operating in Jackson and vicinity. Once more he went back to New York, and thence to Rutland, Vt., where he worked in a foundry owned by Thomas Ross, and while there worked on some of the columns for the Albany State House. In 1880 he returned to Illinois, going to work on the Wabash Railroad as fireman, and running out of Springfield. From this he worked up to be engineer, continuing in the employ of this railroad for twelve years. Then, leaving the road, he operated a switch engine in the rolling mills. Going to Pine Bluffs, Ark., he was fireman on the Cotton Belt Railroad, being promoted to the position of engineer, but at the expiration of three years came to Macomb, Ill., and ran a stationary engine at the pottery plant for a year. Coming again to Springfield, he was salesman for the Springfield Paper Company for seven years, afterwards engaging in various lines of work, and is now watchman of the Rayfield Auto Company works.

On April 28, 1886, Mr. Welch was married in the Central Baptist Church to Anna M. Lindsay, of Springfield, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Elder) Lindsay. Five children have been born to them: Arlena B., unmarried; Annie Louise, at home; Howard and Harold, twins, and George. Mr. Welch is a consistent member of the Central Baptist Church. Politically he is

a Republican, but his inclinations have never led him to seek office.

WELDON, Lawrence. (Vol. I, p. 582.)

WELLS, Richard R.—Industry, perseverance, intelligence and good judgment are the price of success in agricultural work in these modern days of farming, when the hard, unremitting toil of former years has given way to the scientific use of modern machinery and a knowledge of the proper treatment of the soil. Sangamon County has many skilled farmers, who treat their vocation more as a profession than a mere occupation, and take justifiable pride in their accomplishments. Among them may be mentioned Richard R. Wells, of Salisbury Township. Mr. Wells was born on Section 34, Salisbury Township, December 12, 1871, a son of James H. and Margaret (Sackett) Wells.

James H. Wells was born on a farm in Clark County, Ind., May 31, 1834, and was compelled early in life to begin to work for himself, his parents having died. He was married July 8, 1852, to Margaret J. Sackett, and they began life on a rented farm in Menard County, Ill. There they remained until 1853, in which year Mr. Wells purchased his first piece of land on Section 34, Salisbury Township, on which there was a small frame building. Aided by his good wife, he worked from sunup to sunset, year after year, to cut the timber and haul it to Springfield for the market. Mr. Wells added to his property piece by piece, and as soon as he had a good start, began erecting substantial buildings and making a comfortable home for those to follow him. At the time of his death he was the owner of 1100 acres of land and was considered one of the leading men of Salisbury Township. He was a strong man politically, being many times Supervisor of his township, and was always trying to further those interests which would be of benefit to his community. He passed to his reward July 13, 1902, having been married fifty years the eighth of that month. His widow still survives and is making her home in Salisbury, having reached the age of seventy-seven years. Of their six children five grew to maturity: L. M., who is one of the successful farmers of Salisbury Township and owner of a part of the old homestead, married Rose Kern, and they had ten children: Harriet E., widow of A. B. Hohlmer, residing at Chatham, Ill., has eight children: Mary, wife of George Kern, residing in Springfield, has eight children; Selia, wife of Marshall S. Grider, has three children; and Richard R.

Richard R. Wells received a district school education and was reared to the life of a farmer, remaining at home until his marriage, March 10, 1892, by Rev. Goff, to Miss Cora V. Campbell, who was born in Cartwright Township, June 4, 1873, daughter of William V. and Mary E. (Valentine) Campbell. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wells remained on the Wells homestead for one year, but in the spring of 1893 they removed to another farm belonging to Mr. Wells' father, and in 1895 again moved, locating on their present place on Section 34, Salisbury Township, which is now one of Sangamon County's best farms. Mr. Wells has 252 acres of land in one body in a high state of cultivation, where he raises large crops and breeds an excellent grade of livestock. They have a beautiful home, furnished with all the modern improvements, including heat, water and light, and it is ably presided over by Mrs. Wells. Mr. Wells is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells have been the parents of three children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Earl E., born November 20, 1892, died April 10, 1911, buried in the family lot, in Richland Cemetery; and Beulah Belle, born October 25, 1896, who lives at home.

WELSH, John V. (deceased), for many years a farmer in Sections 2 and 3, Ball Township, Sangamon County, where he owned a farm of 160 acres, was an industrious, useful citizen, who worked hard to bring his land to a high state of development and cultivation, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a kind neighbor, a good husband and father, and was interested in the welfare of his community. Mr. Welsh was born in Lovettsville, Loudoun County, May 1, 1857, a son of William and Mary Welsh, both natives of County Tipperary, Ireland, who emigrated to Virginia and there spent the remainder of their lives. The parents of both died in Ireland. John V. Welsh was reared on a farm and received his education in the public schools of his native State. He always had a cheerful disposition, was a man of steady habits, and was much interested in whatever work he had in hand. He was fond of dancing and similar diversions. As a young man he came to Sangamon County to join a brother who had preceded him there, and spent the remainder of his life in farming operations in that county. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, of Springfield, and in politics was always a Republican.

Mr. Welsh was married at Auburn, Ill., January 30, 1883, Father Finnegan officiating, to Miss Mary A. Heffernan, born in Sangamon County, August 15, 1858, daughter of Edward and Catherine (Keefe) Heffernan, natives of County Tipperary, Ireland, both deceased and buried in Calvary Cemetery, Springfield. They emigrated to America and were married in Ohio. The father died on Mr. Welsh's farm August 29, 1905, and Mrs. Heffernan died in Springfield in 1894. Six children were born to Mr. Welsh and wife, four of whom survive: William, born March 7, 1887, died January 17, 1897; James, born June 18, 1895, died October 7, 1898; Josie, born December 30, 1883, was married in New Mexico, to Charles Faylor, and they now live in Pueblo, Col.; Ellen, born

September 7, 1885, lives at home with her mother; Edward, born February 13, 1889, married Marie Albers and they live on a farm in Ball Township and have two children, Mary Ellen, born May 19, 1909, and Anna Josephine, born January 17, 1911; John, born May 7, 1891, lives at home. Mr. Welsh died on his farm March 12, 1896, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Springfield. His widow still resides on the home place with two of her children, John and Ellen. Mrs. Welsh is well known in Sangamon County, where her entire life has been spent, and has a large number of friends there.

WELSH, Patrick, a retired citizen of Springfield, has lived in the city sixty years. He was born in County Limerick, Ireland, about 1834, and is a son of John and Mary (McGrath) Welsh, who lived on a farm seven miles from the City of Limerick. The father died and the mother married again. Patrick Welsh received his education in his native country and as a boy accompanied his mother and step-father to America. They landed in Quebec, Canada, and the young man found employment in a furniture factory in Troy, N. Y. He was married, while a resident of the State of New York, to Miss Bridget Hogany, and they came to Springfield, Ill., where he found employment on the Wabash Railroad. He was employed in various capacities and eventually purchased two acres of land surrounding his home. Mrs. Welsh died in Springfield and he married (second) Katy Christy, who also died in Springfield. Mr. Welsh married (third), February 2, 1878, Miss Kate Maron, who was born in County Monahan, Ireland, a daughter of Barney and Catherine (Finnegan) Maron. She came to America as a child but her parents died in Ireland.

By his first marriage Mr. Welsh had two children, John and Michael, of San Francisco, Cal. By his second marriage he had one child who died at the age of fourteen years. By his third marriage he had children as follows: Patrick, went to Australia; Bridget, Mrs. John O'Laughlin, of Springfield; Nora, Mrs. Charles Walls, of Springfield; Daniel Richmond, died at the age of fourteen years: Catherine and Bernard Hugh, at home; Mary Frances and Margaret Emma. Mr. Welsh has witnessed many important changes and improvements in Springfield since locating there and has contributed his share toward promoting the best interests of the community. He is upright and reliable and well liked by his many friends. He is an active member of St. Joseph's Church and in politics is a stanch Democrat. He was a close friend of Abraham Lincoln and often played ball with him.

WENNEBORG, Henry.—Nothing is surer to result in good government and the establishment and maintenance of excellent schools, than the location in a city of men who have for their main object in life the founding of a family. The Germans look forward to this, taking pride in their children and in owning their homes and for this reason, and also because they are industrious and thrifty, they are warmly welcomed in this country. One of the representative German-Americans of Springfield is Henry Wenneborg, now living retired, at No. 609 North Calhoun Avenue. He was born in Germany, April 16, 1842, a son of Rudolph and Christina Wenneborg, also natives of Germany. During the Franco-Prussian war of 1812-14, Rudolph Wenneborg was a soldier, and after his term of service expired, he returned home to take up his trade of blacksmithing. He spent his life in Germany, both he and his wife dying there.

Henry Wenneborg was educated in Germany, and in accordance with the excellent custom of that country, was taught a trade, selecting that of blacksmith. He served in the regular army of his country for six years, but in 1866, came to Montreal, Canada, where he remained four months. Not liking it there, he came on to Springfield, where he had friends, and soon found employment as a blacksmith. Until three years ago Mr. Wenneborg worked at his trade, becoming one of the best-known men in his line in the county, and winning friends by his efficient work and genial manner. However, in 1907, feeling that he had earned the rest, he retired, and since then has not been actively interested in any business matters.

Mr. Wenneborg was married in Springfield, June 27, 1867, being then united with Louisa Sauer, born in Germany, October 10, 1841. Her parents never came to this country, but lived and died in Germany. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wenneborg: William, of Farmersville, Ill., a member of the firm of Wenneborg & Company; Jennie, wife of Wilbur Morris, of Springfield; Otto, of Farmersville, Ill., with the Wenneborg Coal Company; Elizabeth; Henry, with the New West Coal Company; Anna, wife of Edward Mittendorf, a tailor; and Emma, wife of Charles Anderson, a tailor of Springfield. There are twenty-two grandchildren in this family. Mr. Wenneborg is a member of St. John's German Lutheran Church, towards which he subscribes liberally.

WENNEBORG, Otto.—Honest endeavor conscientiously directed along any line will meet with success, and Otto Wenneborg, the veteran blacksmith of Springfield, has proven this in his long and useful life. He was born in Hanover, Germany, February 16, 1832, a son of Rudolph and Christina Wenneborg, both of Germany. They died in their native land, where the father was a blacksmith. He had served as a soldier in the Franco-Prussian war of 1812, and was a good, industrious man.

Otto Wenneborg received a public school education in Germany, but came to America in 1857 and direct to Springfield. There he learned the blacksmithing trade, and has worked at it ever since. He has established a reputation for hon-

est work, and now has customers who came to him when he first started in business for himself. His home at No. 1305 Ledlie Avenue, is the one in which he established himself on coming to the city.

He was married in Germany to Caroline Sauer, born in Hanover, Germany, whose parents passed away in their native land. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wenneborg: Anna, wife of George Steffen, a butcher; Minnie, wife of Nels Johnson; Mary, wife of A. Speitel, of Quincy, Ill.; Otto H., a blacksmith in the employ of the Springfield Cooperative Company. Mr. and Mrs. Wenneborg have eleven grandchildren, of whom they are very proud. The family belong to St. John German Lutheran Church, in which they have always taken an active part. Mr. Wenneborg is a Democrat in political affiliations. He possesses the German characteristics of industry, thrift and perseverance, and, while proud of his adopted country, his heart inclines towards the Fatherland, and he keeps up many of the customs he and his wife brought with them when they sought a new home.

WERNER, Charles.—After a useful life spent in hard work and as an official of the county, Charles Werner is now living retired at No. 551 South State Street, Springfield. He was born November 1, 1853, at New Haven, Conn., a son of Charles and Marie (Sharp) Werner, natives of Germany, the former born Feburary 28, 1829, and the latter October 28, 1831. The father was a machinist and engineer.

Mr. Werner raised a company during the Spanish-American War, of which he was made Captain, but saw no active service. A strong Democrat, he has represented his party upon numerous occasions, being elected and serving as Commissioner of Highways for twelve years, Supervisor of Clear Lake Township eight years (serving as Chairman of the Board one year); was for two years on the County Board of Review, and for four years was Sheriff of Sangamon County. In each office he gave the people a loyal, honorable service, and gained an undying reputation for integrity and uprightness. Fraternally he is a Mason, Modern Woodman of America, Red Man, Royal Neighbor, and also belongs to the Farmers' Alliance and the Knights of Labor. His religious affiliations are with the Catholic Church.

On October 10, 1882, Mr. Werner was united in marriage, at Riverton, Ill., with Elizabeth Fitzgerald, born in Springfield, December 1, 1861, daughter of Morris and Ellen (Flynn) Fitzgerald, natives of Ireland, the former born April 13, 1839, and the latter, October 1, 1839. Mr. and Mrs. Werner became the parents of the following children: Charles A., born December 7, 1883; Ellen E., born November 23, 1885; Marie H., born August 1, 1887; Catherine M., born February 19, 1890; Maurice P., born June 28, 1892; Elizabeth D., born July 8, 1894, and Amelia, born August 29, 1897.

Until his retirement Mr. Werner was a farmer of Clear Lake Township, and now owns considerable property in Springfield.

WERNER, Charles, Sr., (deceased).—There is no nation in the world that has given the United States so much material for the making of good citizenship as has the Fatherland. The German, thrifty, sober, industrious and reliable, can always be depended upon to do his full share, and more, in the upbuilding of any community in which he finds himself, and to this race America owns much of its present prosperity and invincibility. One of the early German families of Sangamon County, was that of Werner, which was founded in Springfield more than half a century ago, by Charles Werner, who was born in Germany, June 5, 1829.

Charles Werner came to the United States with his parents, first settling in New Haven, Conn., and coming thence to Sangamon County, Ill. Charles had been educated in the common schools of his native country, and there also learned the trades of machinist and cabinetmaker. In 1857 he located in Springfield, where he was employed by the Wabash Railroad Company seven years, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy two years, and then purchased a small farm in Clear Lake Township, and by steady, industrious work added to it from time to time, until at the time of his death he was the owner of 300 acres of fine farming property. In 1895 he retired from active pursuits and settled in Springfield, where his death occurred August 5, 1902. His widow, now occupies a fine residence at No. 1102 North Seventh Street, Springfield.

Mr. Werner was a Democrat in politics, but never cared for political honors. He was a faithful member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Mr. Werner was married in New York City, to Mary Scharp, who was born in Germany October 28, 1828, a daughter of Philip Scharp. The surviving children of this union are: Charles, who was Sheriff of Sangamon County, from 1906 to December, 1910, married Lizzie Fitzgerald, and resides at 551 South State Street, Springfield; Amelia, the widow of William Curry, residing in Springfield; and Augusta, the wife of William Black, who is connected with the Sattley Plow Works.

WERNER, Joseph, dealer in dry goods and groceries, is a man whose determination to succeed has made him victor, and whose reputation for honorable dealing is based upon his habit of paying his debts collectable in spirit as well as reality. His career as a merchant is one that demonstrates that a man can attain material success without violating his conscience, and he is known as one who gives his strength, his knowledge and his money to the support of all measures tending towards the advancement of the city. Mr. Werner was born in Zempelburg, Germany, June 26, 1863, a son

of Jacob and Glaser (Buena) Werner. The father was born in the same place as his son and was educated there. He served his three years in the army, being engaged in the Franco-Prussian War, in which he received a medal for bravery. His life work was making stained glass under contract. His death occurred at his home in Germany in 1906, when he was either seventy-nine or eighty years of age. He was twice married, his first wife being mother of Joseph Werner, and she bore him two other children: Samuel, of Chicago, and Mrs. Johanna Alexander, of Germany. The second wife was Flora Beyach, and she had one son, Siegbert, a resident of Chicago.

Joseph Werner attended school in Germany and his record in college was so high that he had the privilege of serving in the army one year at reduced expenses. In April, 1861, he came to the United States, landing in New York City. From there he came direct to St. Louis, where he joined his brother and went to work as a salesman in a dry goods store, being soon promoted to position of shipping clerk. Within a few years he was able to purchase a cigar store and then began manufacturing fine cigars, being for twelve years thus engaged. His next business venture was operating a hotel, but fourteen months later, in 1892, he resumed clerking and kept books at Kenneth, Mo. In 1896 he came to Springfield and for a time sold cigars until he saved a sufficient amount to start a small grocery store on Eleventh and Madison Street. After four years in this location his business increased to such an extent that he felt justified in buying the property at No. 1131 East Madison Street, where he opened a store, conducting it as a first-class grocery. Within four years more he built his present residence and added dry goods to his stock. He now carries a full line of dry goods, shoes, smoked meats and groceries, and controls an immense trade. He has bought several other houses and lots and is now a heavy property owner. His residence at No. 301 North Fourteenth Street is a new one, the former one, at No. 1131 Madison Street, having been destroyed during the riot in August, 1908. During that troublous period a lynching occurred in front of his building.

Mr. Werner was married in St. Louis to Miss Freda Benjamin, who died in that city. He was married in Springfield in 1902, to Anna Hornstein, a native of Roumania. They have three children, Simeon, Buena and Jerome, and an adopted daughter, Esther. Mr Werner is a member of the Jewish Church and is one of its consistent supporters. He is a liberal Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, of which he has served as Past Chancellor, and was Representative to the Grand Lodge about twenty-three years ago. In 1903 Mr. Werner visited Europe and traveled through the principal cities and countries. His father, who was then seventy-seven years of age, and whom he had not seen for twenty-five years, met him at the steamboat landing.

WESTENBERGER, George L.—The mercantile interests of Springfield have assumed mammoth proportions, and are requiring the efficient services of a number of the city's best business men to control them. Aside from being the State capital, Springfield is the center of a vast, rich farming community, that looks to it as a source of supply, and to meet the requirements of these customers the merchants offer special inducements in both quality and prices, carrying large and varied stocks. One of the most reliable of these mercantile firms is that operated under the name of Westenberger & Wetterer, of which L. Westenberger is the senior member. He was born January 29, 1876, in Springfield, a son of the well known Garhard and Mary Louise (Bretz) Westenberger.

George L. Westenberger was educated in Springfield, and upon leaving school entered the employ of Reisch & Thoma, dry-goods merchants, gaining practical experience, which has since been very useful to him. In February, 1906, he and C. J. Wetterer formed the firm of which he is now the head, and from the start the young merchants enjoyed a large trade. Their connections are such as to enable them to secure first-class goods, and they display them attractively and give the best of services and prices.

Mr. Westenberger was married at Ruma, Ill., to Miss Lillian O'Harra, daughter of J. R. and Margaret (Kaveney) O'Harra, of Litchfield, Ill.

One of the most pleasant events in the Westenberger family, occurred February 7, 1910, in the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Westenberger. After the celebration of nuptial high mass at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, the aged bride and groom, of fifty years ago, were showered with rose leaves. They then held a reception which lasted the remainder of the day, and throughout the evening. The eight daughters of the couple assisted in receiving the guests in the evening, and a fine musical program was rendered. Guests from outside the city were present, as well as many from Springfield and vicinity, and the occasion will not soon be forgotten.

George L. Westenberger and his wife are consistant members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, taking an active part in its good work. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and can always be counted upon to do his full share of the work of that order, and he is also a member of St. Vincent's Society. His attention to business, his knowledge of its exacting requirements, and his pleasant, genial manner, have been strong factors in securing his success and establishing him firmly in the confidence of the public.

WHALEN, James William.—There are great possibilities in the grocery business, and the

man who knows how to take advantage of them, and of the opportunities offered in a city like Springfield is sure of success. The well-known firm of Whalen Brothers, dealers in fancy and staple groceries, enjoys a large trade, and controls an immense business, that extends throughout Sangamon County. The two brothers, James William and John T. Whalen, are natives of Springfield, the former born May 17, 1881, and the latter, February 28, 1879. They are sons of Thomas and Bridget (Houlihan) Whalen, natives of County Waterford and County Limerick, Ireland, respectively. In 1854 Thomas Whalen came to America in a sailing vessel, consuming nine weeks in the voyage. After landing in New York, he came to Springfield, and began work on the Chicago & Alton as a railroad blacksmith. After years of fruitful endeavor, he retired, fourteen years before his demise, which occurred November 19, 1904. His wife survives, living at No. 1040 Patton Avenue. He was a man of high principle and simple habits, who, although a stanch Democrat would never permit the use of his name on the party ticket. From the time of the building of St. Joseph's Church, he was one of its most liberal and consistent members, and brought up his children in the Catholic faith. They were: Patrick J., Mary Ellen, Kate, Alice, John, Elizabeth and James W. Elizabeth died at the age of three years.

James William Whalen attended St. Joseph's Catholic school and the Trapp public school, leaving at the age of sixteen years. For the following two years he worked on a farm, then entered the employ of the grocery house of P. H. Gibbins, giving a faithful service of seven years. At the expiration of this time he and his brother, John T., embarked in their present enterprise at No. 78 East Adams Street, which is still conducted by them, and has increased in importance and volume. Like his father, he is a Democrat, and does not desire office. He is a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and is one of its most liberal supporters.

John Thomas Whalen supplemented his education with a business training in the employ of Crowley & Rogers, grocers. Later entered the employ of the firm which was employing his brother, James W., and was elevated to the position of manager. The two brothers belong to the same church, and are alike in political opinions. John T. also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. On April 19, 1905, he married, in Springfield, Cecelia Frances Dillon, daughter of John Dillon, no issue.

These two young men are energetic and accommodating, and naturally have made many friends. They carry at all times and season a full and varied line of choice goods in their line, which they offer at attractive prices. As the quality is of the best, and the service excellent, the firm is well established in the confidence of the buying public.

WHEELER, William R.—The old soldier of today has every reason to be proud of the record he made when, in young manhood, he marched off in defense of his country. By those who never heard the roar of cannon, or the cries of the wounded and dying; who never tramped through miles of swamp, or trudged over ankle deep dusty roads; who never went for days without sufficient food or water, or spent months in hospitals or (worse still) prisons, the services of the soldiers of the 'sixties, can never be fully appreciated. Those who suffered, know, and one who distinguished himself as a brave patriot when his country had need of him, and since then has shown sympathy for his fellow soldiers, is William R. Wheeler. He was born in Union County, Ky., May 6, 1840, a son of Jesse and Permelia (Harper) Wheeler, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively. The father was a mechanic and cabinet-maker, who moved from North Carolina to Kentucky, and there died.

William R. Wheeler moved from Kentucky to Shelbyville, Ill., and then to Wilson County, Kan., in 1866. He next went to Menard County, Ill., later coming to Springfield. He enlisted in the ninety day service, on April 17, 1861, and at the expiration of that period, reenlisted for three years, in Company A, Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving under Colonel U. S. Grant. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Perryville, Stone River, Murfreesboro, and others less important, always doing his full duty. He was discharged at Camp Butler in 1865. Mr. Wheeler was a farmer for some years, then identified himself with the sawmill industry, and is now an engineer.

Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage in Wilson County, Kan., January 21, 1869, with Queen E. Markwell, born in Menard County, Ill., June 30, 1852, coming of an old family of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler became parents of the following children. Francis N., Minnie E., William J. and Alexander—born in 1872, 1874, 1876 and 1878, respectively. Mr. Wheeler owns his home at No. 1609 East Glenn Street. Quiet and retiring in disposition, he has never been active in public matters, but supports the Republican party and the Baptist Church, of which he is a consistent member. He also belongs to the G. A. R., and is prominent in it because of his war record.

WHIPPLE, John H., a retired carpenter and builder living in Springfield, Ill., is a veteran of the Civil War and a highly respected citizen. He was born in what is now Casey, Ill., February 2, 1839, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hoard) Whipple, the former born in Switzerland County, Ind., March 20, 1818, and the latter born in Bourbon County, Ky., in 1816. His father was a native of Indiana, who died in Illinois, and her father, a native of Virginia, was a slave-holder and died in Indiana. Both

served in the Black Hawk and Mexican Wars. Henry Whipple was a carpenter and builder, moved to Illinois in 1832, lived there five years, returned to Indiana, and in 1882 moved to Springfield, where he died in 1906. Elizabeth Hoard came to Illinois as a young woman and there met Mr. Whipple. They were married in Casey, Ill., in 1838, and became parents of four sons and four daughters. He was interested in various enterprises and worked for a time at milling.

John H. Whipple attended subscription schools in his native State until thirteen years of age, then worked for six years in the Southwestern car shops, at Madison, Ind. When nineteen years of age he moved to Columbus, Ind., where he began working at the trade of carpenter, and after the Civil War moved to Elgin, Ill., where he lived until July 10, 1867, the date of his location in Springfield, which has since been his home.

April 21, 1862, Mr. Whipple enlisted in Company D, Sixty-seventh Indiana Infantry, and served to the end of the war, first under Captain Abbott and later under Captain Simms. He enlisted at Columbus, Ind., and was discharged at Indianapolis, in October, 1865. He was taken prisoner at Munfordville, Ky., was paroled and sent to Indianapolis, and afterward rejoined his regiment. He served part of the time under General McClernand, of Springfield, and participated in the Battles of Green River, Nashville, Cumberland River, and many skirmishes. He is a member of the G. A. R. and has every reason to feel pride in his war record.

Mr. Whipple was married, at Columbus, Ind., August 12, 1862, to Miss Lena Zucksworth, who was born in Saxweimer, Germany, November 6, 1840, daughter of Christian and Henrietta (Limerexoll) Zucksworth, both natives of Germany, who came to America, located in Ohio, and later moved to Indiana, where they died. They were parents of twelve children and Mr. Zucksworth had three children by a former wife. He was a tanner by trade. Two children were born to Mr. Whipple and his wife: Florence, born in Elgin, February 19, 1865, married John Bennett, professor in Doane College, Crete, Neb., and they have two children, William, aged thirteen years, and Carl, aged seven; Annetta, born in Elgin, February 13, 1868, died in Durango, Cal., unmarried, December 23, 1896. Mr. Whipple was reared in the Methodist faith but has never joined any church. His wife is a member of the German Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat and he has been a member of the Masonic Order forty-one years. He is well known in Springfield and resides at 1035 South Spring Street. He is upright and reliable in all relations of life and has the confidence of all who have had dealings with him.

WHIPPLE, Sylvester, a well-known musician of Springfield, Ill., was born at Madison, Jefferson County, Ind., July 14, 1860, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Hoard) Whipple, the former born in Switzerland County, Ind., March 17, 1820, and the latter in Gallatin County, Ky., February 23, 1821. Henry Whipple was a cabinetmaker and in 1880 moved to Springfield, Ill., where he followed his trade. He died there in 1905, at the age of eighty-four years, and his wife died in 1880, at the age if sixty-nine years. They had been married in Coles County, Ill., May 19, 1839, and ten children were born to them.

The education of Sylvester Whipple was received in the public schools of Madison, Ind. He was always fond of ball-playing, fishing and other outdoor sports, and had a well-defined taste for music from boyhood. After leaving school he began working in a chair factory, where he remained two years, then pursued the study of music more thoroughly than he had before been able to do, and made a specialty of learning piano tuning, which he has since followed, moving to Springfield from Jefferson County, Ind., in order to have a better field for his work. He has built up a good business and has an excellent reputation among the people for whom he has worked. He is a man of quiet disposition, caring little for public affairs, and being very much devoted to his family and nome. He owns property at 1115 North Tenth Street, where the family reside. Mr. Whipple is a Methodist in religious belief and in political views is a Republican. He joined the Maccabees November 7, 1889, and November 19, 1903, became a member of the Order of Ben Hur. He is of a genial, kindly nature, and readily makes friends.

Mr. Whipple was married in Springfield, September 5, 1888, to Miss Mary E. Shultz, born June 14, 1863, daughter of Dr. Levi and Delilah Shultz. Her father was born August 13, 1840, and died December 18, 1883. Mrs. Whipple's mother was born April 25, 1840, and now lives in Springfield. Both the grandmother and great-grandmother still survive, the latter being eighty-two years of age. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Whipple: Wesley S., born June 10, 1892; Helen E., November 28, 1895; Dorothy A., March 22, 1903.

Mr. Whipple sold his property in Springfield and moved with his family to Hermiston, Umatilla County, Oregon, April 15, 1911.

WHITE, Daniel V., a progressive farmer of Sangamon County, and a man whose family has been closely connected with the development of that part of the State, resides on Section 27, New Berlin Township. He was born October 2, 1864, in Island Grove Township, a son of John D. White, the latter born in Vigo County, Ind. He comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the family having been founded in South Carolina, where his grandfather, John White, was born, and the latter's father, Thomas White, was also a native of that State, where he was born in 1789. The grandfather moved from South Carolina to Tennessee and subsequently to Vigo County, Ind., becoming one of the pioneers of

that locality and a founder of the Presbyterian Church there. There he reared and educated his children, passing away March 11, 1852, while his wife died June 26, 1869. There were four sons and two daughters in his family, all of whom reached maturity: Josiah died at the age of eighty years; John D., deceased; Rachel J. died at the age of sixty-three years; Margaret, deceased, married a Mr. Woods; Thomas P. and James G.

John D. White maried Mary J. Luce, December 29, 1863, and in the spring of 1864 moved to Sangamon County, buying land in Island Grove Township, but in 1878 he sold his personal property, making a trip to California. Not liking that State, he returned to Island Grove Township, and in the spring of 1879 bought 800 acres on Section 20, New Berlin Township, becoming one of the prosperous men of that locality. He added to his possessions until at the time of his death he was one of the largest landowners of the county. His death occurred in June, 1905. A strong Democrat, he supported the candidates of his party and was never known to scratch his ticket or to miss an election. A good Presbyterian, he lived up to his creed and was ever ready to assist the unfortunate. Four children were born to himself and wife: Daniel V.; Thomas A., a farmer residing in Indiana; Gill P., a farmer of New Berlin Township, and one who died in infancy. Mrs. White is now residing with her eldest son. In adition to their own children Mr. and Mrs. White reared a little girl, Katie, now the wife of Frank Skaggs, of St. Louis, Mo.

After completing his course in the district schools, Daniel V. White had the further advantage of attending the Jacksonville Business College, from which he graduated in 1884. Following this he worked on the home farm until 1887, and on March 2nd of that year married Elizabeth King, born in New Berlin Township, daughter of Jeremiah King, now living in Springfield, aged eighty years. Mr. King was one of the early settlers of the locality and a representative man. His wife died in 1885. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. White located on the family farm in Island Grove Township, operating it until 1901, when they bought 160 acres on Sections 26 and 27, New Berlin Township. For a number of years Mr. White has given much attention to breeding short horn cattle, and has been exceedingly successful in this line of work. At the head of his herd he has a pure breed Bates short horn bull, bought of F. K. Thompson. His product is so excellent that a ready sale is found for his cattle. Mr. White also breeds draft and road horses and Berkshire hogs. Like his father, Mr. White is a Democrat and a Presbyterian. He has served for twenty years as Clerk of the School Board, and for two terms has represented his township on the Board of Supervisors, now occupying that office. He has always stood for the best interests of the people and is now a member of the Committee on Asylums and Hospitals.

Mr. and Mrs. White have two children: Mary E. and Sadie A., both of whom have been carefully educated, the latter having graduated from the Berlin High School in the Class of 1910. Mr. White is a member of the Odd Fellows, of New Berlin, and also of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are prominent in the Presbyterian Church, of Bates, Ill., in which they hold membership.

WHITE, Enoch P., a prominent citizen of Springfield, Ill., is a native of Sangamon County, where his entire life has been spent, and is well known as a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Ball Township July 25, 1840, a son of Eli L. and Sarah (Megredy) White, both natives of Maryland, the father born near Port Deposit, in 1789, and the mother born in 1802. Eli L. White was a blacksmith by trade and also worked at farming and carriage making. He came to Illinois in 1838 and settled on ninety-five acres of land in Ball Township, Sangamon County, and later accumulated 600 acres of land, 245 acres of it in Ball Township and the remainder in the southern part of the county. He remained on the farm until his death, which occurred in 1850. His wife died in 1863. Four children were born to them, namely: John M. died at Decatur, Ill., in 1910; Daniel died at a tender age; Enoch P.; William M., a wealthy retired farmer living at Appleton City, Mo. The father of Eli L. White was a wealthy farmer in England, the country of his birth, and after coming to America accumulated a large tract of land on the shores of Maryland and also considerable property in the city of Baltimore, and his grandson, Enoch P., is one of the heirs to the same.

Mr. White was educated in the Harmon School, an old log building in Ball Township, and remained on his father's farm until he was of age, then enlisted in August, 1862, in Company B One Hundred Thirtieth Illinois Infantry, in which he was serving when he participated in three battles: Black River, Champion Hills and Vicksburg. He was discharged on account of disability, at Camp Butler, Ill., in October, 1864. Then, returning to Ball Township, he resumed farming and continued successfully in that occupation until 1905, when he retired and moved to Springfield. He occupies a comfortable home at 1058 Elliott Avenue, Springfield. He has been an industrious and ambitious farmer and has well earned the ease he now enjoys.

Mr. White was married at Woodside, Ill., September 11, 1861, to Martha A. Renshaw, Rev. Miller, of the Baptist Church, officiating. Miss Renshaw was born in Woodside, Ill., March 15, 1843, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Gray) Renshaw, the former born in Tennessee in 1800, and the latter in Virginia, in 1810. Mr. Renshaw was a farmer by occupation and located at Louisville, Ky., where he learned the trade of cabinet-maker. Later he came to Sangamon County, Ill., remained a short time at Rochester, then purchased 240 acres of land near Wood-

side, where he carried on farming until his death, which occurred in 1870. His widow survived until 1880. They were parents of three children: Addie married Warren Bergett, of Woodside, and both died recently; Elizabeth married John White and both are deceased; Mrs. Enoch P. White. Warren Burgett was a school teacher by occupation, became Principal of the Third Ward School of Springfield, and later for four years held the position of County Superintendent of Schools. Eight children were born to Enoch P. White and wife, namely: Etta, born May 7, 1862, died August 25, 1885; Egbert, born June 5, 1865, died August 3, 1866; Samuel R., born December 2, 1869, died July 12, 1871; William C., born January 21, 1868; Lois, born May 14, 1872, wife of George Kapes, of Harvard Park, Springfield; Josie M., born March 20, 1874, wife of Thomas Green, of Springfield; Clyde, born June 5, 1875, is a carpenter and lives at home; Clifford M., born April 2, 1883, a carpenter living in Springfield. In politics Mr. White is a Socialist and in religious views is liberal. His wife is an Adventist. He is an intelligent and public-spirited citizen and is highly respected by a large circle of friends.

WHITE, Frank.—A number of the Englishmen who came to the United States to find new homes where they could better their conditions, found congenial employment in tilling the soil, so that in many localities, much credit is due to the people of that nation for the development of the land. This is particularly true in Sangamon County, where a number of native-born Englishmen are farmers. One who is thoroughly representative of the best class of agriculturists here is Frank White, of Clear Lake Township, born in Warwickshire, England, May 11, 1827, being a son of Zachariah and Susanna (England) White, born in Warwickshire and Devonshire, England, respectively. The father was a ribbon manufacturer, and he and his wife spent their lives in England, he living to be 103 years of age. He and his wife had nine children, six sons and three daughters, but of them all only Frank and his brother, Henry White, of Riverton, and one sister Mrs. Elizabeth Clay of England, survive. The father served twenty-four years in the English Army before commencing his career as a manufacturer of ribbon.

Frank White was educated in England, in the intervals of working in the mines, which he entered when only seven years old. He continued to work in the mines there until he was thirty-five years old, his business being the sinking of shafts, a dangerous kind of work. On March 11, 1862, he set sail from Liverpool for Australia, and after 100 days on the water, landed in Melbourne with a party of three. They went into the mountains prospecting for gold, finding it on the Big River, and returning to Melbourne and going thence to Patterson, there secured employment in the mines at ten dollars per day. Remaining there a short time, they returned to Melbourne, and after a short stay there, proceeded to Sidney and from there, to New South Wales, where they were employed in the gold mines two years. They then went to Victoria, but in a short time set sail for San Francisco, Cal. From that city they went through the mountains of California, still prospecting for gold and meeting with a measure of success. They remained in California two years, then crossed the country via the Isthmus of Panama.

Mr. White then came to Ogle, St. Clair County, Ill., to resume his old occupation of sinking a shaft, but after a short stay there, went to Indian Territory, working there in the interests of Crandall and Jay Gould, who at that time were operating seventy-seven mines. After a stay of one year there, Mr. White came to Sangamon County, settled in Riverton, where he once more engaged in sinking shafts, and followed this business for ten years. He then located on his present farm in Clear Lake Township, owning 200 acres of rich farming land in the township and 300 acres in different parts of the county. Since 1890, he has lived in retirement, after his adventurous life.

Mr. White was married in Warwickshire, England, to Jane Walker, born in that county. Her parents never left England, her father spending his life in mines there. She died in Ogle, leaving one child, Frank White, Jr., who now resides at Virden, Ill. Mr. White was again married on December 26, 1870, to Mrs. Hannah Hewitt a widow with two children, Henry Hewitt and Mrs. Ella Huck. She died in Riverton, Ill., November 2, 1891, leaving four children Mrs. Howard Grubb, Rosena White, Edgar and Arthur White, all residing at home. Mr. White was married (third) on May 23, 1900, to Mrs. Marian B. (McNealy) Richardson, born February 13, 1840, in Menard County, Ill., but her father was a Kentuckian, who came to that county in an early day, settling on a farm where he lived until 1850, then moved to Petersburg, where his death occurred. His wife was born near Montpelier, Vt., and she came to Petersburg, Ill., where she died in 1859, having been born March 14, 1814. Mr. McNealy was born in 1807, and died in 1897, aged ninety years. Mr. and Mrs. McNealy had sixteen children, ten sons and six daughters, five of whom survive.

During his long and useful life, Mr. White has witnessed many changes, has visited numerous places and accumulated a fortune, which he has invested in Sangamon County Farm land. An excellent conversationalist, Mr. White talks entertainingly of his travels and is a man who stands high in his neighborhood.

WHITE, Gill Porter.—With a thorough knowledge of farming and what can be accomplished with Sangamon County land, the young agriculturists of this section are making a good record for themselves and their locality, and their success is being quoted throughout the State. One of those who has already accomplished much is Gill Porter White, residing on the family homestead, Section 26, New Berlin

Township, born in Island Grove Township, August 27, 1874, a son of John D. and Mary J. (Luce) White, the former of whom died June 28, 1900, and the latter February 9, 1911.

Mr. White was more carefully educated than many farmer boys and was given the advantages offered by the school of Bates, Ill., and the New Berlin High School. Completing a three years' course, he returned to the farm and, although nineteen years old, rented land from his father and engaged in farming for himself, making his home with his parents until his marriage. This important event took place March 10, 1897, when he was united with Estella Harrison, born in Alexander, Morgan County, Ill., December 14, 1879, daughter of Cornelius C. and Caroline I. (Young) Harrison, the father born in Franklin, Morgan County, Ill., August 27, 1841, while the mother was born in Scott County, Ill., in August 23, 1847. Mr. Harrison left his parents when still a boy, so knows little of the family history, believing however, that he came from the same stock as the late ex-president Benjamin Harrison. Growing up in Morgan County, he enlisted in the United States service at the outbreak of the war and gave his country three years of his life, being honorably discharged. Returning home, he later moved to Alexander, Ill., and here gradually recovered his health, which had been shattered by hard experience as a soldier. As soon as able, he went to work on a farm for a Mr. Alexander, buying and feeding stock. Eventually he went to work in the elevator at Alexander, where he was steadily employed for thirty years, or until his death, September 27, 1904. His widow is making her home with Mrs. Fred Jones, of New Philadelphia, Ill. They had the following children: Lauis C., telegrapher for the Rock Island Railroad; May Belle, wife of Fred Jones, station agent at New Philadelphia, Ill., two children, Harrison and Arthur; Emerson died in infancy; Gilbert C., of Alexander, married Sarah Ruble, two children, Margaret J. and Elsie; Richard N., of Mapleton, Ill., station agent, married Otelia Reaken. The Young family originated in Italy many years ago. Mr. Harrison, like his illustrious relative, was a stanch supporter of Republicanism. Both he and his wife were true, Christian people and devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. While strong in his likes and dislikes, Mr. Harrison recognized the right of every man to his own opinion, and was a man whose influence was felt wherever he happened to be.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. White located on his farm on Section 26, New Berlin Township, consisting of 140 acres. The property had been rented for some time and was run down, but he soon remedied that by putting in tiling, trimming the hedges, and building a beautiful cottage. He not only keeps his premises neat and orderly, but will not permit weeds to grow in the road along his property. Many an older farmer could learn from this progressive young man, who eagerly adopts any method he believes is a good one for his work. With the exception of one year spent in Indianapolis, Mr. and Mrs. White have lived on their farm, realizing that they prefer rural pleasures to those offered by a large city. They have three sweet little ones: Harriette, born June 13, 1901; Margaret E., born August 29, 1903, and baby John C., born September 27, 1905. Mrs. White is a charming lady, who presides over her household with simple dignity, welcoming all visitors with true hospitality. Both she and Mr. White are members of the Presbyterian Church and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America of New Berlin. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. White operates 200 acres of rich Sangamon County land, which he devotes to general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of raising the best grades of cattle and horses. He has been Highway Commissioner, and while in office was able to give his constituents a thoroughly business-like administration and execute the work in his department economically and satisfactorily.

WHITE, Henry.—The White family is old and honored in Sangamon County, and originated in England. Henry White was born, in Warwickshire, England, in January, 1835. Since coming to the United States he has labored to advance the interests of his adopted land, and is now one of the responsible residents of Riverton, where he is a hoisting engineer and farmer. He is a son of Zachariah and Susanna White, natives of England, who never came to America, but died in the land that gave them birth, the father passing away in 1874 and the mother in 1870. The father was a soldier in the English army, who participated in the battle of Waterloo and also fought during the Irish Rebellion, being the color bearer. He was wounded on two occasions, serving in all twenty-eight years and eleven months. Later he was interested in mining.

Henry White is self-educated, having been put to work at a tender age. When he was twenty years old he was made pit boss, later boss of a gang on the surface at the mines in his vicinity, and continued to work in this manner until 1884, when he sailed for America, landing in New York. From that city he came direct to Dawson, Ill., and for a year worked in the mines there, then moved to Riverton. After a year spent in this town, he went to Canada, and spent eighteen months in the Dominion, but did not like it there and returned to Riverton, where he bought a small farm of five acres, which has continued to be his home ever since. He devotes his land to truck farming and is producing some very fine vegetables, for which he finds a ready market on account of their excellence. In addition to his home place, Mr. White owns realty in Springfield, and is in comfortable circumstances, although all his property has been earned by his own hard work.

Mr. White was married in England, in May, 1860, to Ann Nicklin, daughter of Amos and

Sarah Nicklin, born in England, where her parents lived and died. Mrs. White and a sister are the only ones who came to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. White became the parents of thirteen children, nine of whom survive: Susanna, wife of Arthur Tyler, a farmer; Sarah, whose husband is in the employ of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railroad Company at Springfield; Mary, wife of Benjamin Harrison, lives in Spaulding, Ill; William H. and Zachariah live at Spaulding; Clara, wife of Albert Eliott, a farmer of Canada; Alice Hamrick lives in Spaulding; Harry lives in Riverton and is engaged in mining; and Richard, who resides with his father. There are thirty-six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in the family, and Mr. White is devoted to them all and proud of them and of his family, as he has every reason to be, for his children have grown up to do him credit.

Mr. White attends service at the Episcopal Church. He is a Republican, but has never cared to come forward for office, his business affairs occupying his time and interest. He is a fine-appearing man, hale and hearty, who possesses a genial manner and kindliness of disposition that makes itself felt. While he had practically no educational advantages, he is well informed and thoroughly abreast of the times. Not having had many advantages himself, he was determined that his children should be more fortunate, and gave them good educations.

WHITE, James C.—The history of the Civil War will not be completed until the last veteran of that great struggle answers to the last roll call, for the sacrifices of those who served in it did not cease when peace was declared, but have continued throughout lives that have in many cases been overshadowed by the after-effects of wounds, privations and exposure. One of these men of whom Sangamon is justly proud, is James C. White, residing at No. 703 North Fourth Street. He was born in Macon County, Tenn., June 29, 1847, a son of Archibald and Lucy J. White. The grandfather, Archibald White, was born in England and married Jennie White, who bore the same name, but was no relative, born on the North Fork of Barren Run, Macon County, Tenn. The grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier, and a good, brave man. His son, father of James C. White, was a farmer all his life, dying June 10, 1865, in the place he was born, in Macon County, Tenn. His widow survived him many years, passing away in 1894, at Latham, Logan County, Ill. Both were consistent members of the Christian Church, in which faith they brought up their children, who were as follows: Timothy; Samuel, deceased; Harriet; James C.; Mary Mary J.; Mrs. H. M. Bond, of Kansas City, Mo.; George, deceased; Archibald, of Auburn, Ill.; John M., of Springfield; Lovell R. and Martha, both deceased.

James C. White remained on the homestead until he was sixteen years old, and received a meager education, attending school only six months altogether. When only a lad of sixteen years, he enlisted, at Frankfort, Ky., as a private in Company F, Fifty-second Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, under Captain W. C. King and Colonel John M. Greider. When his first term of service expired he re-enlisted in Company D, Eighth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, in 1864, and continued until he was honorably discharged. His war experience being ended, he returned to his old home, but after a short stay there, came to Illinois. He spent twelve years at Duquoin, principally engaged in farming. Following this he worked in several places on farms and at railroad labor, until his marriage, when he returned to Duquoin. He has resided in several communities, finally coming to Springfield in 1901, and has been connected with several lines of business, always hampered by the effects of the terrible strain he was under at a formative period. Forced into manhood when but a boy, he shouldered heavy responsibilities that undermined his health and unfitted him for strenuous labor.

Mr. White was married at McLeansboro, Ill., January 18, 1875, to Miss Mary A. Lanty, a native of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. White became the parents of children as follows: James C. died at the age of six years; Timothy at home; and Harriet, now Mrs. Thomas Rourke, of Springfield. Mr. White was formerly a member of the Christian Church. In politics he is a Republican, but has never held office. A brave man, who gave his best services to his country, Mr. White is deserving of more than passing mention in a work of this kind, which has for its object the preservation of the records of those who have contributed towards the greatness of the county or community. What more can a man do than to offer up his life to a cause he loves? That is what James C. White did nearly fifty years ago.

WHITE, Robert E.—The agricultural interests of Sangamon County are among the most important here, and many of its most substantial citizens are engaged in tilling the soil. One of the prosperous farmers and stockmen of Cartwright Township is Robert E. White, of Section 29, born on this farm, in the house he now occupies, September 6, 1867. He is a son of Thomas E. and Elizabeth M. (Purvines) White, who were married February 18, 1862. Mrs. White was born on Section 29, a portion of the farm now owned by her son, July 23, 1834. The farm was entered from the government by her grandfather, John Purvines, who came here from South Carolina about 1819. His son, Samuel Purvines, father of Mrs. White, married Mary Irwin, who was brought here by her father, Linn Irwin, also a native of South Carolina, who became a pioneer of this locality in 1819. Thomas E. White was born in Montgomery County, Ill., near Coffeen, June 13, 1832. His parents dying when he was about five years

old, he made his home for a time with a sister, Mrs. Alderman, who survives, aged eighty-five years.

When still a lad, Thomas E. White came to Sangamon County, living here until the gold excitement in California, when he made a trip west, but returned and married. He was one of the progressive men of his period, his efforts meeting with well-merited success. Settling down on the farm his wife inherited, he developed it into a good property, and there they reared their children, who were: twins, who died in infancy; Lola A., born January 18, 1864, married Charles B. Hawkins on February 11, 1886, a farmer of Cartwright Township, issue,—Thomas S., Erma E., and Robert B.; Robert E., born September 6, 1867; Thomas S., born December 21, 1876, married Grace Newman, lives on a portion of the homestead, issue,—Thomas Emory and Della Fay. Mr. White was a Republican, and filled a number of the township offices, discharging his duties as a public official as faithfully as those pertaining to his private life. He was a Mason, fraternally, while in religious faith, he was a member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. White resides with her son, Robert E. White, this arrangement having been entered into upon the death of Mr. White, October 2, 1891, when he was but fifty-nine years old. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and his many excellent traits of character combined with a pleasant personality, won for him lasting friends.

Robert E. White spent his boyhood upon the farm, attending the schools of his neighborhood. From the time he was tall enough to reach the plow handles, he bore a man's part in the farm work, and learned farming from the beginning. On November 8, 1893, Mr. White was united in marriage with Ollie Irwin, daughter of Samuel G. Irwin, now deceased, the mother surviving. Mrs. White was born November 8, 1868, and brought up on a farm. Mr. Irwin was one of the brave soldiers of the Civil War, belonging to Company G, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was captured but made his escape from the infamous Andersonville prison. Following the war, he spent some peaceful years. He and his wife had ten children, six of whom survive, four sons and two daughters.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. White located on the farm which is now their home, and there their only child, Vance Lee, was born on December 21, 1894. This bright young fellow is now attending school in the White district, as did his father. Mr. White and his brother Silas, are conducting the homestead of 300 acres, and 200 acres additional. They carry a good grade of stock, now specializing on the Duroc-Jersey hogs, although for years, they raised Poland-China hogs. In politics, both brothers are Republicans. Fraternally, they belong to the Modern Woodmen of America of Pleasant Plains. They are enterprising young men, devoted to their work, whose success is but the legitimate outcome of intelligent effort directed along lines they thoroughly understand.

WHITECRAFT, Walter S. (deceased), spent most of his life farming in Christian County, Ill., but seven years before his death retired from active life and located in Springfield. He was born on a farm near Edinburg, Christian County, August 26, 1863, son of Silas M. and Lottie (Price) Whitecraft, the former born in Kentucky and the latter in New York. The parents were farmers and Walter S. Whitecraft received his early education in the country schools. He afterward took a course in a business college in Springfield, after which he began farming with an uncle in Christian County. He was an enterprising and successful farmer and was esteemed by all with whom he had business or social dealings, for his honesty and integrity. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and in politics was a Republican. He belonged to the Knights of Pythias at Edinburg.

Mr. Whitecraft was married, at Taylorville, Ill., February 22, 1893, to Miss Almira Byers, who was born in W. Va., November 18, 1872, daughter of J. C. and Mary (Blockin) Byers, the former a native of West Virginia and the later of Maryland. Children as follows were born to Mr. Whitcroft and his wife: William S., January 21, 1895; Helen C., August 3, 1902; **Ruth E.,** December 12, 1904; Jane, November 15, 1907. Mr. Whitecraft died in Springfield, November 11, 1907, and his remains were buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was a man of social, kindly disposition and his loss was genuinely mourned by a large number of friends. His widow owns the home occupied by the family, at 1220 West Monroe Street, and devotes herself to the training and educating of her children.

WHITMORE, Oliver.—Every branch of industrial activity has its exponent in Springfield, and many of the business men here have reached a condition of excellence not excelled by any in the State. One of the prosperous representatives of the business life of this city is Oliver Whitmore, dyer and cleaner, conveniently located at No. 1004 North Twelfth Street. He was born in McKeesport, Pa., September 10, 1885, a son of Daniel and Catherine (Cripliver) Whitmore. The father was born in Pennsylvania and grew up in his native State, learning the carpenter trade. In young manhood he moved to Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, where he lived until 1888, in that year coming to Illinois, and establishing himself in a contracting business in Chicago. During his residence in that city, he erected more than 300 houses, many of them being in Elsdon, a suburb of the city. In 1897, he moved to Springfield, where he continued his contracting operations until 1905, when he entered the employ of the Abbott's Box Factory. He and his wife make their home at No. 1305 Peoria road. They attend the Third Presbyterian Church. The chil-

dren born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Whitmore are: George, died in Springfield, April, 1910; Maggie, deceased wife of William Alby, of Chicago; Lydia, wife of William Casey of Springfield; Oliver; Eva, deceased, and Eva.

Oliver Whitmore was but an infant when the family moved to Ohio, and there he lived long enough to commence his education, which he completed in Chicago and Springfield. Almost immediately after leaving school he entered Shubert's Dye Works, serving an apprenticeship of four years, when he engaged with Howley Dye Works. Having then learned every detail of the business, he established himself in it, at No. 216 North Sixth Street, where he carried on a high class cleaning and dying plant. In November, 1909, he built his present plant at No. 1004 North Twelfth Street, moving into it in June, 1910. His business has so increased that he has been forced to erect an addition, 22x50 feet. His plant is complete in every respect, being equipped with modern machinery, and all of his work is executed in a highly satisfactory manner.

In August, 1904, Mr. Whitmore was married in Springfield, to Etta DeFraties of this city, daughter of the late Henry DeFraties, for many years one of the efficient members of the police force. Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore have three children: May, Wilbur and Harriet. For seven years he has belonged to the Federation of Labor. Both he and Mrs. Whitmore have a circle of warm, personal friends who appreciate their many good attributes, and in the business world, Mr. Whitmore stands high for his executive ability and strict integrity.

WHITTEMORE, Floyd K. (Vol. I, p. 587.)

WICKERSHAM, (Col.) Dudley. (Vol. I, p. 587.)

WICKHAM, Seth W. (deceased).—Sangamon County has some of the best farms within its confines that can be found in the State, and their excellent condition is due to the efforts of the progressive farmers who have exerted themselves in cultivating the soil. Some of the older farmers, after years of honest industry, have ceased their labors, and now, retired and living in Springfield, are free to devote time and attention to civic matters. One of the representative men of the agricultural class who lived retired for some years prior to his demise was Seth W. Wickham of No. 334 Douglas avenue. He was born in Licking County, Ohio, October 30, 1824, a son of Hull and Phebe (Evans) Wickham, the former born August 3, 1788, in Licking County, Ohio, and the latter in Ohio, February 5, 1790. The father was a farmer, living and dying in Ohio, as did his wife. They had eleven children, four sons and seven daughters. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Seth W. Wickham attended the primitive log schools of Licking County, Ohio, and at the same time worked on his father's farm, learning how to do all kinds of farm labor, so that when he came to Sangamon County, in 1850, settling on a farm near Springfield, he was able to make a success of his attempt. This farm of 100 acres continued to be his home until his retirement in 1896, when he moved into Springfield. While living in the country, he served as School Director for several years. His religious connections were with the Methodist Church, which he joined early in life, and he was a Republican.

On December 31, 1868, Mr. Wickham was united in marriage to Cornelia (Frazee) Large, born in Sangamon County, October 24, 1839. Her parents came to the county from New Jersey at an early day, the father working at the carpenter trade for a number of years, but eventually engaged in farming. He lived to be ninety years of age. He and his wife had four daughters. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wickham: Thomas W. of No. 509 South Douglas avenue, and Minnie L., wife of Louis Ferreira, a farmer of Clark County, Wis. There are six grandchildren in the family, and one great grandson, and all are living. Mr. Wickham owned his residence and other realty, having invested quite extensively in city property, as he had a firm belief in the city's future. Mr. Wickham died June 3, 1911.

WIEBORG, George (deceased).—To provide generously for a family he has brought into the world and the wife he has taken unto himself, is the hope of every right-minded man. Some succeed better than others. When one of the prosperous ones combines with business ability, a generous, kindly disposition, sterling honesty of purpose and devotion to family ties, he is tenderly cherished, and when death takes him away his memory is kept green in the hearts of those who loved him in life and miss him now that his place is empty. A representative farmer who for years was an important factor in the agricultural life of Sangamon County, was the late George Wieborg, who in life resided in Woodside Township. He was born in Hamburg, near Berlin, Germany, April 25, 1858, a son of William Wieborg, also a native of Germany, and a farmer by calling. The parents never left Germany, the mother living to the age of eighty-six years, but the father dying many years before her. George Wieborg had a half-sister.

George Wieborg, while receiving a common school education, worked on his father's farm until he was sixteen years old. At that time he came to America, arriving in 1866, just after the close of the Civil War. Landing in New York, he came direct to Petersburg, Ill., where he began farming, continuing in that locality for five years. He then moved to Hillsboro, spent a year there, then came to Sangamon County and bought the farm which is now the family residence, in Woodside Township. There he passed away, November 18, 1909, dying firm in the faith of the German Lutheran Church, of which he had long been a member,

and of which his family are also members.

Mr. Wieborg was married in Hillsboro, Ill., to Margaret Jacobs, born in Hamburg, Germany, April 16, 1854. Her parents came to Petersburg, Ill., in 1866, locating on a farm, where they resided until moving to Hillsboro. There they also farmed, later returning to Petersburg, where both died. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wieborg, of whom seven survive: Christopher conducts the farm for his mother, and was born December 8, 1883; Henry, born January 16, 1889, and Jacob, born April 7, 1891, with Christopher, own 400 acres of valuable farm land in Woodside Township; Laura; George lives at home; Mary, married and residing in Curran Township, has one child, Margaret; Lena married William Grath, lives in Woodside Township, and has one child, Davis.

Mr. Wieborg was a strong Democrat but could never be induced to accept office, although his neighbors frequently urged him to accept nomination, for they realized that men of his character were needed in positions of trust. He felt that he was better fitted to exert his influence as a private citizen, so never put himself before the public. He was quiet and unassuming, devoted to his family, and eager to make life pleasant for them. Hard-working and a good Christian, he was a model man, and left behind him a worthy record for his children to follow.

WIEDLOCHER, Frank.—It is a long step from the day when our forefathers ground their meal by pounding grain between two stones, in the primitive mill, to the mill plant of the present day, with its modern equipment, carefully adjusted machinery and electric motive power, but the evolution has been brought about by studious, practical men, and the industry now requires specialists, no less than other lines of modern business. The Elevator Milling Company, of which Frank Wiedlocher, a representative citizen of Springfield, Ill., is President, is an example of the perfection which has been reached in this, almost the oldest industry.

Frank Wiedlocher was born at Virden, Ill., March 9, 1861, a son of Frank A. and Margaret (Keisling) Wiedlocher, natives of Germany. Both parents came to America in sailing vessels which required about sixty-five days to make the voyage, the father landing in the United States in 1852 and the mother one year later. They were married after meeting at Springfield, Ill. He landed near New Orleans and later came up the Mississippi River as far as St. Louis, where he remained for several years working as a miller, came from there to Springfield, and afterwards moved to Virden. During the Civil War he made flour at Virden, for the Government, going from there to a mill at Butler, after which he conducted the Old Berlin Run Mill for one and one-half years. Then he returned to Springfield and continued in the milling business until 1870, when he moved to Elkhart, Ill., and there engaged in milling for two years, followed the same business at Lincoln for five years, and then returned to Springfield once more, where he operated the old Spring Creek mill for two years. Impaired health caused his retirement and he resided at Springfield until his death, in 1901, when he was aged seventy-six years. His widow survives and resides at No. 118 West Mason Street, Springfield. They had eleven children and seven of these are living. He was a Democrat in political opinions, but was never willing to accept office. He was a faithful and consistent member of SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, and was identified with St. Vincent's Catholic Society.

Frank Wiedlocher, inheriting his father's name, together with his business inclinations, obtained his education in the public schools of Lincoln and the parochial schools of the Catholic Church at Springfield. From the time he was fifteen years of age he has been interested in milling, and worked continuously in a mill until he was nineteen years old, going then to the old Lewis coal mine for a short time, but later returning to milling. He was in the employ of Louis Wacherly for one year and for one year more was engaged at Everybodies' mill and continued with the new firm, Roe & Dana for four years, after which he was with the hominy mill at Springfield and served there as second miller for thirteen months. That mill was destroyed by fire and he then rented the water mill on Spring Creek and went into business with Fred Ihlenfeldt. Six months later he bought his partner's interest and continued alone for four months, then sold out. The two former partners then resumed their business relations and bought the Everybodies' mill, which they operated for eighteen months and then sold to Elmer Dana. Mr. Wiedlocher then embarked in a wholesale and retail flour and feed business, locating on East Adams Street, but his business soon outgrew its quarters and he rented a larger building on Fourth Street, where he remained until 1890, then purchased the tract on which he subsequently erected his present fine building, which is known as Arion Hall. In 1895 Mr. Wiedlocher's partner died and he bought the latter's interest from the widow, and has continued the business. He is president of the Elevator Milling Company and has additional interests, being a stockholder in the Cora Coal Company and in the Tiger Gold Mine Company.

At Winchester, Ill., on September 4, 1884, Mr. Wiedlocher was married to Miss Amelia Metzgar, who was born at Neiderlessen, Baden, Germany, October 6, 1863, a daughter of N. Metzgar. Her parents are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Wiedlocher five children have been born, namely: George, who is employed by his father at Springfield, married Mary Duffield; Marie, who is now Sister Mary Magdalene at St. John's Hospital; Carl, who is a student at Quincy College; Frank, who attends SS. Peter and Paul School; and Clara, who is a student

at the Dominican Academy. The family belongs to SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

While he has always been an interested citizen, Mr. Wiedlocher has never desired public office. Like his father, he is a Democrat. He is a member of a number of fraternal and social organizations, including the Western Catholic Union; the Catholic Order of Foresters; St. Vincent's Society; the Modern Woodmen of America and the Loyal Americans.

WIETIES, Jeff, a prosperous farmer of Sangamon County, Ill., was born in Hanover, Germany, April 29, 1851, a son of Uffie and Minnie (Utckins) Wieties, both natives of Germany, the former born in Hanover. The father was a farmer in Germany and had served in the German Army. He and his wife came to America with their son Jeff, in 1852, sailing from Bremen and landing in New York, after spending seven weeks on the voyage. One son, John, remained in Germany and came to America at a later date, and the parents brought one son with them. John Wieties worked twelve years in the State House and is now janitor of Odd Fellows Hall in Springfield. The father came direct to Springfield and assisted in building the State House which is now the Court House. He purchased a farm of eighty acres in Cass County, later moved to Adams County, farmed there ten years, then returned to Springfield and worked in the rolling mills until his death in 1886. His widow died in 1892.

Jeff Wieties received his education in the country schools of Cass County, Ill., and pursued his studies in a log building. He spent his time on his father's farm up to the time he was married, after marriage worked sixteen years in the Rolling Mills, then worked eight months at Noblett's laundry as engineer. He was engineer for the street car company which first installed electric cars in Springfield, in 1890, and for the following fifteen years was with that company. He spent two years and eight months at Divernon, Sangamon County, as engineer at the electric light plant. He came to his present farm in March, 1908. He owns twenty acres and rents ninety acres besides. He devotes his land principally to general crops and is successful in his operations.

He is an active member of the Lutheran Church and is interested in the welfare of his community. In politics he is a Republican and is one of the Judges of Election of his district. Fraternally he belongs to the American Home Circle and to Sangamon Lodge No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Wieties was married in Adams County, Ill., March 13, 1872, to Miss Louisa Bruntz, born in that county, New Years Day, 1855. Her parents emigrated to Adams County from Hanover, Germany, and located on a farm near Crown Point, Ill., where their last days were spent. Mr. Bruntz worked on the construction of the Wabash Railroad from Clayton to Camp Point. He and his wife had nine children. Nine children were born to Mr. Wieties and his wife, of whom seven survive, namely: Uffie, of Springfield, works for the Illinois Watch Company; Fred, employed by the same company; William, of Granite City, Ill., is agent for the Illinois Traction System; Ella married James Corsican, a machinist in the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company; Clara, wife of William Love, in the employ of the Berry Piano Company, of Springfield; Minnie and Clarence, live at home. There are nine grandchildren in the family. Mr. Wieties is a man of intelligence and ability, social in disposition and popular with his friends.

WILCOX, Ellis.—The pioneers of Illinois were pre-eminently courageous and resourceful, establishing their straggling settlements on the frontier. In all their efforts they displayed a wonderful readiness in adapting themselves to conditions and meeting emergencies. Their hardihood and energy in upbuilding and maintaining a happy home life laid the foundation for the present civilization. Their love of home and family grew with the passage of time, and as they and theirs emerged from the period of making homespun clothing and living entirely off the products of their land, they took pleasure in the victory that definitely crowned their work, which was one of independence achieved. The records of all the old families of the State show accounts of remarkable personal bravery, and nowhere more than in Sangamon County, which, twenty years after the State was admitted to the Union, was honored as the seat of the capital city.

Among those who have become well known in Sangamon County those bearing the name of Wilcox occupy enviable positions. The family was founded in Sangamon County in 1819 by John Wilcox, a frontiersman, and son of John Wilcox, a Captain in the Revolutionary War. His son John was a Lieutenant in another regiment in the same struggle. The Wilcox family originated in Scotland, but the younger John Wilcox was born in Maryland. He married in Virginia, Lucinda Oglesby, born in that State, and a first cousin of the late Gov. Richard J. Oglesby. The death of John Wilcox occurred in Illinois and his remains are interred at Round Grove Cemetery. Mrs. Wilcox came of English ancestry, so that their son Ellis inherited the traits of both Scotch and English forebears.

Ellis Wilcox was a man of strong character and was pre-eminently fitted to be a pioneer. He never received any schooling, but was a splendid natural mathematician. He came to Sangamon County to live with his father, making the trip on horseback from Kentucky. Later he rode to Galena and back. At that time the family of Hugh McGarry lived in that region. There were still some Indians and wild game was plenty. About 1826 he married and moved his household possessions in a prairie schooner, locating four miles west of Berlin, where he engaged in farming. He put up a log cabin on

the land he secured, improved his farm and added to it, and at the time of his death owned about 1,500 acres. He died about fifteen years ago, when he was one hundred years old, having passed that birthday by four months and ten days. He was a good machinist, shoemaker and carpenter, but made a very little money working at these different trades for the various pioneer families were generally poor. By birth he was a Virginian, but early moved to Kentucky, where his marriage occurred. His wife was Ann Lewis, a daughter of Neriah and Mary (Moss) Lewis, natives of South Carolina. Ann Lewis was fourteen years old when the family moved to Kentucky. Her parents later moved to Macoupin County, Ill., where they resided until their deaths, engaged in farming. Members of the Lewis family served in the Revolutionary War. Ann Lewis Wilcox died at the age of seventy-two years, about thirty-five years ago. Ellis Wilcox and his wife had ten children, three of whom still survive: Thomas M. of Berlin, Ill.; Dr. J. L. Wilcox of Springfield, and J. F. Wilcox of Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Wilcox was a Whig, but later became a Democrat, and his ideal was Henry Clay. Never caring for office, he took but little part in public life. In religious views he was very liberal, and tried hard to do what he believed was his duty. For many years he was the oldest living resident of Sangamon County, and his memory was remarkable. During the latter part of his life he was an authority upon matters relating to happenings in pioneer days, and he always enjoyed telling of his experiences when the wilderness was still an unknown quality.

WILCOX, J. L., M. D., one of the oldest practicing physicians of Springfield, Ill., who has served many years as City Physician and is President of the Board of Pension Examiners, is a native of Sangamon County, born in Island Grove Township, November 26, 1832, son of Ellis Wilcox, whose biography also appears in this work.

The early education of Dr. Wilcox was acquired in the old log subscription school near his home, and for a time he afterwards attended public school, after the establishment of a regular public school system. He entered Shurtliff College in 1853, spent one year there, then took a two years' course in classics at Illinois College. After studying a year and a half with Drs. Wilson and Gibson, of Berlin, Ill., he entered Rush Medical College, and about one year later entered St. Louis Medical College, from which he graduated in 1859. After his graduation Dr. Wilcox spent one year in California Gulch, carrying a pack on his back, and occupied in mining and practicing medicine. He then located in Manito, Ill., where for a year he practiced in partnership with Dr. J. B. Meigs, a very bright man in the profession. In 1862 Dr. Wilcox enlisted in the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry, which was organized at Peoria, by Robert G. Ingersoll, and served until the end of the war. Returning to Illinois, he settled at Loami, Sangamon County, and spent nineteen years in general practice there.

About 1882 Dr. Wilcox located in Springfield, and since that time has there been engaged in active practice, with the exception of five years When he served as Revenue Collector. He has always taken a strong interest in local affairs and has supported every movement for the advancement of the interests of the community. He has always advocated the principles of the Democratic party, but has not in any way entered politics for the purpose of holding public office. In 1874 he was elected to the State Legislature and became Chairman of the Public Buildings and Grounds Committee. During his service on this committee he succeeded in securing a back appropriation of $800,000 to complete the State House. He was interested in securing the passage of a law compelling coal operators to have a safety escape in shafts, also served as Chairman pro tem. of the finance committee. During Dr. Wilcox's service in the Legislature he always strongly advocated economy, and the Assembly in which he served was said to be the most economical ever held in Illinois.

During the second year of Dr. Wilcox's residence in Springfield he was elected City Physician, and has served at various times in this office, aggregating thirteen years. Under President Cleveland's administration he served as Collector of Revenue of the Eighth District of Illinois, and under Cleveland's first administration served as President of the Board of Pension Examiners, being re-appointed on the Board in 1907 and now serving as President. While living in Loami Dr. Wilcox served as Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee. He is a member of the G. A. R., the A. F. & A. M., and of the Sangamon County Medical Society. In religious belief he holds very liberal views.

Having lived so many years in Springfield and being possessed of ability and skill, Dr. Wilcox has built up a fine practice and has been very successful. He has established himself in the public confidence and stands high in his profession. While serving in the army he was appointed Assistant Surgeon, and the people of Springfield and Sangamon County have delighted many times to show him honor. Financially he has been successful and has owned farm land and other property. He has many friends and is considered a public-spirited, representative citizen.

Dr. Wilcox was married, in 1860, to Miss Alice V. Parker, of Island Grove Township, who lived but ten months after her marriage, leaving an infant son, Joe Allison, who married Anna Dunlap. Joe A. Wilcox died March 28, 1910, leaving a widow and four children—three daughters and one son, now living in New Berlin, Ill. November 9, 1865, Dr. Wilcox married (second) Jean Frances Patteson, daughter of Dr. Alexander Patteson, of Sangamon County, formerly of Lexington County, Ky. Three children were born of this union, namely: Dwight, unmarried,

a traveling newspaper correspondent; A. P., Cashier of Garfield National Bank, at Enid, Okla., and Anna Lewis, married C. B. Wilson, of Smithfield, Ky., and has three sons. Mr. Wilson is a cousin of Gen. Bell, of the United States Army. A. P. Wilcox is quite prominent in the city where he resides. He married (first) Leva Billings, by whom he had one daughter, Frances C., and after his first wife's death married (second) her sister, Iva Billings.

WILCOX, Thomas Moore.—No account of the pioneer history of Sangamon County would be complete without mention of Thomas Moore Wilcox whose efforts towards the development of this locality are widely known and universally recognized. He has now retired from active work, residing in his beautiful home on West Main street, New Berlin. His birth took place June 28, 1831, on a farm in what is now New Berlin Township, a son of Ellis A. and Ann (Lewis) Wilcox, the father being a native of Tennessee, to which place his father came from England. In 1820, he moved with his family to Kentucky, and in 1825, came to Sangamon County. Here he spent the summer cutting down trees in which the wild bees made their home, for the beeswax, which he collected, taking it back with him to Kentucky in the fall. However, he was so pleased with the new country, that he returned, locating in Berlin Township. He was later followed by his father, who located in Clear Lake Township.

After coming here, Ellis A. Wilcox secured land from the government, his deed being signed by President Jackson. To this he added more property, becoming one of the extensive landowners of Sangamon County. This excellent man lived to the extreme old age of 102 years, being born in 1793, and dying in 1895. During the early days in Kentucky, he was a Whig, but after coming to Illinois, espoused the principles of Democracy, although bitterly opposed to slavery. While not a member of any church, he gave freely of his ample means towards the furtherance of religious work, and his wife was a devout Baptist. She was born in 1800, in South Carolina, and died in 1876, and she and her husband rest in the Moore Cemetery of Berlin Township. To them were born children as follows: Josiah L., a physician of Springfield, for many years regimental surgeon of the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry, and is now City Physician; John of Arizona; Charles W., deceased; Samuel, also deceased; Lucinda, married Thomas Rhea, and both are now deceased.

Thomas Moore Wilcox grew up amid strictly pioneer conditions, attending the first school erected in the neighborhood. This building was a neighborhood affair, the farmers going after the log with ox teams. They split them for puncheon floors, and slab seats, when the building was completed, and all were proud of the little cabin. It had one window, while a huge stove provided means for heating during the long, cold winters. The books were as primitive as the surroundings, but the children did learn, laying a firm foundation for whatever after education they might receive. Mr. Wilcox had the advantage of several terms at the free schools, before he turned all of his attention to farm work, although from the time he could reach the plow handles, he assisted his father. He also became an expert in the use of the cradle, but now he realizes that times have changed, as he observes modern methods.

Remaining at home until he was twenty-four years old, Mr. Wilcox then married, on March 27, 1856, Mrs. Catherine (Rubble) Fox, born in Morgan County, daughter of Jesse Rubble, who for years was a prosperous farmer of Morgan County. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox rented land from his father, which was located on Lick Creek, and began housekeeping in one of the primitive log cabins of the neighborhood. By hard work and thrifty saving, Mr. Wilcox was soon able to buy land in Morgan County, to the extent of 300 acres, to which they moved, and built upon the property a comfortable residence. Later on, Mr. Wilcox bought a portion of the family homestead, continuing to hold his Morgan County farm. For years he was an extensive breeder of horses for road use, and was so successful that in 1898, he felt he could afford to retire, so leaving his home in charge of his sons, he came to New Berlin, where he now resides. He and his wife became the parents of children as follows: Charles L., died at the age of forty years; Albert on the farm in Morgan County; Carrie; Benjamin, deceased; Wallace of Lawrence, Kas.; Frank died at the age of twenty years; Thomas, an undertaker of Decatur, Ill.; Mary at home; Ruth deceased; Catherine, wife of Ottis King, a farmer of Curran Township. Mr. Wilcox has always been interested in educational matters, and believes in good schools. Formerly a Whig, he became a Republican, following Abraham Lincoln. The family have all been brought up in the faith of the Methodist Church, to which they belong, and Mr. Wilcox is one of the Trustees of his denomination in New Berlin. He is a straightforward man, unassuming, but capable of holding his own. He has won the confidence and respect of all who know him, and is a typical example of pioneer days when a man had to prove his true worth before he was accepted by his neighbors. In the development of the educational, religious and agricultural interests of the county, Mr. Wilcox has always taken a deep interest, and too high praise cannot be accorded him for what he has accomplished.

WILEY, Lewis D., M. D.—Prominent among the professional men of Sangamon County, may be mentioned Dr. Lewis D. Wiley, whose reputation as a physician and surgeon has extended far beyond the confines of his chosen field of practice, the town of New Berlin. Dr. Wiley was born in Owen County, Ky., December 19, 1852, and is a son of Salem and Sarah A. (Marshall) Wiley.

The grandfather of Dr. Wiley was a native of Virginia, who in young manhood left that State and went to Scott County, Ky., where he was married to Polly Robinson and settled on a farm. His first work after settling there, was the conducting of a mill for sawing lumber, and later he engaged in farming, being one of the prominent and well-to-do men of his section. His later days were spent in Owen County, where he died at the age of eighty-six years. in June, 1825, Salem Wiley, father of the Doctor, was born in Scott County, Ky., and he was (first) married there to a widow, Ellen Hunley, who bore him one son, who was accidentally killed during his twenty-first year. Mr. Wiley's first wife died, and he was married (second) to Sarah A. Marshall, after which he settled down to farming in Owen County, and at the outbreak of the Civil War had become one of the leading agriculturists of his section. His farm, however, like many others in that section of the country was ruined and devastated by the Confederate foraging parties, everything being confiscated and nothing left but the team of oxen. In fact, the family was made so destitute by the inroads of the soldiers of the Confederacy that it was necessary for a brother, B. F. Wiley, to make trips to the grist-mill, riding on an ox to get something for the family to eat. Many of the necessities of life were denied these people at this time, but after the close of the war, Mr. Wiley made a new start, and a few years later found him well on the road to prosperity. Originally a Whig, he was one of the first to join the movement that brought about the forming of the Republican party, and his loyalty to the principles of Lincoln and his hatred of slavery, earned him the title of Black Abolitionist, and as such, threats were made against his life. Never backward in standing up for for what he thought was right, Mr. Wiley was withal a just man, and wielded a power for good in his community. He was a devout member of the Baptist Church, and in that faith, he died in 1888, when sixty-three years of age. His wife survived him until 1891, and both are buried in the old family burial ground in Owen County, Ky. Their children were as follows: Benjamin F., a prosperous farmer of Oklahoma, married Sophrona R. Terry and has two children, Denver and Mrs. Carrie Redford; Melvina, the wife of J. J. Moreland, residing near the old home in Kentucky; Lewis D.; Georgia Ann, deceased, was the wife of J. J. Traylor, and had seven children,—Effie Lee, Allie B., Verna D., Emma, Melvina, Gordon and Tressie; Polly Susan, wife of George Tackett, a resident of Bardwell, has eight children; Rosey W., the widow of J. R. Tackett, has seven children; and John S., engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Lexington, Ky., was married (first) to the daughter of Dr. G. R. Lee by whom he had six children, three of whom are living, Sarah, Leslie and Wava, and married (second) Mattie Meeks, by whom he has had two children, Pauline and Martha Eiline.

Lewis D. Wiley spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, attending the district schools of his neighborhood and working for his father until twenty-one years old. At this time he rented land and put out a crop of tobacco, the most valuable crop for the Kentucky farmer at that time, and during the same year, August 17, 1873, he was married to Nancy E. Wiley, daughter of Greenville Wiley, also a native of Owen County, Ky. After their marriage the couple went to the home he had provided and he settled down to farming, his land yielding large crops under his capable handling. Taking the proceeds from his first crop, Mr. Wiley made a payment on a small tract of land, upon which was an old Kentucky hewn-log cabin, and in 1874, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley removed to the new home, and there they labored together until the little home was paid for. Death visited the happy homestead March 26, 1878, claiming the young wife, and she was buried firm in the faith of the Baptist Church. To the Doctor and his first wife were born these children: Noel, born June 5, 1874, now a prosperous farmer of Morgan County, Ill., married Florence Kindred and has one child,—Minnie; Luther, born December 27, 1876, also farming in Morgan County, Ill., married Elizabeth Maple and had two children,—one which died at the age of eight years and Lewis H.; and Minnie, who died in infancy, meeting an accidental death. On March 4, 1880, Dr. Wiley was married (second) to Sarah C. Hughes, and to this union there were born four children, of whom Harry died at the age of sixteen years; Henry, who received a fine education, came to Illinois with his parents in 1893, took the Civil Service examination and at the age of twenty years received an appointment to the United States Mail Service, and now resides at Buffalo, Ill., and runs from Chicago to Quincy. He married Pearl Lester, and has two children,—Harry Lester and a daughter born October 14, 1910; Sarah E., the wife of John Bass, a merchant of Billings, Mont., and had three children, of whom one died in infancy; and Minnie, the wife of Oliver Wynne, of Norfolk, Va., a commercial salesman, has one child,—Winston Wiley.

In 1882, having accumulated a fair competency, Dr. Wiley decided to enter the field of medicine as a practitioner, having done much reading and studying along these lines during his spare time, and subsequently in 1885, he entered the University of Louisville, Ky., from which he was graduated in 1887, with high honors. He at once located in Scott County, Ky., where he commenced the practice of his profession and there continued with much success until 1893, when he located in Nortonville, Morgan County, Ill., and continued to enjoy a large practice. In order to get better schooling facilities for his children, Dr. Wiley removed to Alexander, Ill., later went to Franklin, and finally, in 1901, he located in New Berlin, where he has built up a fine practice and formed stanch friendships. Dr. Wiley has always been a close and thorough student and keeps constantly in

touch with all that is going on in the world of medicine by perusal of the leading periodicals of his profession. He has a well-filled library and a large laboratory where he prepares his own prescriptions. He has always been known as a skillful and steady-handed surgeon and his success in this line has given him more than local reputation. Always public-spirited and honest, it is his plainly expressed opinion that those whom the people honor with election to places of public trust should give a fair account of themselves, and as a City Councilman he has always taken the best of care of his constituents and made a record that will not be forgotten by the tax-payers. Socially he is connected with the A. F. & A. M., Franklin Lodge, No. 616, New Berlin Lodge, No. 831, I. O. O. F., the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor. With his wife, he is affiliated with the Baptist Church, Mrs. Wiley also belonging to the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies. Dr. Wiley's politics are those of the Republican party.

On August 17, 1903, Dr. Wiley was married to Mrs. Mary (Bachmann) Long, and to this union has been born one son: Cecil Bachmann Wiley, December 23, 1904.

WILKINSON, Reuben (deceased), a half-brother of Mrs. James L. McKee, of Cotton Hill Township, and for many years one of the prominent representatives of the old pioneers of Sangamon County, was born in Kentucky, December 11, 1821, and died in Taylorville, Ill., Saturday, November 12, 1910, aged nearly eighty-nine years. During his long and necessarily eventful life, Mr. Wilkinson witnessed many changes, participating in many of them. For eighty years, Illinois was his home State, for he was but little over seven years old when his parents made their exodus from the Blue Grass State to this. Settlement was first made in Christian County, but in 1843, Mr. Wilkinson settled in Sangamon County, never to leave until he went to his last home.

Coming to Taylorville at a time when it needed the wise action of a born financier, Mr. Wilkinson was an important factor in building up the place, being identified with all of its leading enterprises, giving a whole-souled and public-spirited support to improvements and advanced ideas with regard to civic affairs. Among other enterprises, he established a flouring-mill, extending this industry until he was one of the leaders in his line up to the time of his demise. He did much to develop the coal interests of Taylorville; built houses suitable for laboring men, selling them on monthly payments suited to the means of the purchaser, and never taking undue advantage of anyone who transacted business with him. One of his policies was to retain his old employes in preference to younger ones, even if they were not so active as the latter.

One of the most devout Christians, Mr. Wilkinson was not content until the Presbyterian denomination, of which he was a member, had secured a fine brick structure in which to worship. He was also liberal in his donations to other churches and to all charitable institutions and movements, and probably his private benevolences were much larger than any of which the public had knowledge. A Republican in politics, Mr. Wilkinson was also an enthusiastic advocate of Prohibition, and exerted a powerful influence for good in this as well as other directions.

In June, 1846, Mr. Wilkinson enlisted in Company A, Fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for service during the Mexican War, under Col. E. D. Baker, and participated in the battles of Cerro Gordo and Vera Cruz. In addition to the seven dollars per month paid him while in service, Mr. Wilkinson received a land warrant for 160 acres of land which he patented in Sangamon County.

The marriage of Mr. Wilkinson took place at Terre Haute, Ind., September 26, 1848, to Miss Hester Pratt, born in England, who survived him.

Pre-eminently a leader of men, and a builder up of destinies, Mr. Wilkinson possessed the ability to judge accurately of character, and was seldom mistaken in his estimates. Having once bestowed his friendship upon a man he seldom found it necessary to withdraw it, and attached many to him because of his many kindly deeds and real ability as a business man.

WILLARD, Samuel, A. M., M. D., LL. D. (Vol. I, p. 590.)

WILLIAMS, George W. (deceased), who spent most of his active life farming in Sangamon County, was a veteran of the Civil War and was honored and esteemed by all who knew him as a man of integrity and reliability. He was born in Steubenville, Ohio, September 7, 1842, and was a son of Thomas and Rachel (Jackson) Williams, the former a native of Ireland and the latter born in Maryland. Thomas Williams was brought to America at the age of five years, and after reaching a suitable age engaged in farming near Steubenville, remaining there forty years, then removed to Assumption, Ill., where he spent the remainder of his life. He purchased 360 acres of land in Christian County and there carried on farming with success, developing his farm and making many improvements in the way of buildings. There he and his wife both died, being buried in that vicinity. They were parents of three sons and a daughter: one son, Leander, is a telegraph operator and lives in Chicago; Andrew resides at Villisca, Iowa, where he is a successful farmer and extensively engaged in hog-raising; George W., and the daughter is deceased and buried at Assumption, Ill.

In boyhood George W. Williams attended the public schools of Steubenville, Ohio, and was reared on a farm, being early taught to perform his share of the work on his father's farm. He came with the family to Illinois at the time

of the Civil War, and soon afterwards joined Company K, Fifth Ohio Cavalry, serving during the remainder of the war. He participated in many battles and was taken prisoner and confined some time in Libby Prison.

At the close of the war Mr. Williams returned to Assumtion, but soon afterwards removed to Sangamon County and engaged in farming, which occupation he continued the remainder of his life. He was industrious and progressive and brought his farm to a high state of cultivation. He owned land in Section 35, Curran Township, and had a comfortable home thereon. He had the good-will and esteem of his neighbors and was actively interested in the welfare of his community. He was well known in the neighborhood where he had lived so many years, and his loss was keenly felt in many circles. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church, while Mrs. Williams belongs to the Christian Church at Loami.

The marriage of Mr. Williams took place in Jacksonville, Ill., October 3, 1878, when he was united with Louise, daughter of Samuel Wilson. Mrs. Williams was born near Jacksonville, in Morgan County. Mr. Wilson was born in Kentucky in 1813, and came to Morgan County at the age of thirteen years, becoming an influential and successful farmer there. He helped drive the first stakes when the village of Jacksonville was laid out. The land which he purchased there was worth but $1.25 per acre at that time, but so great has been the development of central Illinois since that it is now worth $200 per acre. Mr. Wilson died December 4, 1902, at the age of ninety years, and his wife, who was a native of Morgan County, died in 1856, being buried in the old Flynn grave-yard. Seven sons and four daughters were born to this couple, and of these four sons and one daughter (Mrs. Williams) survive. Three sons, John, Elias and Robert, served during the Civil War as members of the Illinois Volunteer Infantry. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mae, now the wife of Frank Cloyd, and they live one mile north of Loami, being parents of five children—Lee, Millard, Grace I., Arthur F. and Russell H. An adopted son, Ralph Williams, born in Springfield, June 14, 1889, lives with his mother on the home farm. Mr. Williams died August 7, 1906, on the farm now occupied by his widow, and was buried in Chatham Cemetery.

WILLIAMS, Henry H.—It has been truthfully said that the nation's strength lies in its agricultural interests—that without them the country could not thrive and prosperity would be a thing of the past. The men in whose hands the agricultural interests rest should be of the type that will be of benefit to the country, men with clear minds and ideas, progressive methods and industrious habits. Henry H. Williams was for many years engaged in farming in Sangamon County and knows the business of agriculture in all its branches. He is a native of the county, having been born in Rochester Township, July 30, 1840, a son of Samuel and Jane L. (Trotter) Williams. Samuel Williams was born May 26, 1800, in Vermont and in youth removed to Indiana, but in 1822 came to Sangamon County, Ill., and after teaching school at Rochester for several years, settled down to an agricultural life and was so engaged until his death. His wife, a native of Kentucky, came with her parents to Sangamon County in 1820.

Henry H. Williams secured his education in the country schools near Rochester, and his youth was spent much as that of any farmer's son. As soon as he was able he began to do his share of work about the home farm, and in this way learned the calling from the bottom up, gaining training that was of much value to him in the years following. His entire active career was spent as a farmer, he being so engaged came to Springfield, and has there resided since, until his retirement in 1895, at which time he owning his own comfortable home. He is one of the county's old residents, and has seen many changes take place during his long and useful life. His religious connection is with the Christian Church.

On March 18, 1877, Mr. Williams was married in Sangamon County to Catherine E. Rhodes, who was born in Maryland, May 26, 1845, from which place she accompanied her parents in 1865 to Illinois. They settled on a farm and lived there until the time of their deaths. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Charles H., who married Miss Fannie Spence, of Springfield, and they had the following children: Homer H. is living; Luther, deceased; Iva Jane, is dead; Mable, Walter R. and an infant, living.

WILLIAMS, Jacob, was born in Ohio, January 19, 1844, son of Samuel S. and Isabella (Horn) Williams, the father born in Virginia, February 23, 1812, and the mother in Pennsylvania, in 1826. Little is known of the grandparents other than the fact that they were natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania. Samuel S. Williams was a cabinet-maker and went from his native State to Pennsylvania, thence to Ohio, and finally settled in Illinois. He located first in Logan County and later came to Sangamon County, where he died. Jacob Williams acquired most of his education as a result of his own efforts while serving in the Civil War. He lived on a farm as a boy and was always fond of outdoor sports and pastimes. He went with his family from Ohio to Illinois in 1852, and soon after to Sangamon County, which has since been his home.

August 1, 1862, Jacob Williams enlisted in Company D, One Hundred Sixth Illinois Infantry, at Pulaski, Ill., served three years, and was mustered out July 12, 1865, at Pine Bluff, Ark. He was wounded in the leg and spent about six weeks in a hospital. He participated in battles at Forest Raid, Memphis, and other points. For sixteen months he served as Chief Orderly in the office of the Provost Marshal at Memphis, Tenn., then was ordered to the

front and took charge of the postoffice at Pine Bluff, where he served twelve months as Postmaster, being relieved to be mustered out, in 1865. He won a record of which he may well be proud and he is a member of the G. A. R.

Mr. Williams was married, at Springfield, in April, 1873, to Miss Bridgie Galvin, who was born in Springfield, January 21, 1857, daughter of Daniel and Honoria (Foley) Galvin, natives of Ireland, and the father a veteran of the Civil War. Her grandparents were also natives of Ireland. Three children were born to Mr. Williams and his wife, of whom two survive: Harry J., born July 26, 1875, and Honoria E., July 17, 1878. The other child, Samuel C., who was born July 17, 1874, died in childhood. Honoria married W. H. Garrison, and they reside at Culbertson, Mont. Harry J. married Augusta Mueller, and they live on a farm five and one-half miles east of Springfield. Mr. Williams is one of the old residents of Springfield and is held in high esteem by all who know him, as a useful, public-spirited citizen. He is a member of the Baptist Church and a stanch Republican. For many years he has worked at the trade of carpenter and is a skillful and industrious workman. The family reside at 629 North Eighteenth Street.

WILLIAMS, John (deceased), who for many years was engaged in the Rolling Mill business in and around Springfield, Ill., was born in Wales, in 1862, and died in Springfield in 1896. He was a son of James and Catherine (Lewis) Williams, natives of Wales, the former born in 1831 and the latter in 1829. They came to America in 1851, locating in Springfield, where the father worked at his trade of iron worker until his death in 1878, the mother surviving until 1882. Children as follows were born to this couple: William, John, Eddie, Thomas, James, and Maggie, who died at the age of seven years.

John Williams was educated in the schools of Pittsburg, Pa. and Springfield, Ill., where his parents resided for a short time, and his first work was in the rolling mills of the latter city. At the age of twenty years he secured this employment and continued to work in this line until his death, when he left his widow a beautiful home, in which she and her children now reside. Mr. Williams was one of those who helped to sink the Jones and Adams mine.

In 1885 Mr. Williams was married, by the Rev. Hines, of the Episcopal Church, to Emma Cartwright, who was born in Johnston, Pa., in 1855, daughter of John Cartwright, a native of Wales, who was born December 25, 1830, and died October 16, 1872. Mrs. Williams' mother, Mary (Reece) Cartwright, was born in Wales in June, 1830, and died September 13, 1883. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright: Margaret, wife of Thomas H. Pritchard, a well-to-do coal-miner of Springfield; William and Edward, of Springfield; Mary Ann, the wife of William Dunn, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Emma, who became Mrs. Williams; Eliza, the wife of Frank Ammond, of Alabama City, Ala.; David, who died when thirty-two years old; and Katie, the wife of John Newton, of Terre Haute, Ind.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams: Margaret, the wife of Martin Spence, a successful contractor of Springfield, born April 12, 1886; Mamie B., born May 20, 1889, employed at the Illinois Watch Factory; and Jennie B., born April 12, 1892, also working at the Illinois Watch Factory. Mr. Williams was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

WILLIAMS, Col. John (deceased), pioneer, leading business man and prominent citizen of Springfield and Central Illinois in early history, was born near Owingsville, Bath County, Ky., September 11, 1808, the son of James and Hannah (Mappin) Williams, his father being of Welsh descent and a native of Virginia, while his mother was of Scotch-Irish parentage and born near Pittsburg, Pa. Thus descended from Welsh and Scotch-Irish ancestry, he inherited the traits of energy, enterprise, and moral and business integrity which characterized the several branches of his family.

In 1823 his parents came in covered wagons with a party of friends to Illinois, first settling at Indian Point, three miles north of Athens, then in Sangamon (but now a part of Menard) County, there entered government land and, building a log cabin, there spent the remainder of their lives. At this time the son John was employed as a storeboy by J. T. Brian, of Owingsville, Ky., but in the fall of the following year, in company with several Kentucky neighbors, he came on horseback to Illinois. After spending two weeks with his parents he went to Springfield and there found employment by Major Elijah Iles, the first merchant of the place, receiving a salary of ten dollars per month with board. At that time the Iles store occupied a rough-hewn log house, the oldest building in Springfield, situated on what is now the southeast corner of Second and Jefferson Streets. In a book of pioneer reminiscences written by Major Iles in the latter years of his life, the pioneer merchant says: "Soon after opening my store my father sent me from Kentucky a youth, aged sixteen, a son of one of his valued neighbors, to act as storeboy and clerk. This youth was John Williams, now better known as Col. Williams. He proved to be a valuable assistant, and lived with me as one of the family until 1830, when I sold my goods to him and established him in business."

Major Iles showed the appreciation of his employe's service by paying him $30 increase on his first year's salary, and continuing his employment for the next five at $200 per annum. During this period Mr. Williams was gaining a business experience and extending his acquaintance with early settlers of Sangamon County, which proved most valuable in his future mercantile career of over fifty years. At the end

of his service with Major Iles, he bought the store of his employer, paying therefor in four quarterly payments, and starting out with a capital of $300, which he had saved from his salary during the preceding six years.

When the Iles store was first started, the goods were bought at St. Louis and brought by flat-boats to what is now the city of Beardstown, and thence transported by wagon to Springfield, and this was continued for some years after Mr. Williams became proprietor. When going to St. Louis to replenish his stock he was accustomed to carry his money in saddle-bags on horseback, and these were often dropped behind the door of the tavern or stopping place, but without suffering any loss. At this time it was often necessary to cut the silver coin in pieces to produce the needed fractional currency. For two years this store was without local competition, and customers were accustomed to come a distance of fifty to eighty miles to trade there. A large share of the trade was with Indians, who brought with them their furs and other pelts for traffic. The whites used silver coin or bartered home-made jeans, cotton and linen cloth, honey, beeswax and farm products in the purchase of goods. In 1823 a post-office was established which was conducted in the Iles store, and for many years Mr. Williams officiated as Postmaster. Mr. Williams' residence in Springfield covered the period of the "deep snow" of 1830-31 and the Black Hawk War of 1832, and in the latter he served as a volunteer with Abraham Lincoln, Major Iles, John T. Stuart and other well-known citizens of Sangamon County.

About 1835, Mr. Williams' store was removed to the southwest corner of Washington and Fifth Streets, Robert Irwin (afterwards a banker) then becoming a member of the firm under the firm name of Williams & Irwin. Later the store was removed farther east on Washington Street, Jacob Loose being a partner for a short time, and this continued its location during the remainder of Mr. Williams' mercantile career, his son-in-law, George N. Black, becoming a member of the firm in 1850. During most of this period it was the most extensive mercantile establishment in the city of Springfield. The history of the dry-goods store of Edward R. Thayer, still in existence in Springfield, is more nearly contemporaneous with that of Mr. Williams' than any other, and before the days of the railroad, Mr. Williams and Mr. Thayer used frequently to make their trips in company by stage-coach to Philadelphia, to replenish their stock of goods.

Mr. Williams was married March 31, 1840, to Miss Lydia Porter, a native of Lima, Livingston County, N. Y., but at the time of her marriage making her home with her sister, Mrs. Elijah Iles. Six children were born to them, namely: Louisa Iles (the late Mrs. George N. Black), Albert Porter, John Edward, Julia Jayne (the late Mrs. Alfred Orendorff), George and Henry Carter. The two older sons, Albert P. and John Edward, died before their parents, while Mrs. Black and Mrs. Orendorff died within the past two years. The sons George and Henry are the only immediate descendants of Col. Williams still living, though several grandchildren survive.

While Col. Williams' prominence as a private citizen and business man was widely recognized, he also served in a number of important public positions. These included the treasurership of the Illinois State Agricultural Society, to which he was chosen on the organization of the Society in 1853, and in which he served six years, later being chosen Treasurer of the Illinois State Importing Association. In 1856 he was nominated on the Republican ticket for Congress from the Springfield District, and although he failed of election, ran some 2,000 votes ahead of his ticket. On the outbreak of the Civil War he was appointed by Gov. Yates Commissary General for the State of Illinois, serving most efficiently in that capacity for some six months and until the commissary service was assumed by the General Government, although he continued to aid in caring for soldiers arriving in Springfield, either on the way to or from the field, during the war period; also served as head of the Illinois State Sanitary Commission for the last two years of the war. By appointment of President Lincoln he acted as Government Disbursing Agent in the construction of the United States Court House and Postoffice Building in Springfield, during that time some $320,000 passing through his hands. While in the mercantile business he opened a private bank for the accommodation of citizens of Springfield which, soon after the passage of the National Banking Act in 1863, became the First National Bank of Springfield, of which he was President for eleven years. Other financial interests with which he was associated included the building of the Gilman, Clinton & Springfield Railroad (now a branch of the Illinois Central) and the Springfield & Northwestern (now a part of the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Line), serving as President of the latter. Williams Township in Sangamon County, and the village of Williamsville, in that township, were both named in his honor.

At the time of the great Union Mass Meeting of September 3, 1863, Col. Williams acted as Grand Marshal of one of the most imposing processions ever seen in Springfield. Being a close friend of Mr. Lincoln, after the death of the latter in 1865, he was selected as a member of the committee to proceed to Washington and accompany the funeral cortege of the Martyred President to Springfield, also acted as one of the honorary pall-bearers at the funeral, and still later served as a member of the Executive Committee in supervising the erection of the Lincoln Monument. A man of simple, unassuming manner, but public-spirited of high integrity and sterling worth, Col. Williams commanded universal respect by his personal merit. His death occurred at the home of his daughter,

Mrs. Alfred Orendorff, May 29, 1890, in the eighty-second year of his age.

WILLIAMS, John. (Vol. I, p. 591.)

WILLIAMS, Joseph (deceased).—Those who have passed to their last reward are tenderly remembered by their families and friends if their lives were worthy of such gratitude, for it is only when a man has left this world that his deeds assume their rightful character. When Joseph Williams died the entire neighborhood mourned for the loss of an excellent citizen. He was born in Ohio, April 3, 1846, a son of Samuel and Louisa (Rash) Williams, the former a native of Maryland. The mother died when Joseph Williams was seven years old, and the father married again, his second choice being Abbie Van Gilder, also now deceased. The father was a farmer all his life and died on his property in Gardner Township. There were eleven children by the first marriage and six by the second, and John Williams, of Springfield, is the only survivor of the first set of children.

When he was one year old Joseph Williams was brought to Gardner Township by his parents, they settling on 400 acres of land, and on this the lad grew up, attending the country school. He remained at home until his marriage, February 17, 1880, to Irene Matthews, of Dawson, born there July 15, 1860, daughter of John and Rachel (Lanham) Matthews, the former a native of Kentucky, who came to Illinois at an early date, dying at Dawson, where his wife, a native of Ohio, also passed away. They had children as follows: Martha E., Mrs. Charles B. McDaniel, of Springfield; William, of Dawson, married Edna Vaughn; Taylor married Alice Brown; Sarah F., deceased; Mrs. Williams; Joseph died in infancy; Hattie Elizabeth, Mrs. Frank Tate of Springfield; and Mary, Mrs. James Drone, of Decatur. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Williams located on twenty acres in Gardner Township where his death occurred March 17, 1896. He was a faithful member of the United Brethren Church. A stanch Democrat, he gave his party a loyal support. Three children were born to himself and wife: Jesse, of Upper Berlin, married Carrie Ives, one child, Violet; Carrie, Mrs. John Keeley of Springfield, and Clarence, at home. Mr. Williams gave earnest attention to the rearing of his children, strove to do his full duty as a neighbor and citizen, was faithful to his church obligations, and his place has not been filled, nor can it be, for men like him are rare, and his relatives and friends appreciate his virtues and still mourn his loss.

WILLIAMS, Milton.—While most of the old soldiers have passed away, there are a number still left in Sangamon County, and these are given the honor that is their rightful due, for without the loyalty and bravery of the army, the Union could not have been preserved. One of the veterans of whom the county is proud is Milton Williams, a prosperous farmer of Woodside Township, born in Clinton County, Ohio, August 25, 1838, a son of Haines and Permelia (Myers) Williams, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. The parents came to Illinois in 1855, locating in Cooper Township, Sangamon County, where they bought forty acres of land, upon which the father died in 1863, and the mother several years later. There were seven children (four sons and three daughters), in their family, all of whom are deceased except Milton and his brother Joseph, who was a soldier as well.

The education of Milton Williams was secured in Ohio during his boyhood, but at the same time he was required to assist with work upon the farm. In the spring of 1859 he went to Pike's Peak, following the westward trend of that day, but six months later returned home. He then went to Gentry County, Mo., remained there four years. He entered the home militia, and after serving six months, was mustered out, and enlisted in the regular service, at St. Joseph, in Company B, Twenty-fifth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, which later was consolidated with the Twenty-first Missouri Engineers. Mr. Williams, with his regiment, participated in the battle of Shiloh, the two days fight at Kingston, made a forced march to Raleigh, and came back to Washington, D. C., whence they were sent to Louisville, Ky., to be mustered out, being discharged at St. Louis. Mr. Williams had become a Corporal. At the close of the war he went to Sangamon County to engage in farming, joining his father and remaining there for ten years. At the expiration of that period he moved to Christian County and farmed for another decade. He then moved to Springfield, where he spent the next fifteen years, after which he located in his present home, where he owns five acres of rich farm land.

The first marriage of Mr. Williams occurred in Springfield, in 1871, when he was united to Margaret Galpin, born in Illinois in 1851, and they had one child who died in infancy. He was married (second) in Springfield, in 1886, to Lucinda Dodd, born in Morgan County, Ill., daughter of an early settler and farmer of that county. The second Mrs. Williams died December 25, 1908.

In politics Mr. Williams was a Republican from the start, and has remained faithful to this party ever since. He belongs to Stephenson Post, G. A. R. of Springfield, and enjoys meeting his old comrades and with them reliving the stirring events of the days of the war. In religious faith he is a member of the Church of God, and is earnest in his support of its creed. He has been hard-working and thrifty, and has earnestly tried to do what he thought was his duty, both to his country and to his neighbor, and, in so living up to his conception of the Golden Rule, has established himself in the confidence of his community.

WILLIS, Claude Joseph, one of the prosperous retired farmers of Springfield, residing at No. 1425 South Seventh street, was born in Wymborn, Devonshire, England, April 19, 1844. He is a son of Charles William and Ann Catherine (Rowe) Willis. Charles William Willis was a native of Devonshire, England, while his wife was born in Dublin, Ireland. Here, her father acted as Surgeon General in the British Army, being stationed in that city. All the male members of her father's family were in either the army or navy. Her brother, George J. Rowe, was Secretary of the Royal Society of Arts in England, and spoke many languages. Charles William Willis and Ann Catherine Rowe were married in England, but came to America in 1855, locating in Jacksonville, where Mr. Willis was taken sick and died. He was an attorney-at-law. Mrs. Willis continued to reside in Jacksonville, teaching vocal and instrumental music, having been educated in a Catholic convent where special attention was paid to cultivating her talent. She sung all the Grand Opera scores in Italian and was noted for her ability. Because of her remarkable talent the Episcopal Church at Springfield secured her to play their pipe organ, which she did during the period when Abraham Lincoln was living in the city. Mrs. Willis was an artist of no mean ability, and Mr. Willis cherishes a number of paintings executed by her. He and his mother had the privilege of being next door neighbors of the late lamented Dr. Newton Bateman, and under him, Mr. Willis studied in school, and until the death of that scholar, was his sincere admirer.

When Claude Joseph Willis was but ten years old, the family migration took place, and he attended school in Jacksonville until he was fourteen years old. He was then forced to go to work, obtaining employment on a farm, desiring to assist his beloved mother in every way. From farming he went into the stock business, but after his marriage in 1880, he began operating the home place of his wife's, consisting of 640 acres, and still owns it, although in 1892, he rented and he and his wife moved to their new home in Springfield, which has continued to be their place of residence ever since.

On December 23, 1880, Mr. Willis was married in Greene County, Ill., to Jane Eliza Eldred, born in Carrollton, Greene County, October 24, 1839, daughter of Elon and Jane (Stuart) Eldred, the former of whom was born in Connecticut and the latter in West Winfield, Herkimer County, N. Y. They were married in the wife's birthplace April 6, 1824, and engaged in farming. Jane Stuart was a daughter of William and Jane (Hall) Stuart, the former a native of Scotland, and the latter of England. They lived and died in Herkimer County, N. Y., after coming to America. The mother of Mrs. Willis died aged sixty-seven years. There were the following children in the Eldred family: William, deceased; Mary Louise, deceased, married Lyman Wheeler; Lucius Stuart, deceased; Charles Homer, of Oklahoma, is Postmaster at Alva; Mrs. Willis; and Julia C., widow of Robert Pierson. Jehosophat Eldred, grandfather of Mrs. Willis, was reared in Connecticut, but came to Illinois after his sons and died at Galena, Ill. Lucy Eldred, daughter of Elisha Eldred, was a niece of the father of Mrs. Willis, and was adopted by him when six months old. She was born June 12, 1826, and died July 15, 1844. Elon Eldred was a son of Jehosophat Eldred, a native of Connecticut. The Eldred family originally came to America from Wales. Jehosophat Eldred married Polly Langdon and emigrated to Greene County, Ill., to engage in farming. After the death of his wife he went to Galena, where he died.

Just after their marriage, Elon Eldred and wife left in an old-fashioned prairie schooner for Illinois. The trip took six weeks, but they finally landed in Greene County, near Carrollton. Jehosophat Eldred here owning a large tract of land, he gave his grandson 160 acres, and upon it the young couple began their pioneer life. Mrs. Eldred taught school and among her pupils were several grown men and women. After a period, however, they were attracted by the richness of the lead mines at Galena, and moved there, occupying a floorless log cabin. After eighteen months there, they responded to the call of agricultural life and returned to Greene County, buying the Eldred homestead, where they resided until death, he passing away May 14, 1869, and she September 18, 1875. In 1849, Mr. Eldred made a trip to California with two ox wagons, four yoke of oxen drawing each. The start was made on the day of the inauguration of Zachary Taylor as President. At St. Joe, Mo., the little the little party joined a train of some 100 wagons and Mr. Eldred was made Captain of the expedition. The trip was full of adventure. They had numerous fights with the Indians, and as this was the first train to cross the plains without having to unload to cross the rivers and other obstructions, it shows the skill of Captain Eldred. Not a wagon wheel was lost on the trip and the train arrived at its destination in good shape. A splendid horseman and athlete, Captain Eldred enjoyed various athletic games and tests of strength. During the Black Hawk War, he had responded to his country's call and served as a soldier. A cousin of his was also in the war. He was a Whig, later a Republican, although never caring for office. While not belonging to any church, he supported the Presbyterian denomination, to which his wife belonged. Always a strict temperance man, he became much interested in the Prohibition movement.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis belong to the Second Presbyterian Church and are active in its good work. Mr. Willis cherishes various family relics, among them being a locket, the one worn by Mrs. Willis in her portrait. It contains a portrait of Admiral Rowe, of the English Navy, and on the reverse side is a picture of the ship "Griffin" at Rio de Janeiro. This was painted by one of the noted English painters for Mr. Willis'

mother, Ann Catherine (Rowe) Willis. Mr. Willis also possesses a medal won by his mother, while in the Catholic convent, of the Madonna and Child, and also of Christ stilling the waves, both of which are old and valued.

Representative people, Mr. and Mrs. Willis take an interest in their surroundings, and desire to see advancement in every direction. Mr. Willis feels that he owes much to the gentle influence of his mother, who always tried to surround him and her other children with an intellectual life, and their superior intelligence was her reward.

WILLS, Ross Martin.—This is the age of young men, for into the hands of the present generation are being delivered the business interests of the land. The enthusiasm, strength and youth of young men are needed in this age of strenuous endeavor. Ability and knowledge are being placed in advance of experience, and young men are not slow to take advantage of this, rapidly forging to the foremost ranks and proving their worth in countless ways. One of these enterprising young men who are barely past their quarter-of-a-century milestone and yet are already in business for themselves in Springfield, is Ross Martin Wills, a prosperous young business man of the city. He was born at Ava, Ill., December 6, 1884, a son of Rolla and Josephine (Betts) Wills, natives of Illinois and Ohio, respectively. The father was a farmer, who spent twenty-five years in the agricultural regions of Murphysboro, Ill., then moving to a farm near Ava. This continued the scene of his activities until his retirement in 1905, to the village of Ava, which has continued his home ever since. He and his most excellent wife had seven children: Ollie of Los Angeles, Cal.; Fred of Ava, Ill.; Frank of Los Angeles, Cal.; Albert, of Herrin, Ill., Ernest, of Murphysboro, Ill.; Howard, of Springfield, and Ross Martin. The father was a Republican, but never sought for or desired office.

The boyhood of Ross Martin Wills was spent near Ava, where he attended school and helped his father on the farm. When he was eighteen years old he left school, going west to Los Angeles. During the years that followed, Mr. Wills found employment at various things in several of the large cities of the country, and gained a valuable knowledge of men and conditions. He was a railroad man, and worked on street car lines, always being ready to turn his hand to whatever work lay nearest, and faithfully discharging the duties laid upon him. After seven years of traveling about, he came to Springfield, where his abilities and energies found expression in his present enterprise, the conducting of which is proving successful.

On April 3, 1907, Mr. Wills was united in marriage with Miss Lou Willis, who was born in Los Angeles, Cal. No issue. Mr. Wills is a Republican and is active in the work of his party.

WILSON, Bluford.—The family of which Bluford Wilson is a member has been prominently identified with Illinois since territorial days. The father and great-grandfather of Mr. Wilson bore an honorable part in military history, the latter, Isaac Wilson, of Virginia, having served three years as Sergeant of the Second Virginia State Line, under Captain Augustine Tabb, during the Revolution. At the close of the war he moved from Virginia to Fayette County, Ky. His son Alexander, grandfather of Bluford Wilson, was one of the earliest settlers of the Territory of Illinois, coming there from Union County, Ky., in 1808, and locating at Shawneetown in Gallatin County. Alexander Wilson became a man of prominence and influence and took an important part in the development of his locality and was greatly honored and esteemed by his fellows. He was a personal friend of Governor Edwards and Governor Ford. He was sent to the First Territorial Legislature held at Kaskaskia, for a short time the capital, serving as Chairman of important committees and as Speaker of the House, thus serving with ability and distinction in determining public policy in that day. He died in January, 1814, and as a memorial to his life and services to the Territory, the Legislature soon afterward passed an act granting the privilege of ferry franchise at Shawneetown to his heirs, and they have since held this privilege.

Harrison Wilson, the father of Bluford, was born in Culpeper County, Va., and was an Ensign in the War of 1812 and a Captain in the Black Hawk War. Later he was Colonel in the Fourth Illinois Militia. His wife, Catherine Schneider, was born at Gambskeim near Strasburg, Alsace, daughter of Augustus Schneider, and came to America with her father. One son of Harrison Wilson, James Harrison Wilson, was a graduate of West Point and greatly distinguished his name by his valuable service during the Civil War, being identified with the engineering department, and was Lieut.-Colonel and Inspector General, Army of the Tennessee, on Grants' Staff. Later, in the Department of the Mississippi, he performed such valuable services that he was made Brigadier General in 1863 and Major-General of Volunteers, April 20, 1865. July 28 of the following year at the close of the war and on the reorganization of the army, he became Lieutenant-Colonel of the Thirty-fifth United States Infantry, and was also brevetted Major-General in the regular army. After his return to civil life he became well-known as an author, also engaging in railroad and engineering operations in Southern Illinois. Another son, Henry S. Wilson, served as Adjutant, Captain and Major in the Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Bluford Wilson also served in the Civil War. Thus this family furnished three sons (all there were) who acquitted themselves most honorably in that struggle.

Bluford Wilson was born near Shawneetown,

Ill., November 30, 1841, and began his education there. In conducting the ferry which was in the possession of the family, and in various other ways, he earned and saved money with which to gain higher education, and in 1859 entered McKendree College. Later he entered the University of Michigan, in the desire to fit himself for the profession of law, but his studies there were broken into by his patriotic desire to fight for the cause of the Union, and he enlisted, in 1862, in the One Hundred Twentieth Illinois, under Captain P. B. Pillow. Soon afterward he was given the rank of Adjutant, and in May, 1863, was promoted to rank of Captain. He became Assistant Adjutant General on the staff of Brigadier General Michael K. Lawler, taking part in the battles of Champion Hills, Black River and the siege of Vicksburg. He served on the staff of Generals Dana and Eugene A. Carr, in Texas, Louisiana and Alabama, and during the Red River Campaign was Adjutant General of the Thirteenth Corps, under the Command of General Lawler. He was brevetted Major for his services in connection with the siege of Spanish Fort. He served on the staff of General Carr to the close of the War, then having won a military record of which he might well be proud.

After the close of the war Mr. Wilson resumed his studies in the University of Michigan, and in 1867 was admitted to the Bar in Shawneetown. In 1869, at the age of twenty-seven years, he received the appointment, by President Grant, to the post of United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, which he held until, during Grant's second term, he was made solicitor of the United States Treasury. While serving in this responsible office, Mr. Wilson performed his duties with ability and distinction, and became known throughout the country for his valuable work in connection with the "Whisky Ring" prosecutions, as a result of which the ringleaders of this infamous combine were convicted and sent to the penitentiary. Having become interested with his brother, James H. Wilson, in development of railroads in southern Illinois and other States, Bluford Wilson resigned his official position in 1876 and since then has been a resident of the city of Springfield, gaining signal honor and distinction as a member of the Bar there. The two brothers played a most vital part in the upbuilding of central and southern Illinois in their construction of three important railroads, which at first necessitated the outlay of a large amount of capital with very small returns. These roads have since developed into large and paying enterprises, which have made possible the rapid progress of the localities through which they passed. Among the lines in which the Wilsons were interested were: the St. Louis & Southeastern, from East St. Louis to Shawneetown, and to Evansville, Ind., now part of the Louisville and Nashville, the line afterward extending to Nashville, Tenn.; the Cairo and Vincennes, part of the Big Four System; and the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Railroad, now the St. Louis branch of the Southern Railway System.

Mr. Wilson is best known as a corporation lawyer and a practitioner in the United States Courts, and is now the general solicitor for the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railway Company; he was for some time general counsel for the Illinois Southern Railway Company; Vice President and counsel for the Springfield Consolidated Street Railway Company, in which he is a stockholder. He is a member of the firm of Wilson, Warren and Child, Mr. Philip Barton Warren, of the firm, being his son-in-law. In his private practice Mr. Wilson has been very successful, combining a thorough knowledge of the law with special study of the details of each case in hand, and showing remarkably clear insight into the intricacies of any question. He is an eloquent speaker, and while his arguments are delivered with vigor and earnestness, he never loses his dignified bearing, and always maintains his professional courtesy and fairness towards his opponents.

At the time of the Spanish-American War, Mr. Wilson offered his services to the Governor of the State, and although for various reasons the militia organizations were given preference in being sent to the front, he had ready to his call from 1,500 to 3,000 men for service, and was duly commissioned by Governor Tanner as Colonel. He is a member of Mendell Post No. 450, G. A. R., and has served as its Commander. He is also identified with the Illinois Commandery Loyal Legion. In political affiliations Mr. Wilson has been closely identified with the interests of the Republican party since its inception, with the exception of his difference in opinion in the year 1892, when he cast his ballot for Grover Cleveland.

July 3, 1865, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Alice Warren Mather, a daughter of Captain James Mather, of Louisville, Ky., and five children blessed this union: Harry died in infancy; Jessie married Phillip Barton Warren; Lucy, wife of Ralph Vance Dickerman; Bluford, who died during his senior year at Yale, was a great athlete, the champion wrestler and wing shot, a fine student and a young man of great promise. Arthur Harrison, who graduated at West Point, is now First Lieutenant Sixth United States Cavalry and won great honor in battle in the Philippines where he was desperately wounded. Mr. Wilson and his family attend Christ Church (Protestant Episcopal), which he helped organize in 1888, and of which he has since served as Senior Warden. He is a member of the standing committee of the diocese and of the Board of Trustees, and has served as delegate to the general conventions held in Washington in 1898, in San Francisco, in 1901, at Richmond, 1904, and Cincinnati, 1910. Mr. Wilson has always manifested a strong interest in the welfare and progress of Springfield, by whose citizens he is regarded with pride and esteem.

WILSON, Edwin Augustus.—Some men are gifted beyond their fellows, possessing not only keen business sense, but also talent in other directions, which enables them to produce something that will live after them. Edwin Augustus Wilson, a real estate dealer residing at No. 520 South Second Street, Springfield, Ill., is an author of no mean ability and one of the leading citizens of the Capital City. He was born at New Windsor, Carroll County, Md., June 16, 1840, a son of George Washington and Sidney Ann (Stier) Wilson. The father was born September 24, 1814, in Queen Anne County, Md., a son of Sweatman Wilson, born March 12, 1784, in the same county. Mrs. Wilson was born in 1820, in New Market, Md. Mr. Stier was a lineal descendant of Rudolph Stier, the great Bible commentator. This name is also associated with the Calverts of Maryland, immediate descendants of Lord Baltimore. The home of the Calverts was at Riverside, seven miles from the capitol at Washington City, and was purchased by Henry J. Stier, of Antwerp, a lineal descendant of Rubens, the artist, and presented to his daughter, who was about to marry George Calvert. In the grave yard at Riverside an old tombstone bears this inscription: "Here lies the body of Rosalie Eugenia Calvert, wife of George Calvert, and daughter of Henry J. Stier, of Antwerp, who died March 31, 1831, aged forty-three years." The father of Mr. Wilson of this record was a shoe manufacturer.

The education of Edwin A. Wilson was secured in the public schools of New Windsor, New Market, Mount Hope in Frederick and Carroll counties, Md., Baltimore County and the city of Baltimore. When only sixteen years old he taught in an academy, being assistant to the Principal, and took an examination at Westminster, the county seat of Carroll County, when about that age. He also taught in the public school at Union Bridge, Md. He left New Windsor when four years old, and lived with his grandparents at New Market, Md. Losing his father at the age of eight years, he went to Hookstown in 1848, and in 1849 went to live with an aunt in Baltimore, who was very dear to him. He went with her to New Market, Md., in 1851 or 1852. In the latter year he went on a farm in the "Linganore Hills," of Maryland, where he learned lessons of thrifty economy which have never been forgotten. Between 1855 and 1856 he was in Union Bridge, and in 1859 or 1860 returned to Baltimore. In 1856 he read "The Conflict of Ages," "Plutarch's Lives," "Rollins Ancient History," and similar works which did much to form his character. He feels that his education was gained more from his books and association than from the limited opportunities afforded him to attend school.

Mr. Wilson was in Baltimore during the riot of April 19, 1861. He was a stanch Union man, wearing the flag under the lapel of his coat. When Gen. Butler came to Fort McHenry and threatened to turn the guns on Baltimore, he gladly brought out the sign of his patriotism. Mr. Wilson's recollections of those stirring days when the nation was in danger are so interesting that it is regretted any of them are omitted from this biography, but space forbids their being given in full. He had unusual opportunities, going to Washington on May 1, 1861, and remaining there until the close of the war, during which time he was manager of a large military and trunk establishment, and in 1863 joined the United States Sanitary Commission. He attended President Lincoln's first reception at the White House and saw Gen. Scott there. He frequently met the President and was witness to some of the homely incidents in that great man's life that so endeared him to the nation. He was in the trenches at Washington for four days, having volunteered for the emergency when it was thought the capital was in danger, and did efficient work as a clerk in the Sanitary Commission. On January 19, 1866, while still in the service of the Sanitary Commission, he visited Springfield, to secure data from the office of Adj. Gen. Haynie, but not getting it at that time, visited other capitals, returning to Springfield in May and being successful. So pleased was he with that city that he decided to make it his home, and has lived there for over forty-five years.

On July 13, 1864, Mr. Wilson was married in Washington, to Cynthie Corwin Hannon, named after Tom Corwin, of Ohio, born November 5, 1843, in Charles County, Md., daughter of Henry M. and Julia (Longden) Hannon. Thomas Longden, an Englishman, resided in Alexandria, Va., and fought under Gen. Washington. His son, John Longden, grandfather of Mrs. Wilson, was also in the Revolutionary War. Edgar Snowden, first cousin of Julia Longdon, lived in Alexandria, Va., where he edited and published the leading paper. Alexander Robey Shepherd, Governor of the District of Columbia during President Grant's administration, was a cousin of Mrs. Wilson. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are: Julian St. John, Harry Smith, Perty Edwin, Arthur Morehouse, Paul Morton, George Stanley, Winnifred, Ruth, Grace Hannon and Gladys Dulaney.

Something of a Bible student, Mr. Wilson has thought carefully on some of the subjects which engross those who have investigated religious matters, and has been a writer on these themes. He is the author of some dogmatic booklets. Believing in verbal Plenary inspiration, he is a pessimist as to the world's condition. He believes in the absolute inerrancy of the Sacred Scriptures, in the Divinity of Christ, and in the personality of the Holy Ghost. He does not believe that the attitude of science, which is altogether of man, adds to or detracts from the truths of the Bible, which are of God. He believes in the premillenial, hence the imminent coming of Christ. Not consenting to the introduction of the sociological with what is called

religion, in efforts to sway communities, for he believes that God deals with units, he is very conservative. He was reared a Methodist, but united with the Fourth Presbyterian Church in over thirty years. In 1908 he united with the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, in May, 1866. In 1870 he united with the Third Presbyterian Church, and was an Elder in it for over thirty years. In 1809 he united with the Second Presbyterian Church. He was Superintendent of the Third Presbyterian Church Sunday School for many years, has been President of the State Y. M. C. A. and of the local Association of Springfield, and an officer in the State organization of Sunday Schools.

A very strong Union man during the war, Mr. Wilson changed his political views after the attempt to impeach President Johnson, and became a Democrat, but for the past quarter of a century has been an independent, voting for the man he conscientiously believes best fitted for the office. During 1861 he joined Federal Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and Beacon Lodge No. 15, of Odd Fellows, both of Washington. He has also belonged to many religious organizations and has lent his influence to promote the majority of the movements put on foot in Springfield during his residence there, that he thought would elevate society or advance the interests of the people. Exceedingly conscientious and honorable in his dealings, he is a man who ever carries his principles into everyday life, and has been a powerful factor in Springfield. His record for honesty of dealing and straightforwardness of purpose is such that his word is taken without further proof of the truth of his statement. Founded on so sure a foundation, his material success has been steady, and is certainly well merited.

WILSON, Harry W.—The unions are exciting considerable interest all over the country, for through them the working man of today is able to secure better conditions in every way. The men who act as officers of their several unions are deserving of more than ordinary praise; to them is due the credit for many of the successful arrangements which have been made, as well as for the educating of both employers and employes, so that they are able to meet existing conditions without unnecessary friction. One of the best known men in the trades union movement in that part of the State is Harry W. Wilson, of Springfield, a member of the cigar-maker's Union No. 38. He was born in Orbisonia, Huntingdon County, Pa., August 21, 1871, a son of George D. and Catherine (Markle) Wilson, the former born at Orbisonia, and the latter at Richfield, Juniata County, Pa. The father was an ore miner. The great-great-grandfathers on both sides of the house were early settlers of Pennsylvania, the paternal ancestor coming from Ireland and the maternal ancestor from Germany. George D. Wilson and three of his brothers served three years in the Civil War and three of Mr. Wilson's maternal uncles served the same length of time.

Harry W. Wilson attended the public schools of Orbisonia and Clearfield, Pa., and took a great deal of interest in athletic sports, especially base ball. He became a printer's apprentice, but ill health compelled him to abandon this calling for another, and he learned the cigar-making trade, which he has since followed, finally becoming foreman of Ball Brothers, cigar manufacturers. Mr. Wilson had the misfortune to lose his father when only nine years old, and he and his mother spent some years moving about, she being anxious to give her son the best advantages that lay within her power. In May, 1881, they came to Springfield, but returned to Pennsylvania in September of that year. They then made Clearfield, Pa., their home until February, 1890, when they returned to Springfield, only to leave it in February, 1893. After three years more at Clearfield, however, Mr. Wilson returned to Springfield in March, 1896, and has since resided in that city.

Mr. Wilson's work in behalf of his union deserved more than passing mention. Joining the Cigarmakers' Union May 6, 1891, he at once began taking an active part in the labor movement, serving almost continuously since January 1, 1897, in the Springfield Federation of Labor. He was a Delegate a number of times to the Illinois State Federation of Labor, and also to the American Federation of Labor. He has been President, Vice President and Recording Secretary of the Cigarmakers' Union, and was three times chosen President of the Springfield Federation by an unanimous vote, serving two terms as member of the Executive Board of the Illinois State Federation of Labor as well. Meanwhile, he also became prominent as a Republican and was elected to the State Assembly in 1908 from the Forty-fifth Senatorial District, on that ticket. While in the Legislature, Mr. Wilson has been able to advance the cause of labor very materially and his work as its champion proves his earnestness and sincerity. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, has held all the offices in the subordinate lodge and is now a member of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. He also belongs to the Red Men, Sons of Veterans and Modern Woodmen. He is serving his second term as Deputy Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and is also a member of the British Americans.

The marriage of Mr. Wilson occurred in Springfield, May 23, 1909, when he was united with Mrs. Agnes (Holloway) Buehler, born August 21, 1874, at Emporia, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Lutheran Church. He is a young man of earnest purpose and decided will. Conscientious, broad-guaged, he understands men and conditions, and is constantly studying how to better the lot of his companions and yet not insist upon measures which will be difficult to carry out.

WILSON, Henry Clay.—The practice of law calls forth not only full legal knowledge and experience, but also those qualities which are requisite for the development of true manhood. The demands of the profession are very exacting in Illinois, and no one has met them more fully than Henry Clay Wilson, attorney-at-law, of Springfield. He was born in Daviess County, Ky., July 2, 1859, a son of John J. and Sarah A. (Meeks) Wilson. The family is an old one in both Virginia and Kentucky, and its representatives are also found in southern Pennsylvania. Its establishment in America took place in colonial days.

Henry Clay Wilson was educated at Central Normal College, in Indiana. He was brought up on a farm and alternated work on it with teaching until he opened his law office in Springfield in 1890, having then been a resident of the city for two years. Strong in his adherence to the Republican party, Mr. Wilson has been called upon to support its principles, and served as a member of the General Assembly of Illinois during 1893 and 1894, and was the Republican nominee for Congress from the Twenty-first Congressional District in 1908 and again in 1910, but was defeated, owing to a Democratic majority. He is the founder of the Henry Clay Wilson Political School, which he established and incorporated in 1904, and is one of the best-known men, politically, in his part of the State. He is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias, and a Red Man; is a member of the Hamilton Club, of Chicago, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, of Springfield. He is ex-President of the Board of Education and is on the Board of Associated Charities. His sympathies are with the Presbyterian Church, of which he is an attendant.

In August, 1888, Mr. Wilson was married to Theressa McCoyne, and they have five children: Roscoe Blaine, Reed McKinley, Jennie June, Charles Francis Eugene and Robert Proctor.

Mr. Wilson has a large practice, and also is deeply interested in real politics, having always preached and practiced integrity in political activities. His property holdings are confined to his excellent home in Springfield, where he and Mrs. Wilson entertain their wide circle of friends with true Southern hospitality.

WILSON, James.—Sangamon County has its full quota of men who fought in the Federal Army during the Civil War—men who left home and loved ones and gave of their best in order to defend the flag of their country. Members of the Grand Army of the Republic have always been revered and honored as types of the best citizenship, and this is as it should be, for patriotism is one of our principal characteristics. James Wilson, a veteran of the Civil War who is descended from fighting stock on both sides of his family, was born January 11, 1837, at Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pa., a son of Vincent J. and Catherine (Stager) Wilson. Vincent J. Wilson was always a resident of Elizabethtown, where he was born in 1808 and died in 1856, his business occupation being contractor and builder. His wife was born in Lebanon County, Pa., and died at Elizabethtown. Her father was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary War, while Mr. Wilson's father, the grandfather of James Wilson, served as Captain of a Pennsylvania company during the same struggle.

James Wilson received his preliminary education in the schools of Elizabethtown, and later spent one term in Brookville Methodist College. After leaving school, for a time he was engaged in farming near Crawfordsville, Ind., and then worked on the Miami Canal for several years, serving as Captain. Returning to Crawfordsville, he became proprietor of a cracker factory, bakery and grocery, but after a few years spent in this manner, decided again to take up an agricultural life and subsequently purchased a farm, which he operated until 1892, then he moved to Springfield, which city has since been his home. He at first conducted a commission business, but eventually became custodian of the G. A. R. hall, a position which he held for several years. He has been successful in a business way and has a comfortable competency, including his home and other valuable real estate.

Mr. Wilson enlisted in the Federal Army for service in the Civil War, becoming a member of Company A, One Hundred Forty-sixth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and fought bravely until his discharge on the last day of August, 1865, at Baltimore, Md. His battles included Shenandoah, where he fought under General Hancock. He is a member of Stephenson Post, No. 30, Grand Army of the Republic, having been transferred from the post at Crawfordsville, Ind. He is a member of the West Side Christian Church.

Mr. Wilson was married in Crawfordsville, Ind., to Anna French, daughter of Major French, of that city, and she died in 1903, having been the mother of three children: E. H., living in Indianapolis, Ind.; Martha, the wife of A. Bannon, living at No. 202 North State Street, Springfield; and James F., a bridgebuilder and contractor, residing on Logan Avenue. In September, 1905, Mr. Wilson was married (second) to Mrs. Elizabeth (Taylor) Ward, a native of Vermont, where her parents spent their entire life.

WILSON, John T., one of the prosperous and representative farmers of Sangamon County, is residing on Section 14, Island Grove Township, but was born in Buffalo Hart Township, May 2, 1859, a son of Thomas Wilson. The latter was a native of Scotland, having been born in Sochmaben, November 4, 1817, a son of James Wilson, also a native of Scotland, who married Jane Frood. In 1842, Thomas Wilson left Scotland for America, and after two years spent in eastern cities, in 1844 landed in Sangamon County. James Wilson continued to make his home with

his children until his death. Thomas Wilson, upon coming to Sangamon County, bought land in Clear Lake Township, where on January 15, 1850, he married Miss Jane Riddle, who was born in Logan County, Ohio, April 14, 1828. When but a child of nine she was brought in 1837, by her parents, to Sangamon County. The Riddle family than moved to Oregon in 1851. Mr. Riddle was a very prominent man, and when a railroad was built through his section, a town was called after him. Mrs. Wilson was one of ten children. After marriage Thomas Wilson and wife began their life together in Clear Lake Township, but later sold, buying land in Mechanicsburg Township, and in 1859 moved to Buffalo Hart Township. There John T. Wilson was born soon after their arrival. Mr. Wilson became the owner of 375 acres of rich farm land, and for ten years served as a member of the Board of Supervisors from Buffalo Hart Township, being elected on the Democratic ticket. He and his wife were of the old Scotch Presbyterian faith, in which he died March 18, 1901, his wife having passed away May 27, 1892. He was a wise, conservative man, whose love of justice made him give everyone a just meed of praise for deeds accomplished. Their children were as follows: an unnamed infant; Jane F. and Maximilla, twins, born April 4, 1852, the latter dying in infancy, but the former living to marry John R. Enos, of Denver, Col.; William R., born August 7, 1855, died in 1901; James, born October 28, 1857, died in infancy; John T.; Lillian H., born September 24, 1861, married Robert Constant, of Denver, Col.

John T. Wilson grew up on his father's farm, attending the district school and later Springfield Business College. He remained at home until he attained his majority, then rented land and began farming for himself, later taking full charge of the homestead. He was married December 17, 1890, to Jennie L. Taylor, born in Williams Township, January 21, 1871, daughter of Martin V. Taylor, now living retired, but formerly a prosperous farmer of the county. The Taylor children were as follows: J. Orvile, born October 16, 1866, and now principal of the McClernand School of Springfield, married Jennie Oleson, and have three children: William A., born April 13, 1869, married Mary Prittle and they live on the homestead; Mrs. Wilson; Alice M., widow of Charles N. Tilbury, who now resides with her father in Springfield; Savilla, also at home.

When Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married they remained in Buffalo Hart Township until the death of the elder Mr. Wilson, but later bought 160 acres on Section 14, Island Grove Township, and from this time on have done everything they could to improve their property, erecting a handsome nine-room house, with all modern improvements. There, with their one son, they reside in plenty and happiness. This promising young man, Thomas Taylor, was born September 23, 1892, and is being finely educated for any position he may be called upon to fill. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and son are members of the Presbyterian Church. They also belong to the Court of Honor, of New Berlin, while Mr. Wilson belongs to the A. H. Y. & A. of New Berlin. He is a strong Democrat and has filled a number of township offices, his neighbors appreciating his excellent qualities and voting for him without reference to party ties. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have many warm, personal friends here and in other townships, and are justly numbered among the representative people of the county.

WILSON, Thomas W. (deceased).—Many of the more pretentious business blocks, public buildings and residences owe something to the skill of the late Thomas W. Wilson, for many years a resident of Springfield. He was born in Ohio, in 1833, and died in Springfield in 1904. He was a son of Robert Wilson, a native of Ohio, who died when Thomas W. was young. His life was spent in farming.

The first marriage of Mr. Wilson occurred in Ohio, when he married Mary Holmes and after their first child was born, he came to Illinois, locating in Loami Township, where he followed his trade as a carpenter. His wife died in 1873, having borne him children as follows: Mary Alice, who was the widow of Henry Dill, died in August, 1911; Robert of Kansas City; Emily, widow of Frank Mingle; Samuel of Auburn; Thomas of Morgan County; Charles, deceased; William, and Oscar, now deceased. On July 13, 1880, Mr. Wilson married Miss Katie Crull, no issue. She was born March 15, 1840, five miles east of Pawnee, on a farm, daughter of Henry and Fanny Elizabeth (Snodgrass) Crull, natives of Tennessee. The parents dying when Mrs. Wilson was young, she was taken by her aunt, Elizabeth Snodgrass, of Cotton Hill Township, and lived with her until her death, when Mrs. Wilson was twelve years of age, after which she worked in families until she married.

Until four years prior to his death, Mr. Wilson worked at his trade, and was recognized as an unusually good workman. In politics, he was a Republican. While not a member of any religious denomination, he was a good Christian man, and was never happier than when making others happy, and leading them into the path of right living. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the West Side Christian Church.

WILSON, Thomas Witcher, National President of the Royal Benefit Society, whose main office is located at 704 Ferguson Building, Springfield, Ill., is a prominent citizen of that city and has taken an active part in local affairs for several years. Mr. Wilson is a native of Sangamon County, born January 7, 1856, a son of John and Mary (Cooper) Wilson. The great-great-grandfather of Thomas W. Wilson served in the Colonial Wars and was killed during his service, the great-grandfather served in the Revolution, and the grandfather served under General Jackson in the War of 1812.

Thomas W. Wilson received his education in the common and high schools of Springfield, and after leaving school engaged in various clerical work. For some time he has been connected with the Royal Benefit Society, and was chosen for his responsible office on account of his excellent business training and unquestioned reliability and uprightness. He has given the affairs of the organization able and efficient administration and the society is in a prosperous condition. He served some time as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and four years as Recorder of Sangamon County. In his public service he has shown marked ability and has given satisfaction in every office he has held.

Mr. Wilson was married, in Springfield, in September, 1880, to Miss Mary W. Billington, and they became parents of four children, namely: William L., John L.; Mrs. Bess M., Smith, and Dorothy M. All except Mrs. Smith are unmarried and live at home. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Episcopal Church and fraternally is a member of the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Masonic Order, having taken thirty-two degrees in the last-named order, including that of Knight Templar. He also belongs to the Sangamon and Country Clubs and to the Chamber of Commerce. He is of a social, friendly disposition and is well known in business and fraternal circles of Springfield, where he is popular and has won many warm friends.

WINDSOR, William, retired farmer and grocer, Section 31, Mechanicsburg Township, Dawson Rural Delivery No. 21, Sangamon County, was born in Butler County, Ohio, June 6, 1830, and is descended from several old American families, members of which have achieved celebrity. His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Doty) Windsor, natives respectively of Delaware and of Butler County, Ohio. His father emigrated from Delaware to Ohio and passed the remainder of his years there as a farmer, dying in 1847, when his son William was between sixteen and seventeen years old. He had, early in life, served his country as a soldier in the War of 1812. He left two sons and two daughters, and one son and one daughter survive.

William Windsor attended the public school near his boyhood home in Butler County, and helped his father with the farm labor till 1848, when he was about eighteen years old. Then he came to Sangamon County, Ill. and engaged in farming on his own account, eventually entering eighty acres of government land in Christian County, which he later sold. In 1884 he moved to Saline County, Mo., where he farmed till March, 1893, then returned to Sangamon County. He bought a farm near Rochester, where he lived seven years, until he rented the land and moved to Rochester, where he managed a grocery store about a year. He has lived on his present home place since January 15, 1890, and conducts a grocery business there, having a good trade from all the surrounding country. In politics he is a Republican. He was Tax Collector for Rochester Township in 1895 and has filled the office of School Director with great credit during the past fourteen years. In religious faith he affiliates with the Christian Church.

In Clark County, Ind., on October 12, 1848, Mr. Windsor married Miss Sarah A. Long, who was born in that county, the daughter of a prominent farmer. She died December 21, 1861, having borne him two children, both of whom are dead. November 13, 1862, he married Miss Harriet E. Mull, born at Rochester, Ill., of parents who came there among the pioneers, from Virginia, and lived out their days in Sangamon County. Mrs. Windsor died April 21, 1903, deeply mourned by all who had known her.

WINES, Frederick Howard. (Vol. I, pp. 595-596.)

WININGS, Samuel L.—The growing desire on the part of the people to have their homes tastefully decorated has created an increased demand for artistic work, and those who can meet this demand find profitable employment for their time and energy. One of the most successful of Springfield's decorators is Samuel L. Winings, who was born in Grove City, Ill., April 24, 1867, a son of Joseph and Lecty (Porter) Winings. The father was born in Akron, Ohio, while the mother was born in Grove City, Ill. Joseph Winings came to Grove City at an early date, settling on a farm which remained his home until his demise, fifteen years ago. During the Civil War he responded to the call of his country, and served in a cavalry regiment that was enlisted from Ohio.

Samuel L. Winings received a common school education in his native town, and learned to work on his father's farm. When he was seventeen years old he began learning the painter's trade, and worked at it for several years. Moving from Grove City to Mattoon, he continued as a painter, gradually adding interior decorating to his work. He continued to reside at Mattoon until 1906, when he came to Springfield. He has built up a large business, the quality of his work insuring continued patronage from those who have once employed his services. His artistic skill and keen perception make him one of the best men in his line in his part of the State.

In 1893 Mr. Winings was married, in Edinburg, Ill., to Ada Huggins, of Grove City. The Huggins family reside on a farm in the vicinity of Grove City, and conduct a livery stable, in addition to operating the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Winings have two daughters and two sons: Marie, Lottie, Ray and Eugene. Mr. Winings is a Methodist in religious faith and a Democrat in politics. All his life he has worked

hard, and the success which has attended his efforts is well merited.

WINN, Robert Lee (deceased), whose death occurred at Kansas City, Mo., July 24, 1903, was a traveling salesman by occupation. He was a native of Kansas City, born February 20, 1866, a son of Charles and Susan (Thomas) Winn. Mr. Winn was reared in Kansas City and was there married, December 4, 1892, to Miss Alice Pickrell, daughter of Abel George and Emma H. (Winn) Pickrell, who was born on her father's farm in Sangamon County. She was educated in the country schools and the Betty Stuart Institute of Springfield. Her father, Abel G. Pickrell, was a prominent and successful farmer and a veteran of the Civil War, having served three years, part of the time as Quartermaster of the regular army. Abel G. Pickrell was a son of Jesse A. Pickrell, and grandson of Abel Pickrell. The family were among the early settlers of Sangamon County and helped very much in all measures for advancing the general welfare and prosperity. Jesse A. Pickrell was the first of his family to come to the county, acquired two or three thousand acres of land, most of which he purchased at a price of about $2.50 per acre.

Robert L. Winn and wife had one child, George, born July 22, 1894, now attending school in Springfield. After the death of her husband, Mrs. A. P. Winn returned to her native county, and now resides at 414 Pasfield Avenue, Springfield. She has many warm friends in the county and is highly esteemed by all who know her for her many fine qualities and high character. She feels a justifiable pride in the record and position won by her ancestors, and has always felt a patriotic interest in the affairs of Sangamon County. She and her son have been residents of Springfield since about 1904, and before that time lived at Zanesville.

WINTER, William E.—The many advantages afforded by Springfield as a place of residence have influenced a number of men to settle there when they decide to retire from the activities of life. A well known and popular retired business man of the city is William E. Winter. He was born in Swanley, Kent, England, December 16, 1851, a son of Robert and Mary (Pucknaw) Winter, natives of Kent. The father who became manager of gas works in Kent, lived and died there as did his wife. They had six children, evenly divided as to sex, and five still survive. The grandfather on the paternal side was a shepherd, while the maternal grandfather owned a large estate in Kent.

After a boyhood spent attending school in his native place, William E. Winter worked during seven years in a paper factory in Kent, which is one of the largest of its kind in the world, but on July 9, 1869, he landed in New York City, having decided that this country would offer him the best opportunities for advancement. From New York he came direct to Auburn, Ill., where for about a month he worked on a farm, then went to Macon, Ill., where he found employment on another farm, continuing there a year. His next employment was with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, remaining in its employ a short time, when he came to Springfield. There he became cook at the Chenery House, leaving soon thereafter, to become pastry cook for the Leland Hotel. After a year, he left to embark in a confectionery business for himself, conducting it two years, when he sold out and engaged as engineer in the Springfield Rolling Mills, remaining in this capacity seven years, when, feeling the need of relaxation, he went back to England. For two years he remained there, but found that conditions had changed, and came back to Springfield to his old position as engineer, working in the Illinois Foundry. After several years there, he went into the Wabash shops, but sometime afterwards left, to enter the Egyptian Cement Works. After ten years there he retired, and since then has been enjoying a well-earned rest. Mr. Winter belongs to The Court of Honor, No. 25, and is interested in its work.

On June 30, 1873, Mr. Winter was married, in Springfield to Mary Pefferle, born at Napanoch, N. Y., July 6, 1853. The parents of Mrs. Winter came to Springfield in 1863. Her father was a machinist, and worked at his trade all his life. He was accidentally killed in a runaway, in 1887. By birth he was a German, but his wife was born in New York City. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Winter: Gilbert resides in Springfield, being pressman in the Illinois State Journal office; Flora, wife of Jesse Harris, lives at Silvis, Ill.; Walter is a machinist in the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company; Harry is also in the employ of the same road as machinist; Etta, wife of George Burns, who is in the employ of the Gorey Spool Company; Iva is at home. There are six grandchildren in the family. Mr. Winter owns his home at No. 1729 Stuart Street, where he has lived for the past twenty-nine years. He owns other valuable property in Springfield, which yields him a comfortable income. While a true Englishman, Mr. Winter is interested in the land where he has lived so long, and in which he has made his money. Like many of the retired men of Springfield, he is interested in securing good government, and is always willing to do his full share towards securing it.

WIRTH, Conrad (deceased).—There are those in Springfield today who well remember the days when the city was the home of the immortal Lincoln, who saw him pass daily on his way to his offices, and learned to know and love the kindly, homely face that was so soon to bear the impress of the nation's tragedy. These old residents of Springfield are proud of their memories of Lincoln and Douglas, and enjoy talking about them whenever occasion offers. Among the retired business men and capitalists

of the city was the late Conrad Wirth, who had lived there since 1854. He was born in Wittenberg, Germany, October 16, 1827, a son of Conrad Wirth, also a native of Germany, who with his wife spent his life in his native land, dying there, He was a farmer, but early in life served in the great struggle with Napoleon.

The boyhood of the younger Conrad Wirth was spent on the home farm, and he received a good education in his native tongue, but in 1853 left Germany, coming to America via New Orleans. After two months spent in that city he went on to Cincinnati, and after a year there came to Springfield, which was his home until his demise. Being a young man of sound business sense, Mr. Wirth became associated with some of the substantial institutions of the city, including the Springfield Dairy, of which he was at one time owner. As he grew older, however, he gradually withdrew from business activities, retired although he retained his realty holdings, which were considerable, including his pleasant home at No. 114 Elliott Avenue.

The marriage of Mr. Wirth occurred at Springfield, February 7, 1864, when he was united with Mary Bierbaum, born in Germany, May 16, 1840. Her parents came from Germany to La Porte, Ind., in 1852, living there for two years, when they came on to Springfield, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Wirth had three children: David, married Della Whitlock, two children. Edna and Clara, and is a member of the firm of Wirth & Gaupp, florists; Conrad, married Johanna Mester, four children: Marie, Elizabeth N., Conrad and David; and Elizabeth, who died in 1886. Mr. Wirth was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, of which he was a substantial contributor, and in politics was a Democrat. Through hard work and frugality he succeeded in amassing a comfortable fortune, and was enjoying the fruits of his labors. Mr. Wirth died February 14, 1911, and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

WOMACK, Presley Barry.—Illinois sent thousands of her best men to the front to battle for the Union during the Civil War. She drew them from their ploughs, from their desks and from their professions, and many never returned. But those who did, developed into efficient citizens, the military training they received fitting them for the duties of private life. One of those soldiers who resumed farming activities upon his return, and now retired, is Presley Barry Womack, of Springfield. He was born in Wayne County, Ill., January 29, 1830, being a son of James and Elizabeth (Barry) Womack, natives of Bowling Green, Ky., the former born in 1791 and the latter in 1798. The father, who was farmer, emigrated west, locating in Wayne County, Ill., in 1825, and lived there until his death, in 1868, his widow surviving him until 1878. He was Justice of the Peace for a number of years, as well as Road Commissioner, and was one of the most prominent men of his locality.

Presley B. Womack was brought up in Wayne County, being educated in its public schools, and trained in farm work by his father, remaining with him until he was twenty-five years old. He then began farming for himself, thus continuing until his retirement in 1894. Coming to Springfield, he lived retired for several years, and in 1901 entered the employ of the C. & A. Railroad Company as flagman, thus continuing for five months, when he accepted the same position with the B. & O. Railroad Company, but gave up all work in 1902. Upon coming to the city, he located at No. 414 West Carpenter Street, but recently purchased his residence at No. 119 West Reynolds Street. On September 10, 1861, Mr. Womack enlisted in Company I, Forty-eighth Illinois Infantry, under Captain Galbraith, and acted as hostler for the officers. His first battle was that of Fort Henry, and later he was in the Battle of Shiloh. Mr. Womack remembers well the illustrious Abraham Lincoln. When he was but a lad Mr. Womack hauled wood for the man who was later to become the head of the nation, and recalls the kindly consideration then shown him.

On February 11, 1855, Mr. Womack was united in marriage with Mahala Wheeler, daughter of John and Eliza (Ayres) Wheeler. They were Virginians by birth, who came to Illinois at an early day, first living in Gibson County, but later coming to Sangamon County, where they died. Mr. and Mrs. Womack had the following children: Susan, wife of Albert Prouty, a teamster; Henry L.; Martha wife of John Priestman; William S., book-keeper; Benjamin F., an electrician; Anna wife of William Koch, and four who are deceased. There are seven grandchildren in the family. Mr. Womack belongs to Stephenson Post No. 30, G. A. R., as well as to the Baptist Church. He is a Republican in political faith, being proud to support the party of Abraham Lincoln. He is one of the substantial men of the city and enjoys the confidence of those who know him.

WOOD, John. (Vol. I, p. 598.)

WOODCOCK, John R., farmer, section thirty-two, Mechanicsburg Township, Dawson rural free delivery twenty-one, Sangamon County, Ill., is a native of England. In all our history Englishmen have become American citizens greatly to America's benefit. Such a thrifty and patriotic citizen is the subject of this sketch. Mr. Woodcock was born in Norfolk, March 17, 1841, a son of Robert and Martha (Meddar) Woodcock, both natives of Norfolk. His parents never came to the United States. His father and his father's father were basket manufacturers, and the former continued his business in Norfolk till his death, which occurred in 1879. In the family were fourteen children, of whom only four survive—John R. Woodcock, William Woodcock of

Mechanicsburg, and two of their sisters, the latter in England.

Mr. Woodcock was educated in his native Albion and when a mere boy was bound out by his father to learn the wagonmaker's trade, at which he was employed in England till he came over the water. It was in 1866 that he sailed from Liverpool, landing fourteen days later in New York. After about three months spent in New York state, most of the time at Pines Plains, Dutchess County, where he was employed at farm work, he came to Sangamon County, arriving at Mechanicsburg before the end of the spring of the year mentioned. He found employment on the farms of John Bullard and George Pickrell and on other farms, and busied himself thus for several years, then for seven years, he had a wagonmaking enterprise at Mechanicsburg. Closing that out, he moved to the farm on which he now lives, which consists of forty acres which he had then recently purchased. He has since added twenty acres to it, making of it a fine farm of sixty acres. He has become a man of influence in the township, acting politically with the Republican party. In his religious affiliations, he is a Methodist.

Mr. Woodcock married Miss Alice Ragan, in Mechanicsburg, November 21, 1880, the Rev. P. H. Kiser officiating. She was born in Hagerstown, Md., November 9, 1859, a daughter of Jonathan Ragan. Her father was born in Maryland, there learned the printer trade, and worked at it all his life, residing in Mechanicsburg from 1866, when he moved there from Hagerstown, to 1906, when he died. He was postmaster at Mechanicsburg for two terms. His widow still resides there, aged eighty-one years. They had eight children, of whom five survive. Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock have had seven children, six of them daughters, namely: Robert resides with his parents; Fannie married Elmer Bough, a farmer of Mechanicsburg Township, issue,—Willit, Alice and Lewis; Lena married George Clement of Mechanicsburg, issue,—Robert; Pearl married Elmer Stevens of Sims, issue,—Earl; Letia married Anthony Thoele of Teutopolis; Fern and Helen, also at home. Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock have five grandchildren.

WOODCOCK, William, of Mechanicsburg, Sangamon County, is a brother of John R. Woodcock, a sketch of whom appears in this work. He was born at Docking, Norfolk, England, July 21, 1845, a son of Robert and Martha (Maddar) Woodcock, natives of Norfolk. The father was a manufacturer of fruit baskets for the trade in England. He died in England, aged seventy-one years, and his widow when she was eighty years old. Of their family William and John R. Woodcock, of Sangamon County, are the only representatives in America. Two of their sisters are living in England, Mrs. Mary H. Land, wife of a baker, at Wells, Norfolk, and Mrs. Harriet Stonex, wife of a carpenter and wheelwright, in Fieldgaling, Norfolk.

William Woodcock attended school in England and at twenty-one had completed a seven years' apprenticeship to the basketmaker's trade with his father. He worked at his trade in England till 1869. Then he took passage on a steamship from Liverpool to New York and was two weeks making the voyage. He came west to Buffalo, Sangamon County, and has since farmed continuously, having followed his trade of basketmaker occasionally, and has lived in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg for forty years.

October 18, 1875, Mr. Woodcock married, at Springfield, Miss Mary De Sousa, who was born in that city April 18, 1859, of parents who were natives of Portugal. The De Sousas came to Springfield so early that some of their neighbors were Indians and they lived there during all their after years. Mrs. Woodcock had a sister who has passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock have been born nine children, seven of whom are living: the eldest, Agnes, is the wife of John Hiner, and lives in Springfield; William is a citizen of Mechanicsburg; Emma, wife of Mayo Dragoo, lives in St. Louis, Mo.; Hattie, widow of Hugh Law, lives in Springfield; Theodosia is in California; Henry B. and Bertha are members of their parents' household. Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock have three grandchildren. They are useful and influential members of the Methodist church.

WOODING, Daniel James, has built up a good business in the line of real estate, in Springfield, Ill., and vicinity, during the last few years. He has made a specialty of erecting cozy and substantial cottages, and these have met with a ready sale. He is a man of good business principles, has ability in the line he is following, and gives careful attention to the details of his work. Mr. Wooding was born in London, England, February 4, 1860, and is a son of Daniel Joseph and Mary (Brooks) Wooding, the former born in Yorkshire, England, and the latter in Cambridge. The father was employed in the English mail service.

The early education of Daniel James Wooding was acquired in his native country, and he later attended school in Burlington, Iowa, where with his parents he arrived in 1870, from England. At the age of thirteen years Mr. Wooding entered the office of the "Burlington Hawkeye," then under the management of the late Postmaster-General Frank Hatton and Robert Burdette, the famous humorist and author. He had previously spent two years working in the office of Charles E. Perkins, Superintendent of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company, at Burlington, where he began his business career. After spending a decade in the office of the "Hawkeye," Mr. Wooding launched several crafts on the journalistic sea on his own account, as follows: "The Justice" and "The Western Herald," at Burlington, and "The State Topics," "Interstate Index" and "State Manual," at Springfield, all of which prospered under his management. He located permanently at Springfield in 1893. He spent some time

on the road as representative of a Chicago commercial agency, and afterwards identified himself with real estate business, for which he has always had a predeliction. He owns property in California and Texas, and considerable in the City of Springfield.

October 24, 1884, Mr. Wooding was married, at Burlington, Iowa, to Miss Augusta C. Bennett, who was born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, daughter of George M. and Esther A. Bennett. Her father was a volunteer soldier in the Civil War and is now prominent in the growth and progress of San Antonio, Tex., where he is a large property owner, contractor and builder. One child has blessed the union of Mr. Wooding and his wife, James Bennett, born December 27, 1897. Mr. Wooding is a member of the Christian Church and in politics is Independent. He is an honorary member of the International Typographical Union and belongs to the Modern Woodmen, Knights of Pythias and Business Men's Association.

WOODMANSEE, Robert Ellis, editor "Illinois Tradesman" and Secretary of the Springfield Federation of Labor, was born in Scottville, Macoupin County, Ill., November 17, 1864, the son of John Fletcher and Mildred (Frazer) Woodmansee. The father enlisted at Carlinville as a volunteer in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-Second Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, and, after serving three years, he removed to Waverly, Morgan County, where he resided continuously until his death on September 24, 1905. He was engaged in the mercantile business.

Robert E. Woodmansee was educated in the Waverly High School and Jacksonville Business College, and being a member of a large family, worked most of the time when not in school. He was engaged as newsboy on the railroad for a time, but later became clerk in a retail store until 1888, when he turned his attention to newspaper work in connection with the "Illinois State Journal." In 1897 he became proprietor of the "Illinois Tradesman," a weekly labor paper, which he has conducted continuously to the present time with gratifying success. The paper is free from debt, and Mr. Woodmansee is owner of the home which he occupies at 839 Henrietta Street in the city of Springfield. He was also Secretary of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, is serving a five-year term as member of the Springfield Board of Education (1908-13), and for the past fourteen years has been Secretary of the Springfield Federation of Labor, an organization to which he has devoted most zealous attention.

Mr. Woodmansee is a Methodist in religious belief and in political convictions a Republican, but has not been an aspirant to political office, preferring to devote his attention to the interests of the organization of which he has been a zealous and prominent member for so many years. On May 24, 1900, he was married in the city of Springfield to Miss Frances J. Stevens, a daughter of Col. Thomas F. Stevens, of Palmyra, Ill., and they have two children: Robert Stevens, born April 1, 1901, and Edwin Fletcher, born November 16, 1910. By his high moral character and his unselfish devotion to the interests of the industrial classes, Mr. Woodmansee has won the confidence and respect of the community in which he resides and which he has served in various public capacities.

WOODRUFF, Cornelius, a prominent farmer of Capital Township, Sangamon County, Ill., and an honored veteran of the Civil War, was born in Franklin County, Ky., October 25, 1844, son of John and Mary (Petty) Woodruff, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia. The father was a carpenter and spent his entire life in Kentucky, where he and his wife both died. They had four sons and four daughters, and besides Cornelius there is one son, William, and one daughter, Katherine, surviving. The father of John H. Woodruff, Odiah Woodruff, was born in New Jersey and served seven years in the Continental Army. He was aide-de-camp to Gen. LaFayette and held the horse of that distinguished officer while he went to the Battle of Brandywine. He was present at the siege of York.

The boyhood of Cornelius Woodruff was spent in his native State, where he received his education, and as a boy he worked on a farm and cut wood. He came to Springfield, in 1857, and began working in a saw-mill, where he remained about three years, and spent three years on a farm. He enlisted at Camp Butler, Ill., July 25, 1861, in Company I, One Hundred Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving three years, and was mustered out at Camp Butler. He participated in every battle where his company took part during the time of his service, among them being: Vicksburg and Guntown, Miss. He was captured and spent six months in Andersonville Prison, where he won the gratitude of his fellow-prisoners by discovering the famous spring in the prison-yard. He served some time under Gen. Sherman. At the close of the war he returned to Sangamon County and spent six years farming there, then moved to Champaign County and for twelve years engaged in farming and conducting a meat business, after which he spent two years as prison-keeper in the city prison. Returning to Champaign County, he spent another four years in butcher business, then again located at Springfield. He subsequently went to New Mexico, where he entered land and engaged in farming. He spent three years in that State and still owns the land. Upon his return to Springfield he engaged in farming and owns property in Springfield. He is a prominent member of Stephenson Post, G. A. R., and has a war record that is a credit to his bravery and faithful service. He is an intelligent and energetic farmer and business man and has been successful in whatever he has undertaken. In

politics he is a Republican and is proud of the fact that his first Presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Woodruff was married in Springfield, in 1875, to Miss Cinderella Van Kirk, a native of Ohio, whose father emigrated from that State to Sangamon County in an early day and engaged in farming. Both her parents died in the county and she died in 1906. Two children were born of this union: Mary, wife of Arthur Sales, of Champaign County, and Marion, who joined the United States Naval Service and is now stationed in China on the Battleship "New York," being now nineteen years of age. At the State Fair of Illinois held in 1910, Mr. Woodruff was the "old fiddler" at the old pioneer relic display, and still uses the violin that he carried through the Civil War, which is a very fine instrument. It is shown in his portrait.

WOODRUFF, Marion U., former Mayor of Springfield, Ill., and for many years prominent in local public affairs, has been practicing the profession of law in the city since 1890. He was born in Sangamon County, June 24, 1865, son of Thomas J. and Mildred (Tackett) Woodruff, natives of Kentucky. He attended the common schools of Sangamon County and spent his boyhood on the farm. As a young man Mr. Woodruff spent two years in school at Valparaiso, Ind., and two years in Champaign, Ill. He received his legal training at Champaign, completing it in the office of Thomas J. Smith, and was admitted to the Bar in 1888, soon after which he opened an office for the general practice of his profession in Springfield. He has established himself well in his profession and has won high standing in the community as a public-spirited citizen, as well as a reputation for ability as a lawyer. He now has an office in the Marine Bank Building.

In politics Mr. Woodruff is a strong Democrat. He served as a member of the City Council of Springfield in 1893-94 and as Mayor in 1895-97. During his administration he was largely instrumental in securing the establishment of a municipal lighting plant, which reduced the cost of lighting the city from $137 to $50 per arc light. This bill was bitterly opposed by part of the council and was passed only after a close fight, and due credit was accorded Mayor Woodruff for his unfaltering position on the question.

Mr. Woodruff was married, at Springfield, May 23, 1894, to Sarah M. Smith, daughter of Fred and Elizabeth (Granger) Smith, natives of Massachusetts. Mrs. Smith died in 1903. Mr. Smith is now a resident of Springfield, Ill. Two children were born to Mr. Woodruff and his wife: Marion Francis and Clark Waldo. The family resides at 1004 South Fifth Street. Mr. Woodruff's grandfather, Nodiah Woodruff, fought in the Revolution, under General Washington. Fraternally Mr. Woodruff is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

WOODS, Robert Mann. (Vol. I, pp. 598-599.)

WOODWARD, Joseph Richard, who for the past ten years has been identified with the growth and progress of the village of Thayer, Ill., is now serving as President of the Village Board of that place and is a leader in every public enterprise. He is foreman of the Illinois Coal Washing Company's plant at Thayer, and during the time he has been associated with this company there has not been a strike, which fact speaks well for his executive ability and popularity. He was born in Farm Ridge Township, LaSalle County, Ill., October 17, 1862, son of Jacob G. and Nancy J. (Ball) Woodward, natives of Fayette County, Pa., and of English descent. Jacob G. Woodward was brought by his parents to LaSalle County, and the father of Nancy J. Ball died in Fayette County, Pa. Jacob G. Woodward was a son of Joseph Woodward, who became a prominent man in LaSalle County. The former turned his attention to farming and stock raising after his marriage, continuing this occupation until his death. In 1874 he went with his family to Sumner County, Kan., intending to locate there permanently, but the grasshoppers took possession of the State to such an extent that he loaded his household effects into a wagon and returned to LaSalle County. His son Joseph R. well remembers the trip to Kansas and back again, and recalls how the grasshoppers destroyed thirty acres of corn, leaving nothing but the stalks.

To Jacob G. Woodward and wife thirteen children were born and all still survive, Joseph R. being the oldest. All were born near Ottawa, LaSalle County, save one daughter, Elizabeth, the seventh child, who was born in Sumner County, Kan., July 4, 1874, and is now the wife of Sanford Shields, residing in Oklahoma. The other children are: Varetta, born January 2, 1864, wife of Lewis Evans, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Martin K., of Carmen, Okla.; Ruth, wife of Walter Chamberlain, of Streator, Ill.; Herman U., of North English, Iowa; Amanda, wife of Joseph France, of Carmen, Okla.; John William, of Chicago; Cora, widow of Frank Kelly, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Mrs. Murrell Huckins, of Streator, Ill.; Myrtle, wife of Robert Pendleton, of Lafayette, Col.; Lester, of Streator, Ill.; Jacob, of Carmen, Okla. The father of these children died in 1892. He was a man of home-loving, quiet disposition, unassuming in manner, friendly and kind to all. He was an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party and took an active part in the councils of same. He was a good citizen and much interested in church work. His wife survived him until 1898, when she passed to her reward. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and were esteemed by all for their good moral and spiritual influence in their community. They sleep side by side in the cemetery at Farm Ridge, LaSalle County.

Joseph Richard Woodward was reared in LaSalle County and there attended the public schools, assuming the usual duties of a farmer's son early in life. He remained with his parents until about twenty-four years old and, being the oldest child, learned the full details of farm work.

January 19, 1887, Mr. Woodward was married to Miss Ellen G. White, born in Bruce Township, LaSalle County, May 15, 1869, daughter of John and Elizabeth White, natives of Scotland, who came to America about 1865, settling near Streator, where they lived until his death, April 4, 1910, all these years having been spent on the farm where they settled in 1865. His widow still lives there. After his marriage Mr. Woodward went to work by the month on the farm of Jerome Corber, in LaSalle County, with whom he remained until 1890, then spent one year on rented land, and in 1891 accepted a position with an electric light plant, which was located at Grandridge. In consequence of an explosion this plant was burned, and as it was not rebuilt, Mr. Woodward was compelled to seek employment elsewhere. He began work, in the fall of 1892, with the Chicago, Wilmington & Vermilion Coal Company, on a hoisting engine; in 1900, the same company was just opening up a mine at Thayer and sent him to take charge of their hoisting engines at that place. He remained with this company at Thayer from May 30, 1900, until August 1, 1901, then accepted a position with the Illinois Coal Washing Company as foreman of their plant, which position he has since held, being well fitted by knowledge and experience to take charge of this kind of work. He has been one of the leading men in building up a town at Thayer and has occupied an important place in the conduct of affairs in the community since locating there. At the time he came to Thayer there were but two men there and but one house stood where the present plat of the village is located. The present population is about 1,200 and there are about 400 miners employed by the company with which Mr. Woodward is connected. He has served some time as a member of the Board of Village Trustees and is now serving a term as President of that body, his official duties having been performed in a manner most satisfactory to all concerned.

Children as follows were born to Mr. Woodward and his wife: Essie May, January 22, 1888, wife of Frank Edmonds, of New Berlin, whom she married April 27, 1910; Annie died in infancy; Iowa, born August 3, 1891, a teacher in Sangamon County Schools; Arthur Verner, born September 19, 1892, at home. Fraternally M. Woodward is a member of Maple Leaf Camp No. 143, M. W. A., of Virden, Ill.; Thayer Lodge No. 143, K. of P.; Virden Lodge No. 161, A. F. & A. M. and Virden Council No. 33, P. L. He and his wife are affiliated with Pride of America Temple No. 113, Pythian Sisters, and she is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Both have made many friends in the community and have the universal good will and respect of their acquaintances.

WOOLARY, Emmer, now living retired from active life at Chatham, Ill., was born in Wilmington, Ohio, November 28, 1846, and is a son of Michael and Rosanna (Small) Woolary, the former born in Auglaize County, Ohio, in 1812, and the latter born in Waynesville, Ohio, in 1815. The father was a carpenter by trade and for many years lived in Wilmington, where both he and his wife died. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk War. His parents and those of his wife were early settlers of Ohio.

Emmer Woolary spent his childhood in his native State and there received his education. He followed farming until the breaking out of the Civil War, and enlisted, in March, 1864, at Columbus, Ohio, and served to the end of the war, being mustered out at Camp Chase, in December, 1865. He had participated in the Battles of Chattanooga, Buzzard's Roost, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro, and the Siege of Atlanta. He took part in the March to the Sea, and in many skirmishes, serving under Captains Wilkins and Joe Taylor. For three months Mr. Woolary carried messages for his General. During the campaign in Georgia he was for three months without change of clothing, and endured great hardships. He is an active member of the G. A. R.

At the close of the war Mr. Woolary returned to Ohio and soon afterward moved to Springfield, Ill., where he worked for twenty years. He has been a resident of Chatham since about 1903 and is one of the best-known and most respected citizens of his community. He was married, at Sharonville, Ohio, in July, 1866, to Miss Annie Gorman, born in Hamilton County, Ohio, daughter of Henry and Rachel Gorman, both of whom spent their entire lives in Ohio, and were farmers. Eight children were born to Mr. Woolary and his wife, of whom six survive: George W., born in Hamilton County, Ohio, July 24, 1867; Rosa, July 14, 1868; Jennie, January 1, 1875; Mary, born in October, 1871, died in 1873; Harry, born in July, 1872, died the same year; Joseph, born in October, 1880; Emmer Jr., March 17, 1883; and Nora, July 20, 1876.

Mr. Woolary is a member of the Red Men and in politics is a Democrat, but in local affairs votes for the man rather than for the party. He is not a member of any church, but endeavors to follow the Golden Rule in his actions, and his relations with his fellow-men are very pleasant. He has lived retired for several years past, but had previously worked hard all his life and managed his affairs in an able manner, so that he acquired a competency.

WORKMAN, Alfred C.—The Workman family has been well-known and highly respected in

Loami Township, Sangamon County, since 1830, when the grandfather of Alfred C. Workman brought his family to that location from Tennessee, making the trip overland. Four generations have lived in the neighborhood of this early settlement and the present homestead, occupied by the subject of this sketch, has been the family home since 1850, when a small frame house was the dwelling of the parents of Mr. Workman. Alfred C. Workman was born on his present farm May 12, 1874, son of John and Caroline (Campbell) Workman, the father a native of Tennessee and the mother of Chatham Township, Sangamon County, to which place her father had emigrated from Tennessee. The Campbell family is of Scotch descent.

In his boyhood Alfred C. Workman attended the village schools in his neighborhood, remaining at home until he was twenty-six years of age, when his father gave him 320 acres of land in Curran Township, to which he moved, living there until 1897. He then purchased a farm, which he conducted two years and then returned to the home farm, as his father was growing old and needed someone to take charge. Mr. Workman now owns the old home farm of 280 acres, and besides this land owns 400 acres elsewhere in the county. He was married, November 5, 1905, to Miss Ora Dodd, who was born in New Berlin Township, Sangamon County, daughter of Theodore Dodd.

Mr. Workman carries on his work according to modern ideas and methods and has made a specialty of high-grade stock, having fine Percheron horses, well bred mules and a flock of about ninety head of Shropshire sheep. In politics he is a stanch Republican and takes a commendable interest in public affairs, although he cares nothing for office himself. He has become well known as a successful breeder of stock and has been fortunate in his investments and operations. He is proud of the part his family has taken in the settlement and development of Loami Township, and fully appreciates the care with which his father carried on his enterprises so as to provide for his children. The work begun on the home farm by John Workman has been continued by his son, who has added many improvements and developed the estate in many ways.

Mr. Workman and his wife have children, Howard and Halbert.

WORKMAN, Esau, an enterprising and successful farmer of Section 18, Chatham Township, Sangamon County, was born in the township, June 1, 1876, son of John Workman, one of the extensive land-owners of the region and a shrewd business man, who was able to recognize and take advantage of opportunities offered him, thus attaining remarkable success. Esau Workman spent his school days in Oak Ridge School, near his father's home, and under the direction and instruction of his father became a practical farmer. He was married, July 29, 1896, to Miss Henrietta Hudson, who was born in Kentucky and came to Illinois with her parents, Wesley Hudson and wife, now residing in Springfield. In 1897 Mr. Workman and his wife took possession of a forty-acre farm in Curran Township, and the following year came to the farm where they now live. In 1900 they moved to Springfield and three years later purchased ten acres of land on West Grand Place, where they erected a fine home and put in many improvements, selling the property at a handsome profit in 1903, after which they returned to the farm where Mr. Workman was born and remained that winter. In the spring of 1904 they returned to the farm they had previously occupied, in Section 18, and have since made it their home. This farm contained 307 acres and they have added the home place of 110 acres, making 417 acres altogether. Mr. Workman also owns a farm of 263½ acres in Christian County, Ill., thus making 680½ acres in the corn belt of Illinois, where profits are sure to be large.

Mr. Workman has spent his life in farming ever since old enough to begin active operations, and is one of the most progressive men of his community, being a believer in modern ideas and methods. He has made many improvements in his farm, putting in tile and building fences, and in the former has used some 1,500 rods of tiling. He makes a specialty of stock breeding and has a good grade, including Poland-China hogs and a large flock of pure-blood Shropshire sheep. He is active in promoting any public enterprise and takes great interest in the men and measures of the Republican party, whose principles he always supports, being ready at any time to use his time and influence to push any movement which enlists his sympathy. He is well known for business honesty and integrity and has the entire confidence of all with whom he has had dealings. He ships about three carloads of cattle annually and finds a good market for them. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church at Loami. They have one son, Frank H., born November 21, 1899.

WORKMAN, Isaac, one of the older farmers of Sangamon County, resides on Section 23, Loami Township. He was born August 7, 1834, in this township, a son of William and Sally (Blyen) Workman. The father was a native of Maryland, who came to Tennessee and later to Illinois, after his marriage. Arriving in 1820, he and his wife settled in Loami Township, where the father entered and bought prairie land, becoming in time one of the most extensive property owners of the country. He and his wife lived in a primitive log cabin in which nearly all of their children were born. When his children grew up, William Workman gave each one a farm, so they would settle near him. He had eight sons and three daughters: Peter, Jacob, Stephen, David, Elizabeth, Isaac, William B., Sally, Polly and Samuel. William Workman died in 1877, aged seventy-seven years, his widow surviving him, and she passed away

at the age of eighty-two years. Both were members of the Christian Church and in politics he was a stanch Republican with reference to State and National matters, although in local affairs he voted for the man he deemed best fitted for office. Although often solicited, he would never permit the use of his name on the party ticket. His success was all the more remarkable because of the discouragement he first felt upon coming to the county. However, he did not allow that fact to interfere with his progress, and died one of the very wealthy men of his county.

Isaac Workman was educated in the subscription schools of the neighborhood, held in the primitive log cabin, with slab seats and puncheon floor, the only light being furnished by a small window. Like Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Workman studied by the flickering light of the log fire at home, and learned well and rapidly. There being plenty to do on the land his father was so rapidly acquiring, Isaac began working when still a small lad, having to do everything in what today seems to have been a very primitive method, and which then suited the farmers. He plowed with the old wooden plow with an iron point, and during harvest the grain was cut with the sickle and cradle. When assisting the neighbors he received fifty cents per day for using the cradle. The grain was flailed out by hand, then hauled many miles to the nearest mill. In looking back and remembering all the difficulties, Mr. Workman naturally wonders how it was that the farmers of those days accomplished so much. They always had time to help a neighbor, and attended to their religious and political duties without shirking.

The first wife of Mr. Workman was Elizabeth Workman, born in Tennessee, daughter of John Workman, a cousin of William Workman. Their children were: Sally, wife of Peter Harber, a farmer of Curran Township, issue—George, Jay and Alice; John D., at home; Martha, wife of Steven E. Workman, issue—Jacob and Harry. The mother died, a consistent member of the Methodist Church. On June 30, 1861, Mr. Workman married Martha Ann Wedden, a native of Illinois, and they had the following children: William H. married Minerva Carson and is a farmer of Loami Township, issue, Eva; Isaac L., a farmer of the same township, married Lena McLaughlin, daughter of Christopher McLaughlin, of Springfield; Mayhew, a farmer of this township, married Amanda Carson, daughter of William Carson, issue, Kenneth; Joseph and Elizabeth, at home; Ada, wife of W. A. Burton.

Mr. Workman has spent his life in this locality, now residing within half a mile of the place of his birth. Long a Republican, he has represented his party on the School Board. Having struggled hard to secure a good education himself, he has given his children every advantage, and is proud of their progress. Always a hard worker himself, he has striven to instill in his children a love for work and a knowledge of saving, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that his lessons have not gone astray. At the same time, his example has proven a worthy incentive to others trying to make advancement and do it honestly. He has always stood for progress and good schools, and the part he and his family has played in the development of the county cannot be lightly estimated.

WORKMAN, John (deceased).—Among the prominent and successful pioneers of Sangamon County few became more extensive land-owners that John Dorkman, of Loami Township, who died on the farm he had developed March 4, 1910, at the close of a busy and useful life. He and his wife reared a large family of children and all who reached maturity were useful citizens, ready to do their share in the progress and upbuilding of the community. All have settled near the old home and most of them live on farms. John Workman was born in Overton County, Tenn., July 6, 1824, and was brought to Sangamon County when about six years of age, remaining in Loami Township the remainder of his life. He was married, September 26, 1850, to Miss Caroline Campbell, daughter of John Campbell, of Tennessee, and of Scotch descent. Mrs. Workman was born in Chatham Township, Sangamon County (where her parents were early settlers), October 23, 1834.

After their marriage John Workman and his wife located in a small frame house on Section 5, Loami Township, where their son Alfred now lives. At that time there were many wild turkeys and other game, such as geese and cranes, and these birds frequently destroyed considerable grain. Mrs. Workman's father gave her 160 acres of land and they became very successful as time went on, producing excellent crops and adding to their possessions from time to time. The young wife carded wool, spun yarn, did all the family sewing by hand, and as years went on often worked until midnight at her wheel or knitting stockings, or performing various other household tasks. At first they used the old-fashioned tallow "dips" but later purchased a candle mold, which saved much time and labor. Mrs. Workman looks back upon the busy years when her children were growing up around her and her days were crowded with work, as being very happy. Eleven children were born to Mr. Workman and his wife, of whom two died in infancy and seven now survive. As each child married and left the old home the father made him (or her) a gift of 320 acres of land. All settled so near that the mother can visit them in a single day. They are: Sarah E., widow of Stephen Workman, living in Loami Township; John W., in Curran Township; Josiah, a farmer of Maxwell Township; Callie, wife of William Butler, of Chatham Township; Polly, wife of Edwin Bilyeu, a farmer of Curran Township; Alfred C., on the

home farm; Esau, a farmer of Chatham Township.

Mr. Workman and his wife were among the most extensive landowners in Sangamon County and for fifty-nine years lived together in happy wedlock, the tie being broken by the death of the father and husband. The widow still resides on the old farm, and at the age of seventy-six years enjoys good health and retains her energy and intelligent interest in all about her. She has been a capable, loving mother and has the fullest esteem and reverence of all her children, and the high regard of all who know her. Her life of toil and high endeavor has been an inspiration to her children. She has lived in her present home since 1850 and during this time has witnessed great changes and improvements, in all of which she has been greatly interested. Mr. Workman was a member of the Christian Church and in politics was a stanch Republican, having filled various township offices creditably. Two years before his death he made a final division of his estate, having 1,525 acres of land in his possession at that time, having given away among his children 2,240 acres, all the result of his own hard work and excellent management.

WORKMAN, Mayhew.—Members of the Workman family are found throughout Sangamon County, and are always numbered among the representative residents of their several communities. The family was founded there by sturdy pioneers who came to the county resolved to find a home where their children could be reared in health and in turn secure land at prices within the reach of poor men. That they have succeeded much better than they planned, the prosperity of their descendants proves beyond doubt. One of these representatives is Mayhew Workman, of Section 14, Loami Township, a breeder of fine Poland-China hogs, and a farmer of exceptional ability. He was born in the township, one mile south of his present home, October 7, 1866, a son of Isaac and Martha (Widden) Workman.

After a boyhood spent on the farm, where he alternated attending district school with a man's work, in 1887, soon after attaining his majority, Mr. Workman engaged to labor by the month for $17.50, thus continuing for three years. Having saved his money, in 1890 he and his brother Isaac bought farming implements, rented seventy-two acres in the southern part of Loami Township, and for two years farmed in conjunction. At the end of this period Mayhew Workman bought his brother's interest, and for four years conducted the farm, living on it alone.

On November 28, 1896, he married Amanda Carson, born in Sangamon County, in what now is Maxwell Township. She is a daughter of William Carson, also a pioneer of this locality. After marriage the young couple rented 30 acres in Chatham Township, which they conducted until 1905, but in that year Mr. Workman bought fifty-four acres on Section 14, Loami Township. This property was in very poor condition, but being an experienced farmer he began at once to improve it, now having a fine farm. He built a beautiful cottage on a natural building site, surrounding it with all kinds of fruit, shade and ornamental trees, so that it is one of the most delightful rural homes in the county. Upon coming to this farm Mr. Workman began breeding Poland-China hogs, now having stock that is eligible to registration. He annually produces about 120 head, which bring the highest market prices. In July, 1910, he sold fifty-six head, averaging 214 pounds each, which netted him $8.50 per hundred, or $990.30 for the shipment. In addition to his hogs, Mr. Workman keeps about fifty head of Shropshire sheep, a herd of short horn and Jersey cattle, and an excellent grade of horses. His experiements have taught him the best methods of working, and his success is remarkable and gratifying.

Mr. and Mrs. Workman are the parents of one son Kenneth Mae, born June 24, 1906, a dear little boy. They are both active in the good work of the Christian Church, to which both belong. In politics he is a stanch Republican, the Workman family nearly all being within the ranks of this party, but he does not desire office. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 456 Loami; and is a member of Camp No. 848, Modern Woodmen of America, of Loami, while Mrs. Workman belongs to the Home Circle of Loami. The modern agriculturist is rapidly forging ahead, developing his property and introducing new methods of breeding and tilling the soil. While the farmer and stockman of today reaps substantial returns, he is also put to an immense expense in maintaining a high standard, and his work requires keen business ability and foresightedness in order that he may meet existing conditions.

WORKMAN, Melvin.—No family in Sangamon County is better represented by solid, practical and honorable business men and agriculturists than that bearing the name of Workman. Its representatives have been identified with the history of the county from early days, and have always been foremost in the work of developing natural resources and securing good government. One of the reliable men belonging to this honored family is Melvin Workman, residing on his farm, adjacent to the village of Loami, where he is doing general farming, making a specialty of breeding Percheron and road horses. He was born in Loami Township, February 1, 1878, a son of Stephen and Sarah E. (Workman) Workman, the former of whom died about 1895, but his widow survives, carrying on the large farm he left her, he having been one of the prosperous and thrifty farmers of the township. She has added to her possessions, and now owns 560 acres, 320 acres in Loami Township and 240 in Christian County.

Melvin Workman was brought up on the

homestead and attended the district school. He remained at home until his marriage, which event occurred March 2, 1899, when he was united with Ida M. Dodd, born in Sangamon County, daughter of Jesse Dodd, also one of the pioneers of the county, now deceased. He died when Mrs. Workman was still a child, his widow surviving until 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Workman have one child, Roy, born January 24, 1900, a bright little fellow, who is doing well at school and filling his parents' hearts with pride.

After his marriage, Mr. Workman began farming on 113 acres owned by his mother. This property had been allowed to run down and was in bad condition, but under his expert supervision it increased materially and sold for a good price. He then purchased 120 acres of land where he now resides, and has there developed one of the best farms of the township. Having given much attention to stock, he has made a decided success of the business. His stallion, Duke, was imported for him by Taylor & Jones, of Williamsville, and he also has three pure-bred Percheron mares, two of whom won prizes in the yearling show at the State Fairs of 1904 and 1905, being second and third in their class. He also has draft horses of the best breeds. He has a Kentucky-bred Jack, and produces Duroc-Jersey hogs, Shropshire sheep, carrying about fifty head of the latter, while his cattle are the short horn breed. Experience has convinced him that these breeds are the best, and his product is of so superior a quality that he commands the highest prices. His pride in his stock and well-kept farm is commendable, and his property is regarded as one of the show places of the county.

Mr. Workman is a Republican, but aside from lending his hearty support to all measures he believes will further the best interests of his community, he does not engage in politics, although often solicited by his neighbors to accept nomination. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F. No. 901, of Loami, and Camp No. 848, Modern Woodmen of America, of Loami, and is active in both orders. The Christian Church holds his membership, and he is one of its most energetic supporters. Progressive, up-to-date, and quick to grasp any opportunity, this young farmer is typical of the better class of agriculturists of today. Old methods have been thrust aside and new ones are being constantly tested, for the modern farmer realizes that, just as science has opened up new avenues in other branches of activity, so it has in farming, and he wants to keep up with the procession.

WORKMAN, Samuel J., claim agent and inspector for the Franklin Life Insurance Company, located in the Franklin Life Building, at Springfield, is a native of Sangamon County, born at Loami, February 25, 1864, a son of Samuel and Susan (Cook) Workman, natives of Maryland and Missouri respectively. At an early date Samuel Workman, the father, left his home in Maryland and went to Virginia, later removing to Ohio, where he remained a short time, and eventually locating in Loami, Ill. Having been a farmer all of his life, he continued to follow that occupation in Illinois, and was active in agricultural pursuits right up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1871, while he was on a visit in Iowa. His widow survived him until January 3, 1909. Samuel J. Workman was the only child. Mrs. Workman was married (second) to William Balon, and to this union there were born the following children: Lydia, who became the wife of E. W. B. Workman, a well-known citizen of Loami, Ill., in which city he died February 3, 1910; Millie, the widow of William A. Stott, of Los Angeles, Calif., who died in January, 1907; and Jesse, who lives near Hilham, Tenn. Samuel Workman was a Republican in politics and his religious faith was that of the Christian Church.

Samuel J. Workman was a small child when his father died, and as a result did not receive much educational training. He went to work for a brother-in-law, E. W. B. Workman, when eighteen years of age, remaining from 1882 to 1892, in which latter year he went to Waverly and worked at the barber trade. He then engaged with the New York City office of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, and remained in their employ until 1895, when he entered the services of the Mutual Benefit Company. He continued with this company until 1899, at which time he became connected with the Franklin Life Insurance Company as a solicitor, later became field superintendent, assistant superintendent of agencies, and finally claim agent and inspector.

Mr. Workman was married April 9, 1899, to Mary N. Clark, born at Palmyra, Macoupin County, Ill., October 9, 1869, daughter of William R. and Angeline (Jolly) Clark, the former born in Old Berlin, Ill., and now residing in Springfield, and the latter, born at Franklin, Morgan County, Ill., who died December 11, 1894. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Workman, namely: Don, born January 11, 1890; Russell, December 10, 1891; Virgil S., November 30, 1893; and Helen, born December 23, 1895, who died March 4, 1908. The oldest son, Don, has had a business college course and is now connected with the Vredenburgh Lumber Company, of Springfield, having entered their service in 1908. Russell and Virgil are students.

Mr. Workman is a member of the Supreme Court of Honor, Mutual Protective League, the Eagles and the Masonic fraternity. He is a Baptist in his religious views, while his politics are non-partisan. He has done considerable to bring about the Commission form of Government and has studied extensively on that subject on various trips through the West.

WORKMAN, Stephen (deceased).—Many members of the Workman family have attained prominence in Sangamon County, but none has been more beloved, or left a wider gap, than

the late Stephen Workman, when he passed away from this life. Mr. Workman was born in Sangamon County, March 6, 1853, and died on the home farm in Loami Township, December 15, 1895. For a number of years he was one of the enterprising and successful farmers of his locality, specializing on stock raising, and was the owner of an excellent property on Sections 22 and 23, Loami Township, containing 280 acres, near the village of Loami. His entire life was spent in the county, his father, Jacob Workman, and his grandfather, William Workman, having come from Tennessee to Illinois about 1830. Locating in Sangamon County, William Workman secured land upon which he reared his family, teaching them the basic principles of honest and upright living. There Jacob Workman grew to manhood and married Nancy Taylor, born in the county. Turning his attention to farming, Jacob Workman operated a farm in Loami Township, where he spent his last days. He and his excellent wife were the parents of seven sons and one daughter.

Stephen Workman went to the school of his neighborhood giving his father his assistance in tilling the soil of their home farm. Continuing at home until he attained his majority, he then began working for himself. Like many another young farmer, before going on a farm for himself, he married, this event occurring in Chatham Township, April 8, 1875, when he was united to Sarah E. Workman, daughter of John Workman, who died in March, 1910. He was brought to Illinois when a lad, in 1830, and there reared. He married Caroline Campbell, daughter of John Campbell. Sarah E. Workman was brought up in Sangamon County, and prior to her marriage was one of the most popular teachers there. Mr. and Mrs. Workman began their married life on a part of the homestead, which later Mr. Workman purchased, and upon which Mrs. Workman is now living. It was in 1879 that he became the owner of his first eighty acres, although he did not have sufficient money to make it a cash transaction. The land was only partly improved, but this did not discourage him, and he labored long and faithfully to make it productive. From time to time he invested his profits and savings in other land, until at his death he owned 282 acres, which is as good land now as can be found in the county.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Workman were as follows: Flora who died in early womanhood; Melvin, a farmer of Loami Township; Ollie, wife of John Jacobs, also a farmer of Loami Township; Grace, wife of Jesse Dodd, of the same township; Bertha, wife of Fred H. Mills, also farming in the same township; Dora, wife of Richard Edwards, a farmer, and Russell at home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Workman early connected themselves with the Christian Church, of Loami, in which Mr. Workman became Deacon and Elder, and was always one of its most faithful supporters. He was connected with the Modern Workmen of America, and enjoyed his fraternal relations. All his life, which was unduly cut short. Mr. Workman never shirked a duty or left a task uncompleted, and it was his pleasure to attribute much of his success in life to his wife. He regarded her business ability as superior to his own, and never failed to call upon her for advice in every transaction he undertook. After his death Mrs. Workman assumed control of the property, and has since lived on the farm, operating it with the assistance of her son. She is a lady of culture and distinction, who commands the respect and confidence of all with whom she is brought into contact. Mr. Workman was a man of unblemished character, truthful and painstaking in speech and action, and left many warm personal friends behind him to mourn his loss and respect his memory.

WORKMAN, William H.—The rich farm lands of Sangamon County offer many inducements to the progressive farmers to develop still further, for the yields are immense and the soil is suited to a variety of crops. One of the men who is profiting from his experience in agricultural lines is William H. Workman, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser on Section 26, Loami Township. He was born in this township, April 12, 1862, a son of Isaac Workman, one of the pioneers of the county whose sketch is given at length elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Workman was born and bred on a farm, and educated in the district school of his neighborhood, so he is essentially a son of the soil. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, when, in 1886, he went to work on a farm as a laborer, and following that vocation did whatever he could find to do in the way of honorable employment. On August 1, 1889, he was united in marriage with Miss Minerva Carson, who was born in Chatham Township, January 4, 1862, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Workman) Carson. The mother, Mrs. Carson, is a daughter of David Workman, who was a brother of William Workman, the grandfather of William H. Workman, the subject of this sketch. Both the Workman and Carson families are prominent in Sangamon County history. Mr. and Mrs. Carson finally moved to Kansas where Mrs. Carson died about 1875, when the family returned to Loami Township.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Workman rented land in Loami Township for a year, then in 1890, rented eighty acres from Peter Workman. There they lived until 1896, when they engaged in farming on a Carson farm, and having saved some money, bought twenty acres on Section 26. On this there was already a small two-room building, and they have since built a pleasant cottage and have set out a large variety of fruit trees, including apple, peach and cherry trees, with small fruits in great profusion. In this line their farm has become one of the most productive properties in the county, showing the results of constant and systematic labor.

One child shares their home, Eva Alta Carson Workman, born July 3, 1899, a very intelligent little girl now in the sixth school grade, and the pride of her parents' hearts. She is much interested in the family history and proud of the honorable names she bears. Mr. Workman has been active in the Republican party, and is interested in educational matters. Socially he is a member of Camp No. 848, Modern Woodmen of America. While not a member of any church, Mr. and Mrs. Workman have always given liberally of their means to further religious work, and are very charitably inclined. Hard-working, thrifty and able to make the most of their opportunities, they have succeeded in making for themselves a delightful home, and are giving their daughter the advantages neither of them enjoyed in their youth. By an honest and upright life Mr. Workman has won the confidence and respect of the community with which he has dwelt for the last forty-eight years.

WORTHEN, Amos Henry. (Vol. I, p. 601.)

WRIGHT, John W., a highly respected citizen of Springfield, now retired from active life, and and a veteran of the Civil War, is a native of Pike County, Mo., as were his parents. He was born March 10, 1839, a son of John and Margaret Wright, both of whom died in Pike County. The father was an extensive farmer and before the war held a large number of slaves. John W. Wright was reared on a farm and spent his entire active life in agricultural operations. Since 1862 he has been a resident of Illinois and has lived most of this time in Sangamon County.

In 1861 Mr. Wright was forced to join the Confederate Army, but ran away, and in December, 1863, enlisted in Company K, Ninety-ninth Illinois Infantry, under Captain Cooper, serving to the end of the war. He was mustered out at Baton Rouge, La., but was paid off at Camp Butler, Ill. While serving in the Confederate army he participated in the Battle of Pea Ridge, and while fighting for the other side took part in the Battles of Mobile, Spanish Fort, Fort Blakeley, and many skirmishes. He endured great hardships in his service the worst while a member of the Confederate Army. He joined the Union Army because he believed their cause was right, and came to Berry, Ill., to enlist. He is a member of the G. A. R. He made a good record as a soldier, and one who had the courage of his convictions.

Mr. Wright was married, in 1867, to Louise Walker, born in Missouri, daughter of John and Lucy Walker, both natives of Kentucky. Two children blessed this union: Lavinia, born June 16, 1879, and John, July 12, 1881. Mr. Wright is a typical whole-souled, Southern gentleman, and is liked by all who know him. He is a member of the Baptist Church and has been a Republican since old enough to vote. His residence is located at 2025 East South Grand Avenue.

WRIGHT, Thomas.—No country in the world produces more industrious and thrifty men than Scotland, and wherever her people locate they are accorded a hearty welcome, for they make the best of citizens and help to develop the sections they select for permanent homes. Thomas Wright, who for years was one of the practical farmers of Sangamon County, but having succeeded in accummulating an ample competence, is now living retired in Illiopolis. He was born in southern Scotland, September 1, 1841, a son of John and Helen (Wilson) Wright, both natives of Scotland.

John Wright and his wife came to America in 1844, landing in New Orleans, whence they came up the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers to Sangamon County, and located on a farm in Clear Lake Township, eventually buying it. There were eleven children in the family (seven sons and four daughters), five of whom were born in Scotland, of these W. W. Wright, now living northeast of Illiopolis, and Lillian, wife of William Johnson, in Illiopolis.

The first teacher of Thomas Wright was Harrison Ide, who taught in a frame school house in Illiopolis, and he was followed by several others during the time Mr. Wright went to school. While he was doing this he also helped on the farm, assisting his father until the latter's death in 1852. Following this, until 1855, when she passed away, Thomas Wright was his mother's helper, but at that time he bought eighty acres near Illiopolis, where he farmed for several years. He then sold his first farm, buying 160 acres across the line in Macon County, on which he resided for sixteen years, when he also sold this property and moved to Illiopolis, where he purchased his present home, living in it ever since.

On March 25, 1873, occurred the marriage of Mr. Wright in Macon County, to Catherine E. Simpson, born in St. Clair County, Ill., where her parents, natives of Illinois, were engaged in farming. They later came to Sangamon County, spending the remainder of their lives there. Mrs. Wright was one of a family of six sons and five daughters, seven of whom survive, although Mrs. Wright died in 1906. She and her husband had four daughters; Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Sutherland, living on a farm in Macon County; Dora J. lives at home; Lillian R., wife of William G. Engling, lives in Youngstown, Ohio, where he is a teacher of manual training in the city schools; and Catherine, who lives at home. The two young ladies are endeavoring to take their mother's place in the household in making a pleasant home for their father. There are five grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Wright is a Democrat, and for several years served as School Treasurer of his township. For many years he has been a valued and

consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he belongs to Camp No. 166, Modern Woodmen of America. Having come to Sangamon County at an early day, Mr. Wright recalls many extremely interesting events connected with those times. He was a passenger on one of the first trains on the Wabash Railroad, which was then known as the Great Western. He has the distinction of having attended the funeral of the great Lincoln, and keenly recalls the terrible grief of everyone on that sad day.

Having worked to good effect, Mr. Wright owns his beautiful home, and some very valuable farm land, his investments having been made carefully and thriftily. Possessing the confidence of all who know him, Mr. Wright is passing his years in the comfort his former labors entitle him to, and no man is more highly esteemed in the community.

WRIGHT, Rev Thomas B., who was for many years a member of the Methodist Illinois Conference, has for the past nine or ten years been a resident of Rochester, where he is now successfully engaged in real estate business. Rev. Wright was born at Virden, Ill., April 16, 1856, a son of Preston and Susan (Dawson) Wright, both natives of Kentucky. Preston Wright settled near Virden in 1849, carried on agricultural operations there until about 1885, and died in 1888. He and his wife had eight children, namely: Nancy Jane, David Allen, Sarah Frances, Mary Margaret, Malinda Dorinda, Thomas B.; and Arabelle and Tina, deceased.

After completing the course in the common schools, Thomas B. Wright entered the high school at Virden, but left a short time before graduation, and later taught in Montgomery, Macoupin and Sangamon Counties, Ill., and one year in Kansas. He is largely self-educated, having a taste for literature and study, and for ten years before his admission to the Conference, in 1888, studied with this end in view. He served in pastorates at Raymond, Pleasant Plains, Williamsville and Rochester, Ill., and for four years was editor of the Illinois Methodist Journal. He was successful in his work in his various fields of labor and accomplished a great deal of good. Since 1902 he has been a supernumerary servant of the church and has established an excellent and lucrative business in Rochester. He has for sale, property in Arkansas and Texas, as well as in Illinois, and is interested in various other enterprises. He is an enterprising and energetic business man and looks carefully after every detail under his charge.

Rev. Wright was married (first) April 18, 1876, to Emma D., daughter of Seth and Mary B. (Day) Wright, who died June 20, 1896, having borne two children: Mary, born January 28, 1879; and David A., born January 27, 1882, died at the age of two and one-half years. Mary was married, June 27, 1900, to Kingsley E. Pease, and in October of the same year she and her husband started for the missionary field, becoming residents of Malaysia. They had been fellow-students in a seven-year course of study at Northwestern University, from which they graduated with honor, and for a time both occupied chairs as teachers in the Anglo-Chinese Boys' School in Singapore, Malaysia. Mr. Wright was married (second) to Lillian, daughter of Milton and Adeline (Cooper) McCoy, the former a pioneer settler of Sangamon County and the latter born there November 22, 1830. Mr. McCoy and his wife were married March 29, 1848, and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. McCoy, who was loved and esteemed by all who knew her, died December 16, 1900, leaving children as follows: Sylvester, Jacob C., Jane; Loretta, wife of O. C. St. Clair, of Chicago; Jesse K. married Ada Fairchild, of Springfield; Mary married Edwin Puffenbarger, of Rochester Township, Sangamon County; Lillian, Mrs. Wright. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy had one son, Valman B., who died when three years old. One daughter has blessed the union of Mr. Wright and his second wife, Helen E., born August 10, 1898. Mrs. Wright is a gifted musician, and she, as well as her husband, is a zealous worker in the cause of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Wright is a strong advocate of the principles of Prohibition. He has the confidence and esteem of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance and has a number of warm personal friends.

WYANT, Perry Oliver (deceased), a native of New England, came to the State of Illinois as a young man and there spent the remainder of his life, a highly-respected, useful citizen, sincerely mourned by his family and many friends. Mr. Wyant was born on a farm near Hartford, Conn., June 7, 1824, son of John Wyant, also born in Connecticut, who spent his life in agricultural pursuits in his native State. Perry O. Wyant had a brother, George, who served in the Civil War and was killed in the Battle of Gettysburg. The family was prominent in Connecticut, and the name stood for integrity and sterling worth.

The boyhood of Perry O. Wyant was spent on his father's farm and he received his education in the public schools near Hartford, afterwards working with his father until he began to learn the trade of tailor, which he followed the rest of his active life. As a young man he came to Illinois and located near Rockford, Winnebago County, where he continued working at his trade and became successful in this line. He was able to retire after several years spent in Illinois and his last years were passed in well-earned rest. His wife is a devout member of the Methodist Church and an active worker in its cause. In politics he was a firm Democrat, although taking little part in public affairs. He was universally esteemed where he was known and had the full trust and confi-

dence of his associates. At the time of his death, which occurred in Winnebago County, Ill., August 10, 1866, he left a widow and three small children to mourn his loss.

Mr. Wyant was married, in Winnebago County, December 28, 1853, to Miss Sarah Hays, born in Canada, September 23, 1835, daughter of Samuel B. and Catherine (Grovaro) Hays, the former born in New Hampshire and the latter in Canada. Three children were born of this union, namely: John, born October 24, 1861, was married in Colorado, in 1904, to Anna Nelson, resides in Pekin, Ill., and they have no children; Theresa Irene, born in Winnebago County, in 1853, married James R. Brown and they reside in Springfield and have six children: George, Fred, Alice, Myrtle, Sadie and James; William, died December 23, 1902. Mrs. Wyant was married a second time, to Michael J. Fox, who died March 17, 1903, having been born in 1819.

WYATT, Charles E.—Generosity and good-nature have not interfered with the material progress of some people. Because of splendid energy, thrift and foresight, they are able not only to build up a good business, but to earn and retain lasting friendships. A valued citizen and honorable business man of Springfield is Charles E. Wyatt, a real estate dealer. He was born on a farm in Morgan County, Ill., April 27, 1858, a son of James M. and Martha J. (Luttrell) Wyatt. The Wyatts are traced back to colonial days in Virginia, whence they migrated to Kentucky, and still later to Illinois. The Luttrell family is an old one in Kentucky, and its representatives came to Illinois at an early day. Both James M. Wyatt and his wife, however, were born in Morgan County, Ill. William J. Wyatt, a member of the family, enlisted in the Mexican War as a private, and was promoted successfully until he was mustered out as Colonel, and now, at the age of eighty-five years, is President of the Mexican War Veteran Association. He also served four years in the Civil War. Another relative, William T. Luttrell, served in the Civil War four years. Still another relative, James M. Wyatt, was a soldier in the Black Hawk War, so that the two families have borne well their part in the various conflicts which have convulsed the country, while their material welfare speaks well for their Scotch-Irish descent. James M. Wyatt, father of Charles E. Wyatt, died on a farm in 1872, but his widow survives, residing upon this property, although now eighty-four years old. The children born to this excellent couple were: Charles E.; John William, of Oklahoma; Ella M., who married David I. Martin, and resides in Oklahoma; Frederick L., of Enid, Okla.; Maggie Alberta, who married Charles Louden, and James M., deceased.

The first twenty-four years of his life Charles E. Wyatt spent on a farm, and he was educated at Walnut Grove public school. When he had attained this age, he went to Virden, Ill., where he was engaged in a mercantile business for four years. He then bought a farm north of Virden, operating it for ten years. Once more he located in Virden, but after four years there, bought another farm north of it, and resided until coming to Springfield in 1905, in order that his children might have better educational advantages. Soon after coming there, he became interested in timber lands, now owning 20,000 acres of these lands in Arkansas, as well as considerable realty in Springfield, which includes his own beautiful residence at No. 608 South Walnut Street. For twenty-seven years he has been a member of the Odd Fellows, and is affiliated with Prairie State Encampment; has belonged for twenty years to the Modern Woodmen, and was a member of the old Knights of Labor organization. Politically he is a Democrat, and while a resident of Virden he served as Commissioner. He is now before the public as a candidate of his party for the same office, and if elected, his former experience will be of benefit to him and his constituents. While not connected with any religious organization, he is liberal in his contributions to them all.

Mr. Wyatt was married in Virden, November 22, 1871, to Margaretta J. Johnson, of that place, daughter of Henry M. and Adeline (Burvines) Johnson. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt: Ralph H., December 2, 1886, and Ethel A., May 22, 1889. Having a wide reputation for honesty and industry, and having lived wisely and temperately, Mr. Wyatt is an ideal candidate for an office in which he will represent so many important interests.

WYATT, William J., Deputy Sheriff of Sangamon County and one of the most conscientious and capable officials of the county, has long been associated with the development of his part of the State. He was born near Jacksonville, Ill., January 5, 1834, a son of Thomas and Rebecca (Kirkman) Wyatt, natives of Todd County, Ky., and farming people. The family migration to Morgan County, Ill., took place at a very early day, and in 1830 Thomas Wyatt engaged in farming four miles from Jacksonville, remaining on his property for many years. Eventually, however, he went to a farm near Murrayville, Morgan County, staying there for twenty years. At the expiration of that period he moved back to the old place, but later sold it and came to Springfield, which continued his home until he went to Macoupin County. There he died in 1896, and his wife also died in Macoupin County.

William J. Wyatt went to school in a little log schoolhouse and strove earnestly to gain an education. At the same time he worked on his father's various farms. Later he came to Riverton, first being employed on the Wabash railroad. Later he went into a grocery business, but had the misfortune to lose it by fire in 1889. He has served in a number of official capacities, being Justice of the Peace for two terms and Magistrate for the same period. For

two terms he was Constable, and he is now acting as Deputy Sheriff of the county. In politics he is a strong Republican, and is prominent in the councils of his party.

Mr. Wyatt had an interesting war experience, having enlisted in 1862, from Morgan County, Ill., in Company F, One Hundred First Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served about three years, and participated in many battles, including the Siege of Vicksburg. He was mustered out at Memphis, Tenn., after taking part in General Sherman's wonderful southern campaign, and returned home. A grateful Government pays him a pension in recognition of his loyal service. Like so many of his old comrades, Mr. Wyatt belongs to Stephenson Post, No. 30, G. A. R., and in the reunions finds much pleasure.

The marriage of Mr. Wyatt took place in Jacksonville, in 1856, to Minnie Berry. She was born in Morgan County, but her parents were from Kentucky, coming to Morgan County to locate on a farm, but later moving to Macoupin County, where they died. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt, only three of whom survive: Dora, wife of Owen Hackett, an engineer who resides near Riverton; Ida, wife of Samuel S. Alsup, a grocer of Decatur, Ill., and Oscar, also of Decatur. There are ten grandchildren in the family. Mr. Wyatt owns the pleasant family residence in Riverton and his property has been accumulated through industry and thrift. The family are Methodists in religious faith.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the service of the veterans who once were the hope of the nation. Fifty years ago men who are now drawing pensions were in the full flush of healthy manhood. Many left young families to go forth to fight for the Union. Many who lived to return came back broken in health and spirits, with memories of the horrors of war that never left them. It is only just and right that some recompense be made them for what they sacrificed and suffered that the Union might be preserved.

YATES, Henry. (Vol. I, p. 603.)

YATES, Henry, Jr. (Vol. I, p. 603.)

YATES, Richard. (Vol. I, p. 603.)

YOCOM, William Jacob.—The pioneers of Illinois placed the State under lasting obligations, for they were the forerunners of civilization and made possible the conditions that exist today. Where now are beautifully tilled fields, the pioneer found a vast wilderness, peopled by savage beasts and often hostile Indians. Little by little he cleared away the undergrowth, routed out the Indians and wild animals, put in his seed, built his house and barns, developed roads, and erected schoolhouses and churches, in all being assisted by his faithful wife, until today Illinois stands second to no other State except New York. One of the families closely associated with the early history of the State, is that bearing the name of Yocom, and one of its able representatives of Springfield is William Jacob Yocom.

Mr. Yocom was born in Sangamon County, March 8, 1846, a son of Stephen and Martha A. (Council) Yocom, both natives of Kentucky. Grandfather Yocom was born in Virginia, and he and his wife rode from that State to Kentucky on horseback, more than a century ago. The parents came to Illinois in 1828 and spent their remaining lives in Williamsville Township, where the father was a farmer. They reared a large family and its members have married and located throughout Sangamon County, until there are hundreds of descendants of the two hardy Illinois pioneers who bore the name of Yocom.

After a boyhood spent in Williamsville Township, during which time he attended district school and worked on the family farm, Mr. Yocom began farming for himself, and still owns the fine farm he acquired.

During the Civil War Mr. Yocom enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Orendorff. He served for one hundred and fifty days, guarding prisoners at Rock Island. A stanch Republican, Mr. Yocom has served as School Director upon many occasions, but otherwise has not been before the public for office. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen, Royal Neighbors, and Stephenson Post, G. A. R. The Methodist Church holds his membership and he gives liberally towards its support. Mr. Yocom has never married. He is genial in temperament and cordial, being a welcome addition to any social gathering, where he is sure to find many warm, personal friends, for he is a general favorite.

YOUNG, Benjamin F., farmer and owner of eighty acres of fine land in Section 10, Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County, Rochester Rural Delivery Route 20, was born in Garrard County, Ky., May 22, 1849, a son of John D. and Nancy A. (Wheeler) Young, the first a native of Lincoln County, Ky., born November 23, 1827, and the latter of Garrard County, Ky., born May 29, 1829. His Grandfather Young, a native of North Carolina, and the first known David of the family, moved to Kentucky while he was yet a young man and spent the remainder of his life in that State. He married Polly Coffman, who also died in Kentucky. His Grandfather Wheeler, a native of Kentucky, married Sophia Bracher. They removed to Missouri in 1850 and both died there. His paternal great-grandfather Melem Young, lived to be over one hundred years old. His grandfather, Benjamin Wheeler, died in Gentry County, Mo., aged eighty-eight years. His parents moved from Kentucky to Gentry County, Mo., in 1850 and in 1864 they came to Springfield, Ill. After a

short residence there they went to Taylorville, whence in the fall of the year last mentioned they returned to Springfield. They lived on a farm near there until 1867, when they located in Cotton Hill Township, Sangamon County. In the spring of 1870 they located near Taylorville, where Mr. Young died March 29, 1908, and where his widow is living at this time.

Benjamin F. Young, as a boy and man, has been fond of all outdoor sports. He enjoyed his young years on his father's farm and entered with keen zest into his studies at the nearby district school. He accompanied his parents from Kentucky to Missouri and from Missouri to Sangamon County, and has lived almost continuously within its borders since his arrival in 1864. He has been regarded as one of the leading men of his community. As a Democrat he has been elected to several important township offices. He has been a School Director many years (1883-1909), was Tax Collector 1889-90, was Assessor in 1892, and was elected Justice of the Peace in 1903. He is a member of Rochester Lodge, No. 268, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Cotton Hill Camp, No. 619, Modern Woodmen of America, and is helpfully identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church. February 19, 1874, Mr. Young married Nancy E. Rape, Justice Beam, of Ball Township, performing the ceremony. She was born in Cotton Hill Township, April 27, 1856, a daughter of John Rape, who was born in South Carolina in 1795 and moved to Tennessee and thence to Sangamon County, making the journey with a horse and wagon, and died there January 29, 1872. John Rape was a soldier in the War of 1812. Elizabeth Snodgrass, who married John Rape and became the mother of Mrs. Young, was born in Sangamon County in 1822 and died in 1881. They were married in Sangamon County and are buried side by side in Brunk's Cemetery. Mr. Rape was a farmer, who began in the days of small prices and won a commendable success. He entered the farm on which his daughter now lives, in 1828, at $1.25 an acre, and its present value is $200 an acre. Mr. and Mrs. Young have had three sons and four daughters, all of whom are living. Rufus O., born December 29, 1874, married Miss Mary Motter and she has borne him three children, whom they have named: Virgil, Carroll and Everett. Ira, born April 1, 1877, married Miss Emily Smith and lives in Cleveland, Ohio. Lillie, born November 14, 1879, became the wife of George Cresse, a grocer of Springfield, Ill. Nona E., born March 2, 1882, married Harry Huggins, and they live at Oswego, Kan. Jessie, born April 25, 1889; Burl F., September 15, 1891; and Irene, December 7, 1895, reside at home.

YOUNG, George H.—The call of the soil has wooed many men from the activities of city life and brought them back to the farm, where they find they can be of the most usefulness, both to themselves and to the community at large, and an example of this is found in George H. Young, now living retired after forty years spent in agricultural pursuits, who in early life was engaged in numerous business enterprises all over the country. Mr. Young, who is one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Pawnee, Ill., was born November 2, 1832, in Pittsylvania County, Va., a son of William H. and Lucinda (Mann) Young. His paternal grandfather was a native of Virginia and a soldier during the War of 1812, in which he contracted sickness that ended his life after he returned home. Grandfather Mann came to Virginia from England in the early days, but in 1835 removed to Kentucky, where he carried on a millwright business and farming until his death. William H. Young was born in Virginia in 1810, and his wife in 1813, and after their marriage in that State removed to Caldwell County, Ky., where they followed farming until their deaths.

George H. Young received his education in the public schools of Kentucky, and until he was twenty years old resided on the home farm, assisting his father and engaging in various out-of-door sports, of which as a youth he was very fond, and for which he has never lost his liking. Before he had attained his majority he became overseer on the farm of a widow in Kentucky, a position which he held for two years, then becoming foreman in an iron works at Marion, Ky. After four years there, Mr. Young engaged in a dry goods business at Dycusburg, Ky., until 1861, and during the following year first came to Sangamon County, shortly afterwards, however, going to California, where for three years he was engaged in the lumber business and also managed a dry-goods establishment. In 1865 he came back to Sangamon County and settled down to farming, in which he was uniformly successful, and which he continued to follow until 1904, in which year, deciding that he had earned a rest, he retired, and since that time has been one of Pawnee's foremost citizens. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Young was for many years a School Director and Road Overseer, and his activities in the political field have been of much benefit to his party in this section. With his family he attends the Methodist Church.

In July, 1867, Mr. Young was united in marriage to Mrs. Elnora (Haley) Lochridge, widow of Joseph Lochridge, and she died in Sangamon County, her birthplace, in 1884. The Haleys came originally from Virginia, Mrs. Young's father, James Haley, dying in the early days, of cholera. Her mother, who belonged to the Higgins family, also came from Virginia. By her first marriage Mrs. Young had two children, Edward, who is deceased, and Juliet, who married Neal McTaggart and lives in Sangamon County. To Mr. and Mrs. Young there were born the following children: William E., born in Sangamon County in 1868, married Cora Brown and is now living in California; Lou, born in Sangamon County in 1870, married John Twist, now living in Taylorville, Ill., has one

child, Luella; Thomas M., born in 1872 in Sangamon County, married Pearl Watkins, and now lives in Pawnee, Ill., where he is engaged in the grain elevator business; and Walter, born in Sangamon County in 1875, married Sadie Greenawalt, by whom he had two children, Walter and Geraldine, is now engaged in railroading and makes his home in Pawnee.

Mr. Young has always been known as one of the public-spirited men in whatever community he has made his home and can be counted upon to lend his support, time and means towards all movements which have for their object the betterment of civic, religious or educational conditions of his section. During his long residence in Sangamon County he has made many acquaintances, and his friends are legion.

YOUNG, George W., a well and favorably known citizen of Springfield, is a successful contractor engaged in business there, and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Hamilton County, Ill., April 6, 1847, son of John K. and Janetta (Whithead) Young, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Tennessee. The family moved from Tennessee to Illinois and later returned to Tennessee, where the father died June 20, 1860. His widow died in Missouri, in 1886. The grandfather of George W. Young was an early settler of Tennessee and belonged to a prosperous and prominent family there. He participated in the War of 1812.

The childhood of George W. Young was spent on a farm in Illinois and he received his education in the country schools. He was fond of dancing and outdoor sports as a young man and grew up to the occupation of farming. He moved from Illinois to Missouri, thence to Arkansas and back to Missouri, and in 1889 moved to Springfield, which has since been his home. He eventually became a contractor, and in connection with his business assisted materially in the growth and progress of the city. He has always been actively interested in political affairs and has always favored Republican principles. His first vote was cast for President Grant and he has since voted the Republican ticket in national elections.

Mr. Young enlisted, in October, 1862, in Company C, First Kentucky Cavalry, serving eleven months and then being dismissed because he was under age. He participated in the Battle of Mill Spring, but spent most of his time as a scout in the hills of Kentucky and Tennessee, and was engaged in guerilla warfare. He spent some time at Camp Dick Robinson, in Kentucky. He proved himself a brave and faithful soldier, and one able to discharge his duties to the credit of his company and regiment. He belongs to the G. A. R.

Mr. Young was married, in Chatham Township, Sangamon County, May 28, 1870, to Miss Mary J. Norman, born April 2, 1856, daughter of George and Maria Norman. Mr. Norman served in the Civil War and was killed in the battle at Pea Ridge. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Young, namely: James E., born June 1, 1873; Hattie May, born March 20, 1871; Ida May, August 20, 1875; John W., June 20, 1877. Mr. Young belongs to the Missionary Baptist Church and fraternally is connected with the Court of Honor and the Odd Fellows. He owns several pieces of property in Springfield and lives at 1016 South Fifteenth Street. He stands well with his associates and has many friends in both social and business circles.

YOUNG, James, a retired gardener and truck farmer living in Springfield, Ill., was born in Hampshire, England, December 22, 1841, a son of John and Ann (Smith) Young, both of whom spent their entire lives in the town of Wickham, England, where the father died April 12, 1873, and the mother in 1878. They were parents of fourteen children, of whom the following three survive: Henry and Joseph, living near Southampton, England, and James, of this sketch.

In boyhood James Young received practically no education and early began to help with the work on his father's farm. He worked seven years for the British Government as helper to workmen in the blacksmith department, and in 1873 emigrated to the United States, landing in New York, whence he soon afterwards came to Springfield. He lived about five months on a farm five miles west of the city on the Jacksonville Road, then spent three years in the city, after which he moved to a farm east of the city, living there from March 1, 1876, until the fall of 1908, when he removed to his present residence, 2011 East South Grand Avenue. He has spent his active life in farming since first locating in Sangamon County, with the exception of three years spent working in the rolling mills in Springfield. He has been successful in his agricultural operations and has been able to secure a very pleasant home and his land by the exercise of industry and close application to the work in hand. He has made the most of his opportunities for the improvement of his position in life and is to a large extent self-educated. He stands well with his neighbors and has many friends, being considered a useful, public-spirited citizen. He retired from active life in 1908.

Mr. Young was married in Portsmouth, England, July 10, 1861, to Amelia Pink, born March 24, 1841, daughter of James and Harriet Goodall Pink, who spent their entire lives in England, becoming parents of eleven children. Besides Mrs. Young there is one other daughter living, Augusta Houghton, who resides in Swanwick, England. Ten children were born to Mr. Young and his wife, namely: Rose, wife of Charles Burgess, living in Chicago; James E., living on East Laurel Street, Springfield; Mrs. Alice Hettenhausen, a widow, of Chicago; Georgiana, wife of Edward Werlan, of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Frank A. and George H., of Springfield; Julia, wife of George Nokes, a groceryman, at the corner of Eighteenth and Cook Streets, Springfield,

and three who are now deceased. Twelve grandchildren were born in the family, of whom eleven survive. In religious views Mr. Young is an Episcopalian, and in politics he supports the Republican party. For the last nineteen years he has been a member of Camp No. 1534, M. W. A., of Springfield.

YOUNG, John J., one of the representative and successful business men of Springfield, has been identified with that city's interests since attaining his majority. He is a native of Germany, born January 6, 1874, son of Nicholas, Jr., and grandson of Nicholas Young, both of whom participated in the Franco-Prussian War. Nicholas Young, Jr., married Angela Schue, born in Germany, whose parents spent their entire lives in Germany. He was born June 24, 1844, and his parents spent their entire lives in Germany. In his boyhood he learned the trade of blacksmith, worked at same until he came to the United States in 1881, and afterward followed his trade many years in Springfield, where his death occurred, in 1896, caused by falling in a mine while he was in the hoisting shaft. He was married before leaving Germany and his widow now resides in Springfield.

John J. Young received his education in the schools of Springfield, and lived with his parents until he was twenty years of age, then worked on a farm until he went into business for himself. He has spent most of his life in Sangamon County, where he was brought by his parents when a small child. He is a member of the Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus. He is an ardent Democrat and has always been active in political affairs. He has been successful in business and careful in his investments, having accumulated considerable real estate.

Mr. Young was married, at Springfield, April 25, 1893, to Emma Lenegar, who was born in Springfield, June 4, 1875, daughter of August and Catherine (Eck) Leneger, the former born in Germany and the latter in Springfield. Mr. Lenegar conducts a grocery store in Springfield. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Young, namely: George, born November 3, 1895; Florence, in March, 1905, and Arthur, March 7, 1908, all born in Springfield and all surviving. Mr. Young has the good-will and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

YOUNG, Joseph.—German-Americans are numbered among the best residents of the country, few of them having failed in the work they set out to accomplish. Many have become wealthy since arriving in their new homes, and nearly all have acquired fair competence. Sangamon County has its share of these excellent people, whose industry and thrift have set an example to those less deserving of success. One of the substantial retired residents of the county is Joseph Young, of Riverton. He was born in Germany, March 11, 1850, being a son of Joseph and Barbara (Schaffer) Young, both natives of Germany.

Generation after generation of Youngs were born and reared in the old family home in Germany, in which Joseph Young was brought into the world. There Joseph Young Sr. and his excellent wife lived and died, after long and useful lives as farmers. They had three daughters and one son.

During his boyhood Joseph Young attended school in Germany, at the same time working on his father's farm. All the while, however, he was dissatisfied with existing conditions, and in 1871 he set sail for America from Liverpool, landing in New York City, and passing through Castle Garden, April 17th. From there he came to Northumberland County, Pa., where he remained until February, 1872, working in the mills. At that time he went to Renovo, Pa., and for five years worked in a foundry. His next change was made when he went to Cleveland, to work in a machine shop for five months, after which he came to Riverton, Ill. There he engaged in mining, continuing in that line of work until a few years ago, when he retired.

The marriage of Mr. Young occurred August 16, 1873, in Riverton, when he was united with Catherine Prehoder, born in Bohemia, Germany, October 22, 1850. Her family came to America in 1871, direct to Riverton, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Young became the parents of eight children: Joseph, a mine expert of Springfield; Frank and John, of Riverton; Annie, wife of Walter Hankley, of Riverton; William, George and Catherine, who live at home; one died in infancy. There are eleven grandchildren in the family.

During the years he was engaged in active work, Mr. Young saved his earnings, investing them in Riverton property, and now owning some very desirable realty, including his home. He is a member of St. James Roman Catholic Church, of Riverton, giving it his enthusiastic support. In political faith he is a Democrat. He is industrious and has never shirked any duty that was laid upon him, but labored faithfully to perform it as best lay within his power, and success has been his reward, as well as the consciousness of having discharged all obligations he may have incurred.

YOUNG, Nicholas (deceased).—It is generally in his youth that the average European leaves his native country for the United States, but a fair percentage of mature men emigrate, and of these Germany furnishes a full proportion. The late Nicholas Young was a type of the latter class, for he had reached middle age when he located in Springfield, and there became an honored citizen and well-known business man. He was born in Germany, June 2, 1844, the son of Nicholas Young and his wife, farming people of the Fatherland, who never left their native country.

The youth of Mr. Young was spent on his

father's farm in Germany, and his education was secured in the Catholic schools. He did not desire to follow the life of an agriculturist, and as a boy chose the blacksmith trade for his life work, subsequently securing a thorough training in this time-honored occupation. After he had finished his apprenticeship he engaged in business and continued to follow it successfully until 1881, when he came to the United States and located in Springfield, Ill., where for fifteen years he was known as one of the foremost men in his line of business. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a Democrat in politics, but never cared for public honors, although his father had served as Mayor of his village in Germany. He died in the faith of the Catholic Church.

On February 6, 1873, Mr. Young was married in Germany to Miss Annie Schu, a native of the Fatherland, and to them there were born eleven children, of whom four survive, namely: John J., who was born January 6, 1875; Matt A., born December 8, 1887; Francis S., born August 3, 1883; and Joseph M., born December 13, 1889. Mrs. Young, who survives her husband, resides in her comfortable home at No. 1413 East Jackson Street, Springfield, and is well and favorably known in that vicinity.

YOUNG, Silas J.—The pioneers of Illinois belonged to a sturdy class of people, who cared little for hardships or dangers, so long as there was opportunity for them to secure homes for their families. In these days when we are surrounded by all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, when not only are the water and land conquered, but we are entering into a new era which promises that soon the air itself will be navigated as easily and constantly as the other two elements, it is difficult for us to appreciate what pioneer life meant to those who came to a new locality to wrest a living from raw land, with few appliances, except those of the crudest nature. Silas J. Young, of Section 34, Curran Township, Sangamon County, is now living on thirty acres of the large tract which his father secured as a pioneer of that part of the county. Mr. Young was born in Montgomery County, Ky., March 10, 1834, a son of James and Lucinda R. (Cuming) Young, natives of North Carolina and Kentucky, respectively.

James Young was a soldier in the War of 1812, under General Harrison, and at the close of the conflict came to Kentucky, where he married. He and his wife became the parents of seven children, and four were born before they migrated to Sangamon County, in 1838, where the father entered 160 acres in Curran Township. This was the home of the father until his death, March 11, 1870. His widow survived until May, 1889. Those of the family who survive are: Silas J. William, and Mrs. Martha C. Hollis, of Oklahoma. A brother, Wilburn Young, died in 1898, having married Volka Emman. She was born in Germany, but her parents are both deceased. The widow lives on the home place, Section 34, Curran Township, owning twenty acres of the original land. She and her husband had four children: John E., Albert E., Lucinda R. and Sophronia F., all at home. As Silas J. Young has never married, he loves these nieces and nephews, and takes a deep interest in them and their rearing.

Like his brothers and sisters, Silas J. Young was educated in Sangamon County, and during his boyhood, worked on the home farm. He has lived in the county all his life, with the exception of four years spent in Fayette County, Ill. He still owns eighty acres in that county, and enjoys a good rent from it. He makes his home with his brother's family, and, though past "three score years and ten," takes a vital interest in civic life. He is a Democrat, but has never desired office. He is a member of no church but leans towards the Christian Church and is one of the liberal supporters of the same, believing in its good work. Having lived in this locality practically all his life, Mr. Young is proud of the progress that has been made, and glad that he has been permitted to bear a hand in some of it.

YOUNG, William H., a retired farmer living at Cantrall, Ill., has been a resident of Sangamon County for more than forty years. He was born in Gallia County, Ohio, March 27, 1840, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Underwood) Young, natives of Nicholas County, W. Va. In 1830 the parents removed to Kentucky and the father carried on farming there several years, then moved to Ohio. Some years later he returned to Kentucky, where he was living at the outbreak of the Civil War, and died during the war. There were four sons and one daughter in the family, and three children now survive: William H., of this sketch; James U., the oldest, a retired farmer of Carter County, Ky.; Mary, widow of John Bloomer, of Marion County, Ind.

The boyhood of William H. Young was spent chiefly in Carter County, Ky., where he received his education, and he worked many years on the farm for his father, then took up the same occupation on his own account. He enlisted and served in the Civil War. In 1868 he came to Edgar County, Ill., and for four years carried on farming there. In 1870 he located on a farm two miles northeast of Cantrall and carried it on twenty-two years, after which he retired from active life. He now owns a home in the village, and property in Athens, Ill. He has the confidence and esteem of his friends and neighbors and for twelve years served as Commissioner of Highways of Fancy Creek Township. He is a member of the Methodist Church and in politics is a Democrat.

Mr. Young was married in Ironton, Ohio, March 16, 1862, to Mary A. Underwood, who was born in Nicholas Caunty, W. Va., April 13, 1844, daughter of James Underwood and wife, natives of the same county, where they spent their entire lives. There were four sons and

five daughters in the Underwood family and four children still survive. Two children were born to Mr. Young and wife, namely: Susan, wife of Thomas Mathers, a farmer of Cantrall, and Jennie, wife of Stewart Smith, a farmer living near Cantrall. There are seven grandchildren in the family. Mrs. Young died July 2, 1897, deeply mourned by her family and friends, and sadly missed in the community.

YOUNGER, John Franklin (deceased), former Manager of the United States Gypsum Company, of Springfield, was born on a farm at Barclay, Sangamon County, October 22, 1879, son of John Quincy and Amanda (Taylor) Younger. John Q. Younger came to Illinois with his parents when a boy, from Crab Orchard, Ky., and his father conducted a blacksmith shop at Dawson, Sangamon County, where he died. John Quincy was among the younger children, the others being: Berry who took part in the Civil War; Newton, Thomas; Joseph, killed in battle in the Civil War, by the side of his brother John Q.; (already mentioned); Mary, and Margaret.

John Q. Younger received a common school education and worked with his father in the blacksmith shop at Dawson after leaving school. At the age of fifteen he enlisted, at Springfield, serving to the end of the war. He was wounded by a musket ball in the calf of the leg. His wife was a daughter of Jeff Taylor, an early settler of Rochester, Sangamon County, where Mrs. Younger was born and reared. After his marriage Mr. Younger worked for neighboring farmers, then farmed on his own account for a time, returned to working for others by the month, and about 1900 moved to Springfield, where his death occurred June 16, 1907. His widow resides with her daughter, Mrs. Kreider, in the southern part of Springfield. He was a member of the Christian Church and a Republican in politics. Children as follows were born to them: Jennie married H. C. Kreider; Samuel Owen married Carrie Scofield, of Fairfield, Ill.; Charles J. married Lydia Firey, of Edinburg; John F.

John F. Younger was educated in the public schools of Sangamon and Logan counties, and at the age of fifteen years began running a threshing machine, following this line of work until he came to Springfield to enter the employ of the company with which he was so long connected, beginning as a laborer, and through ability and energy being promoted through various grades to the position of manager, which he assumed July 18, 1908. He conducted the affairs of the company in a manner to insure its prosperity and growth and was a man of business integrity and high principles.

Mr. Younger was married, in Springfield, June 4, 1907, to Miss Myrle Rule, of Mt. Auburn, daughter of Samuel and Eliza Rule. They had no children. Mr. Younger was not a member of any church organization. In politics he was a Republican. He died September 2, 1910, at St. John's Hospital.

ZACHARIAS, Antonio de Frates (deceased).—Although never rising to distinction, either financially or politically, no man stood higher in public esteem because of his sterling honesty and kindness of heart, than Antonio De Frates Zacharias, now deceased, who was born in 1819 on the Island of Madeira, and died in Springfield, September 22, 1893. He was a son of Antonio Zacharias. Growing up in his native land, Antonio De Frates Zacharias tilled a farm which he owned, but religious persecutions divided the family, and his mother and a sister fled to South America, while he and his family came to the United States, landing in New York City in 1860. After two months spent there with friends, he came to Springfield, securing work in the Wabash Railroad machine shop and remaining there for a quarter of a century. For some years prior to his death he lived retired. In politics he was a Republican, but never connected himself with any religious denomination. His death occurred at his residence on the corner of Thirteenth and Jefferson streets, but he is buried in Jacksonville. In addition to his residence, he owned two other residences on Thirteenth Street, now in possession of his widow.

Mr. Zacharias married Mary De Amil, born on the Island of Madeira, a daughter of Francis De Amil. No one who has not passed through the dangers and hardships attendant upon religious troubles can appreciate what a haven the United States is to those oppressed, or how eagerly they flock here, hoping to find the right to live and work as their consciences dictate.

ZANE, Charles S. (Vol. I, p. 604.)

ZANE, Robert H., was born in Cartwright Township, Sangamon County, Ill., March 3, 1855, a son of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Zane, natives of Cape May County, N. J.

The grandfather of Robert H. Zane, John Zane, Sr., came to Sangamon County and made his home with his son John. There were six sons in his family, and of them Wesley came to Sangamon County and farmed for many years, but later returned to New Jersey and there died; Simon came and worked on the farm of his brother John, and in 1855 went to Colorado, where he became a well-to-do rancher; Charles S. came to Sangamon County and worked for his brother John, also engaged in teaching school, finally saved enough money to put him through McKendree College. He then returned to Springfield, where he studied law with Abraham Lincoln in the office of Lincoln, Herndon & Cullom, which was changed to Cullom, Herndon & Zane, after Mr. Lincoln's election to the presidency, and which was one of the strongest law firms in the State. He was twice elected Circuit Judge, but after his second election resigned to take the office of Chief Justice of Utah, to which he was appointed by President Arthur in 1883. Two years later he was superseded by appointment of a successor by President Cleveland. In 1895

when the Territory became a State he was elected Justice of the Supreme Court by the people. He is now engaged in the practice of law in Salt Lake City, and one of his sons is a lawyer of ability in Chicago.

John Zane was one of the early settlers in Sangamon County, settling in Cartwright Township in 1835, and he was engaged in carrying on agricultural affairs until his death in 1880. He was a great friend of Abraham Lincoln and another intimate of his was Peter Cartwright. Always a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he was liberal in supporting it and donated the land on which the Bethel M. E. Church stands. There were twelve children in the family of John Zane: Robert H.; Andrew, a prominent citizen and implement dealer of Carthage, Mo.; Hannah M., wife of John B. Jones, a resident of Williamsville, Ill.; one child that died in infancy; James S., deceased, formerly Sheriff of Jasper County, Mo., where he died, leaving a widow, three sons and a daughter; Rhoda, deceased, was the wife of John Epler; Mary F., deceased, was the wife of Dr. Henry VanMeter, who was Regimental Surgeon of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, but is now deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the first wife of W. S. Bullard, of Mechanicsburg, Ill.; Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of B. F. Jones, deceased, formerly a resident of Williamsville; John W., deceased, formerly a leading merchant of Springfield, Mo., who died in New York; Jeremiah F., a conductor in the Mexican Central Railroad service, died in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Robert H. Zane spent his boyhood on the home place and was educated in the district schools and the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. After teaching school for a period he entered the law office of Palmer, Robinson & Shutt, but in 1883 went to Texas to practice at Midland, and while there was elected to the office of State's Attorney for six years and again appointed to fill out an unexpired term, but finally refused to accept the office further and in 1903 came to Pleasant Plains on account of the ill health of his wife and in order to give his children better educational advantages.

On November 25, 1886, R. H. Zane was married to Elma Atherton, who was born in Pleasant Plains, a daughter of Dr. Albert Atherton, and to this union there have been born two children, Lela, the wife of Charles Boynton, an enterprising young farmer of Cartwright Township, and Lora E., at home. Mr. Zane is a Republican in politics. He has retired from active professional life, and is now Mayor of Pleasant Plains.

ZIMMERMANN, John, a well-known and public-spirited German-American citizen of Springfield, Ill., is retired from active life and is enjoying a well-earned leisure. He owns a beautiful home at 803 Osburn Avenue, which has been his home for many years. Mr. Zimmermann was born in Germany, November 3, 1838, son of Ehardt and Margaret (Schmidt) Zimmermann, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father was a farmer and he and his wife were parents of three sons and one daughter, the only one to come to America being John.

Mr. Zimmerman was educated in his native country and spent his boyhood on a farm. He set sail from Bremen in 1883, landing in New York City, and came direct to Springfield. His first employment was with the Springfield City Street Railway Company, with which he remained several years, then was engaged as gardener for Oak Ridge Cemetery. He was well fitted for the latter position and filled it satisfactorily twenty-six years, after which he worked two years in Washington Park before retiring from active pursuits. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church and in politics is a Democrat. He has many friends in the city and has a good standing in the community where he lives. He has been industrious and ambitious to succeed financially, and has become the owner of several pieces of property in the city, having shown good judgment in the investment of his savings.

Mr. Zimmerman's marriage occurred in Germany in February, 1863, when he was united with Magdaline Schmidt, also a native of that country, whose parents died in Germany, and she and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Schubert, of Springfield, are the only surviving members of her family. To. Mr. Zimmerman and wife were born two sons and two daughters, and three children now survive: John, who lives in Germany; and Catherine, who married Gustav Dial, a machinist of Omaha, Nebr., has four children. Catherina married Paul Bitschenauer and lives in Springfield, eleven children.

ZIMMERMAN, Joseph.—The younger generation in Springfield are demonstrating that it is not years that count in the successful race, but ability, determination, and integrity of purpose. Some of the representative men of the city have yet to reach their fortieth milestone, yet they have accomplished much. Some there are who have not only attained material prosperity, but have also filled responsible public positions and given to the people the best that is in them. One of the best-known men of Springfield, in both political and business circles is Joseph Zimmerman, former City Comptroller, who is at present connected with several of the leading business concerns of the city.

Mr. Zimmerman was born in Springfield, October 27, 1876, and has lived here all his life. Much of his success he attributes to the fostering care and devotion of his mother. Mrs. Frances Zimmerman, who has been a resident of the city since 1870, and whose home is now at No. 700 South Fifth Street. She is a lady whose many charities and gentle, kindly nature make her a beloved addition to any circle. After attending parochial and public school, Mr. Zimmerman gained a commercial training in the

Springfield Business College. He had been ambitious to earn his own living before he left school, and when only a child worked for Alexander Pringle, collecting coal bills on Saturdays and after school. In this capacity he demonstrated his reliability and dependableness to such an extent that at fourteen years he obtained a position with Ridgely's National Bank. He remained there for seventen years, being successively promoted through various positions until he was made paying teller. It was while holding this position that he resigned to take upon himself the duties of the office of City Comptroller, under Mayor David S. Griffiths. This appointment had the endorsement of all the banks in the city and was a very popular one. Upon leaving this office, Mr. Zimmerman purchased the insurance agency of Kessberger & Co., and since then has built up a large and flourishing business along this line, representing all the best regular insurance companies. He is also Secretary and Treasurer of the Hirn Piano Company and Treasurer and Director of the Springfield Record Publishing Company, and has given his time and energy towards the promotion and development of other enterprises of both a public and private character. In politics Mr. Zimmerman is a Republican, casting his first vote for President McKinley, and at present is serving as a member of the Board of Education.

On September 12, 1900, Mr. Zimmerman was married to Mary E. Reisch, daughter of the late Frank Reisch, and Mrs. Anna Reisch, who now resides at No. 819 Rutledge street. Mr. Reisch was the head of the Reisch Brewing Company and President of the Illinois National Bank, of Springfield, and in his death the city lost one of its most valued citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have had four children: Joseph F., born July 11, 1901; Frank Reisch, born September 12, 1904; Ralph Edwin, born January 13, 1907, and George Walter, born February 9, 1910. Mr. Zimmerman belongs to SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the order of Elks. In his life Mr. Zimmerman has demonstrated that success is given not alone to those who begin their career with means. His capital stock consisted of his energy, and willingness to work, and the advice of his mother. Drawing liberally upon these assets, he has become a power among his associates and has every reason to be proud of what he has already accomplished.

ZOMBRO, John Quincy Adams.—It was during the dark days of the Civil War, those four years of awful carnage, the period that "tried men's souls," that men received training (both physical and mental) which in after life had much to do with assuring them success in whatever they undertook. The sharp discipline of army life helped them immeasurably in the years that came after; the hardships they were compelled to endure gave them training to endure the hardships of later years, and the dangers of the field of battle gave them the courage to invade other fields in after life. So it is not strange that we find the Civil War veteran, as a general rule a man who has succeeded in the battles of peace, and one who is no exception to this rule is John Quincy Adams Zombro, now holding the responsible position of State Ordnance Sergeant of Illinois, who has been successfully engaged in various business enterprises throughout a long and busy career. Mr. Zombro, who is now living at No. 904 West North Grand Avenue, Springfield, Ill., was born August 16, 1842, at Mechanicsburg, Champaign County, Ohio, a son of Isaac and Julia Ann (Kneedler) Zombro.

Isaac Zombro was a son of Abram Zombro, the latter an Indian fighter of some renown and the son of a Revolutionary soldier. Abram Zombro, who was a native of Pennsylvania, removed to West Virginia, and there Isaac Zombro was born in the town of Martinsburg, as was also Julia Kneedler. Isaac Zombro was a miller by trade and carried on this occupation at Mechanicsburg, Ohio, where he had removed, and where he remained until his death. John Quincy Adams Zombro was but two and one-half years old at the time his father died, and as his mother was an invalid he had little or no chance for securing an education. When but eleven years of age he was thrown upon the world on his own resources and went to Urbana, Ohio, where he secured employment in a wholesale confectionery store, and remained with that concern one year, at the end of which time his mother and brother brought him to Clinton, Ill., moving with two two-horse wagons and a carriage. During the summer months that followed young Zombro went into the country and followed the plow, and during the long winters he worked for his board and schooling, thus securing what educational advantages he could, until August, 1862, when he enlisted at Clinton as a private of Company D, One Hundred and Seventh Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war. His Captain was Samuel McGowan, and his Colonel Tom Snell, and under them he participated in the first battle fought by the Army of the Ohio. He was one of a picked detachment of 100 to accompany the Fifth Indiana State Cavalry in an attack on Confederate stores at Salina, Tenn., which were successfully captured, and his first regular battle was the Siege of Knoxville. Later he served with signal bravery through the battles of Buzzard's Roost, Dallas, New Hope Church, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Altoona, Franklin (Tenn.), Nashville, Fort Anderson (N. C.), and all the skirmishes and hard marches that went with these great struggles. After completing a war record of which any soldier might well be proud, he was mustered out of the service at Salisbury, N. C., in June, 1865, and his honorable discharge took place at Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill.

After the war Mr. Zombro went to farming in Logan and DeWitt Counties, Ill., and in 1875

engaged in a mercantile, live stock and grain business at Midland City, of which town he was the first Postmaster. In 1879 he began farming in Logan County, but in 1881 started to sell farm machinery for G. A. Van Duyn, of Springfield. His next enterprise was the conducting of a ranch at Fort Worth, Texas, and after one year of this he went to Pottawatomie County, Kan., where he took charge of one of the finest cattle ranches in the State, for Dr. Williams, of Chicago. On his return to Illinois Mr. Zombro located at Lincoln, where he conducted a poultry and produce house for one year, and also carried on a like business at Minier, Ill., for nineteen years, at the end of which time he was appointed to his present office, in which he has served with great credit. In political belief Mr. Zombro is an ardent Republican, and can always be found working for the interests of that party.

Mr. Zombro was married at Lincoln, Ill., October 10, 1881, to Eldora White, a daughter of William White, now deceased, who was born near Lebanon, Ohio, and came with her parents to the vicinity of Atlanta, Ill., when sixteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Zombro have had the following children: Edna A., Mrs. George Kirkbride, of Fulton County; William F., a resident of California; John C., who lives in Peoria; Fay, Mrs. Fred Lower, of Minier, Ill.; Elmer, of Springfield, is a twin of Edgar, who died in infancy; and Grace and Keith, at home.

ZORN, Henry, of Springfield, Ill., is a well-known citizen and the regard in which he is held by his fellows is shown by the fact that he is now serving as Financial Secretary of Local No. 1632, United Mine Workers Union. He is a native of Baden, Germany, born July 28, 1851, a son of Michael and Mary (Schaffer) Zorn, and their only child. The parents, also natives of Germany, came to America in 1853, spending three months on the water and landing at New Orleans. The father died in that city and the mother brought her son to Springfield in 1855. The father had served nine years in the German Army. The mother purchased some land in Salisbury Township and Henry worked for her and later carried on farming on his own account. He was educated in the country schools of Salisbury Township and in the city schools of Springfield. His mother died in 1862.

Some years after his mother's death Mr. Zorn came to Springfield and entered the employ of Oak Ridge Cemetery Association, later working two years in the rolling mills. He worked fourteen years for the Springfield Elevator Milling Company, then took up topman and stationary engineering and for ten years was employed by the Lincoln Coal Company. He is known as an efficient and skillful worker and stands well with his associates. He is a member of the United Brethren Church and is affiliated with the Yeomen of America. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Zorn was married in Gardner Township, Sangamon County, September 9, 1872, to Amelia Winskey, born in Germany, September 6, 1857. Her father was an early settler of Salisbury Township and later moved to Gardner Township, where he again engaged in farming, and there both he and his wife died. Nine children were born to Mr. Zorn and wife, of whom some are deceased, the others being: Mrs. Frank Carver, whose husband is a farmer living near Riverton; Mary, wife of Otto Winneborg, of Springfield; Rosie, wife of Elmer Glazebrook, of Peoria; Elma, living at home; Howard, a traveling salesman, living at New Orleans; Leo, at home. There are twelve grandchildren in the family. Mr. Zorn owns a comfortable home at 832 Osburn Avenue, where he has lived for some time.

ZUCKSWERTH, Henry, a successful farmer living on Sections 21 and 22, Ball Township, Sangamon County, Ill., is a useful and public-spirited citizen and is much esteemed by all who know him, for his high character and benevolence. Mr. Zuckswerth was born in Brown County, Ind., March 8, 1856, and is a son of Christian G. and Henrietta (Lamberzahl) Zuckswerth, both natives of Germany. The father was a tanner and engaged in this occupation in Germany for some time before coming to America. He located in Ohio, there engaged in tanning, and later came to Brown County, Ind., where he engaged in farming. His death occurred in Wellsboro, Ind., in 1882. Both his parents and those of his wife spent their entire lives in Germany.

The boyhood of Henry Zuckswerth was spent on his father's farm and he attended the country schools of Indiana. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, then rented a farm of his father, and after his marriage lived for ten years on the farm where he was born. He then came to Sangamon County and worked on various farms, first one near Mechanicsburg, then for Joseph Gatton (who lived near Mr. Zuckswerth's present home), and for a time for T. A. Shepherd, after which he rented the Gatton farm. He also rented a farm from Charles Shepherd for two years, then purchased sixty acres of his present farm, to which he has been able to add from time to time, as his finances warranted, until he now owns 119 acres of land. He has won a high standing in the community and has become known as a public-spirited, useful citizen, always ready to do his share towards promoting the general welfare. He has always been a Democrat in political views and has for some time served as Road Overseer.

Mr. Zuckswerth was married in Brown County, Ind., March 22, 1877, to Olive S. King, Rev. William Connor performing the ceremony. Mrs. Zuckswerth was born in Brown County March 16, 1858, and is a daughter of William L. and Mary (Monroe) King, both natives of Ohio, the former of whom died in Brown County and the latter in Bartholomew County, Ind., and he a farmer by occupation. The father of Mrs. King was a native of Ohio and died in Indiana.

Mr. Zuckswerth and his wife have no children of their own, but have shown their Christian character and kindness of heart by adopting two children, namely: Oscar E. Zuckswerth, born August 18, 1875, and a son of Louis Zuckswerth, who died in Indiana, and Arthur R. Clark, born in Springfield, August 26, 1895. The latter was taken by the Zuckswerth family from the Home of the Friendless in Springfield when he was but four years of age, and has been tenderly cared for by his foster-parents. They have reared Oscar from a tender age, and both boys have been given good educational advantages. Mr. Zuckswerth and his wife are always ready to lend their aid and sympathy to those in trouble or need and take great satisfaction and pleasure in the good deeds they are able to accomplish. Both are members of the Methodist Church and carry their religious thoughts and principles into their every-day lives. Mr. Zuckswerth has won success as the result of persistent efforts and untiring industry. He and his wife are insured in the Franklin Life and Mutual Protective League societies.

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